

NorCal Business Aviation Newsletter: July 2011

It's been a busy July for the NCBAA and I'd like to share with you the gains and accomplishments of our growing organization. We had a very successful Educational Outreach on July 13th; approximately 50 local college students participated in this very informative event where we announced an upcoming scholarship grant of \$5,000 for later this year. On behalf of the board, I'd like to recognize all the members of the Mentoring Committee; they did an outstanding job pulling this together. The Mentoring Committee Chairman, Herv Hodgson and Co-Chairman Victoria Collom were simply irreplaceable with their leadership and vision. Victoria and Herv, thank you for making our Educational Outreach special and informative to our next generation of corporate aviation professionals. We look forward to their participation in the NCBAA.

The July 14th NBAA Regional Forum the next day was very beneficial to us as well, the NBAA graciously gave our organization sponsorship credit and we were well represented throughout the day. I'd like to express my thanks to Dan Burkhart, our NBAA Western Representative Director of Regional Programs for being there to help us and being our biggest fan. Thanks Dan!

We had several NCBAA volunteers step up to help us with the regional forum. I'd like to recognize the efforts of Martha Folliett, Shannon Roth, Bill Grava, Jayne Kruse, James Bailey and Karla Lehman for working our booth. We really appreciate what you did for us, thank you so much. Our photographer, Tyler Jorgenson was also busy taking pictures for us and I'd like to recognize his contribution as well, thank you very much.

The board would also like to thank everyone who came out and helped or just enjoyed the day with colleagues. There were many vendors and leaders in attendance who were very impressed with what we've done and where we're going.

We also opened our doors to the military at the NBAA Regional and we had a good turn out. These talented professionals could very well become key contributors to our flight departments in the near future. There are a few who've agreed to become NCBAA members and I'd like everyone to welcome them into our organization. To all the service members who came to the Regional Forum, thank you for your interest and we hope the NCBAA can be there to help you make an informed decision when it's time to be made.

Our August 9th meeting is just around the corner and I'd like to introduce our corporate sponsor for the luncheon. Our August sponsor is the Dassault Falcon Jet Corporation. We'd like to thank Kevin Brink from Dassault for their generous contribution to our organization and look forward to hearing about the exciting new products from them.

We have a special keynote speaker for our August meeting that I think everyone will want to hear. We are pleased to announce Dr. Laura Barger, Instructor in Medicine, Harvard Medical School and Associate Physiologist, Division of Sleep Medicine, Department of Medicine, Brigham and Woman's Hospital. Dr. Barger is a consultant scientist to Alertness Solutions will talk to us about "The Dirty Dozen of Fatigue". This is a much needed discussion topic as sleep deprivation affects us all; learn about effective ways to manage this critical issue!

NCBAA Advocacy:

We're still developing our Network Training Program and we hope to have our first Training Day in January or February. We're modeling it on IS-BAO principles/requirements and we'll work hard to get the right vendors and instructors out to us so that it's relevant and cost effective for all.

NBAA National Advocacy:

Please take a minute to educate yourself on the critical legislative issues facing our industry. The NBAA has a hotline to voice your concerns regarding user fees. It's being discussed in congress again and we all need to get involved and voice our opinion. Here's the NBAA hotline: 1-877-727-5074

To learn more about this and other critical issues confronting corporate and general aviation, go to the NBAA website: <http://www.nbaa.org>

I welcome any comments and look forward to seeing everyone at our August 9th meeting. RSVP email coming shortly.

Fly Safe!

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