

NorCal Business Aviation Newsletter: May 2013

Greetings,

I hope everyone enjoyed our 2013 Safety Day. I want to thank our sponsors, **Global Aerospace** and **CAE Simuflite** for making this a very successful day for all of us. I want to thank Dr. Tony Kern and his company, **Convergent Performance** for providing us an informative and frank discussion on professionalism and personal readiness. Dr. Kern made us all look around our departments first and then finally look at ourselves for solutions to success. It was a terrific, interactive and sometimes comedic talk everyone needs to hear as a professional. We have asked Dr. Kern to provide us some of his slides from the Safety Day. They are coming and when they arrive, I'll let you know.

I want to also thank the many volunteers who worked under the radar to make our Safety Day possible. Our quarterback was Bob Akin, but Martha Foliott, John Swaney, Victoria Collom and the Mentoring Committee, the Scholarship Committee, Steve Rowell and members of the Safety Committee, Bill and Missy Hunter, and our many friends at Global Aerospace. There are several more who helped and I want to thank them all. It's because of people like this that I love being part of the NCBAA!

June 11th, 2013

Our next meeting is scheduled for June 11th at 11:30 a.m. and will be held at Michaels in Mountain View and sponsored by ARINC Direct. Our speaker will be Christopher Conner, Co-Founder of **FlightRisk®**, a subsidiary of Arinc Direct. Christopher will talk to us about "Re-Thinking Risk Assessment"; he will focus in on qualitative risk assessment verses quantitative risk assessment. Here's a little info on Arinc Direct and FlightRisk®.

ARINC Direct is a world leader in providing complete and innovative business aviation solutions. Their comprehensive set of tools provides connectivity from the cockpit to the cabin. Their service is backed by an exceptional team providing customer support and 24x7 worldwide technical support.

FlightRisk® is an advanced web-based software system that automatically identifies hazards and provides the appropriate risk mitigation procedures. It is more than a simple risk assessment system. It is a comprehensive approach to safety. **FlightRisk®** goes beyond generating awareness; it helps facilitate action.

July 9th, 2013

Our July meeting will be held in a nice hangar at Atlantic Aviation, located at the Mineta San José International Airport. Our sponsor for the meeting is Gulfstream Aerospace. Gulfstream plans to have both a G-280 and G-650 aircraft available at the meeting as static aircraft. I want to acknowledge and thank Gulfstream Aerospace as our sponsor, TWC Aviation as our host sponsor and Atlantic Aviation for providing us the wonderful venue. We expect a large, diverse crowd at this event so please mark your calendars and join us. We will provide more details soon.

NCBAA Advocacy

NCBAA Mentoring Committee:

A special thank you to all Mentoring Committee members for a very successful event during Safety Day. Two scholarship recipients were awarded \$2500 each. Our first winner, Cameron Singh is presently pursuing a MBA in Aviation from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University and wishes to pursue management within the FBO network. He presently is working part time at Signature Flight Support to support his goals. He will use the funds to complete his Private Pilot's license.

Stephen Meder is our second winner and is presently attending San Jose State University's Aviation program, pursuing a degree in Aviation with a minor in Business. He wishes to pursue a career toward business aviation advocacy in the political arena. He works presently for Atlantic Aviation and will use these funds to finish the last phase of his Private Pilots license along with the FAA check ride.

Thanks also to the Mentoring team's effort, the Silent Auction was a great success with close to \$2900 raised for next year's Scholarship fund. With so many well-qualified candidates this year, we hope to offer additional funds to deserving students wishing to pursue careers in private aviation.

Now, for the second half of this year, the Mentoring team will change gears and focus on the professional development of our membership. We will ask for donations to go toward training and advancing our members to the next level in their business aviation careers. Whether it is a type rating, maintenance slots, cabin certification, best business practices workshop, Safety Management processes, we will now encourage further career advancement of our NCBAAs members. Stay tuned for more details, as opportunities are revealed.

June 12, 13 IS-BAO Fundamentals/Auditor Accreditation Course Cancelled:

We will try to reschedule this training later if we find there is more demand.

Potential NCBAAs Sponsors:

We are booking now for 2014, sponsors please take the opportunity to get on the schedule by contacting NCBAAs President, John Swaney at president@norcalbaa.org. I want to encourage all interested companies to contact us as soon as possible because our 2013 schedule filled up quickly.

California Aviation Awareness Day April 24th at the California State Capitol:

We had some representatives from the NCBAAs out to the State Capitol spreading the word about business aviation and the negative local effects of Federal Sequestration. We mainly want the State leaders to know who we are and use us as a resource if other aviation questions arise. I'd like to thank everyone who made the journey up to the Capitol to help. Just a small piece of advice here for all pilots, the tower closures are most likely coming in October. Take a moment to review non-controlled airport procedures and consider supplemental training next time at recurrent. Be proactive about this safety issue and acknowledge the potential impact to your SMS.

NCBAAs Memberships:

My thanks to everyone who joined or renewed their membership with the NCBAAs. Please

recommend us to a colleague and invite them to a meeting. They can visit two meetings free before we ask for a paid membership. As a reminder, our membership fee is only \$60/year and can be paid online via credit card. <http://norcalbaa.com/>

I look forward to seeing everyone at our next meeting on June 11th.

Fly Safe!

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