

# NorCal Business Aviation Newsletter: May 2014

Greetings Everyone,

I want to thank all those who came out to our 2014 NCBAA Safety Day. It was nice experience as we learned about advancing our safety culture, CAL/OSHA guidelines and forensic finding of 2013 SMS audits. I really appreciate our speakers: Sunshine McCarthy, Lou Sorrentino and Bob Hala for bringing us these discussion topics.

I want to thank our sponsors: Signature Flight Support SFO, Snap-On Tools, CAE Simuflite, the NBAA, Embraer and especially Global Aerospace for showing their support to the NCBAA. My thanks to John Webster and his team at Global Aerospace for their hard work to make the day a success for us. I also want to express my appreciation to our staff for setting up the room and helping us manage the day.

For those who couldn't attend, we awarded our 2014 NCBAA scholarships to seven recipients at the Safety Day. I am very proud of everyone's contribution to our cause and this is a direct result of all our efforts. We were able to award a total of \$15,000 in scholarship as well as a matching fund donation of \$3000 to the San Jose State Precision Flight Team. More on that below!

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## June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2014

**Our next meeting is scheduled for June 10<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 a.m. and will be held at Michael's Shoreline Restaurant in Mountain View and sponsored by our friends at USAIG.** Our speaker for the meeting is our very own, NCBAA Board Member, Leigh White from Alertness Solutions. Ms. White will be talking to us about the just-released new fatigue management guidelines that were released in April 2014. It is a privilege to have her come speak directly to us about this very important topic.

**Our sponsor:** United States Aircraft Insurance Group (USAIG) provides a full spectrum of coverage options for owners, operators, manufacturers and maintainers of corporate, private and commercial aircraft. In 1928, their founders – World War I pilots and businessmen David Beebe and Reed Chambers – saw the need for an insurance company that truly understood aviation. USAIG remains a world aviation insurance leader delivering innovative, custom-tailored insurance products and services, including Performance Vector safety programs and Performance Vector PLUS good experience returns. Please come out to see them and learn about their many products to help your department. USAIG website for more info: [www.usaig.com](http://www.usaig.com)

**USAIG and Alertness Solutions have a long-standing safety partnership.** Alertness Solutions is a recognized leader in controlling fatigue-based risks to optimize human performance. Their web-based Z-Coach Aviation program delivers a vital foundation of fatigue knowledge that enhances sleep, alertness, performance and safety. Their SAFE Tool uses a predictive human fatigue-modeling algorithm designed specifically for the aviation industry to map risk in flight schedules. USAIG customers can enroll members in Z-Coach Aviation through the Performance Vector individual

courses option, or choose to use the SAFE Tool for six months at no cost with preferred pricing available for subscriptions continued thereafter.

**Our topic:** The new Duty/Rest Guidelines for Business Aviation were published in April 2014 - an effort supported by the NBAA and Flight Safety Foundation. Leigh White will briefly describe the process used to review the guidelines from both the scientific and operational perspectives, including coordination with ICAO and IBAC. She will then outline what has changed and what hasn't.

Building on this understanding, she'll describe where the duty/rest guidelines fit and what else is needed in an efficient fatigue management effort. The information is adaptable to organizations of all sizes and complexity, effective tools that can be implemented immediately.

**Our speaker:** Leigh White (President, Alertness Solutions): Ms. White combines her passion for aviation with her dedication to Alertness Solutions' vision for creating science-based products and services that provide innovative and practical strategies for fatigue management. She is active in a range of organizations that promote aviation safety, including the Board of Directors for the Northern California Business Aviation Association, the Advisory Council for Bombardier's Safety Stand Down, the Safety Committee of the National Business Aviation Association, and the Management Committee of the FRMS Forum.

Ms. White often speaks about fatigue risk management to groups throughout the country, including Bombardier's Safety Stand Down and NBAA Annual Meeting & Convention, NBAA Business Aviation Safety Seminar, among many others. She holds a Bachelor degree from Wichita State University and a J.D. from Stanford Law School.

More information on Alertness Solutions here: [www.alertness-solutions.com](http://www.alertness-solutions.com)

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## NASA Pilot Study

Representatives from NASA have asked us to advertise this study taking place in June at the NASA Ames facility on Moffett Field. Pilots will participate for one day and are paid \$32/hour. Pilots will be provided some instruction and then do a series of cockpit tasks using autoflight systems, carried out in a mid-fidelity simulator.

Here are the qualifications/prerequisites they need:

- Current, qualified Captain or First Officer,
- A commercial pilot in glass cockpit (corporate, regional, airtaxi, etc),
- US citizen or green card,
- No experience with Boeing aircraft.

Any pilot interested in participating in the one-day paid study, please contact Dorrit Billman at [dorrit.billman@nasa.gov](mailto:dorrit.billman@nasa.gov) for more details.

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## **Dassault Sales Position Opening**

Dassault Falcon Jet Corporation, the recognized leader in the sale and service of Falcon business jets, has an excellent opportunity for an Inside Sales Representative. This position can be based in the Western Region of the U.S. Under the direction of the SVP, US and Canada Sales, the Inside Sales Representative is responsible for supporting Regional Sales Managers with Falcon aircraft sales-related activities within a clearly defined territory, with special emphasis on developing new client opportunities. Qualified applicants will have a college degree and at least three years of prior aircraft sales experience. For the complete job description, please visit the Career Opportunities link on [www.dassaultfalcon.com](http://www.dassaultfalcon.com)

Good luck to those interested!

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## **NCBAA News**

### **Mentoring Committee:**

As previously mentioned, the NCBAA awarded seven recipients \$15,000 in scholarship monies. What a fantastic group of people, each one so well qualified and looking to pursue careers in business aviation. These recipients represented colleges from Gavilan, San Jose State University, the Alameda Technology Program and Reedley College. We had recipients seeking careers in flight training, maintenance training and instructor certificates. As well, the SJSU Precision Flight team received a NCBAA membership donation. All the applicants will be continually supported through NCBAA mentoring partnerships as well as internships through the NCBAA organization.

My profound thanks go out to Victoria Colum and the Mentoring/Scholarship Committee for identifying these deserving candidates and rewarding them with scholarship!

### **Advocacy Committee:**

Great news! The state of California is now the 50<sup>th</sup> State to formally recognize the importance of general aviation (GA), including business aviation, for its citizens. The California state Senate and state Assembly have both declared April 23 as California Aviation Day. They were introduced by state Sen. Jean Fuller and Assemblyman Jim Patterson. Here are some quotes from the proclamation.

“With a total economic impact of \$154.7 billion on the state of California, aviation provides 1.1 million jobs for the state’s 246 public-use airports, 216 of which are general aviation.”

“California’s 30,008 FAA-registered aircraft represents 10 percent of the national total, and each

year, 4 million tons of cargo and 179 million passengers pass through the state's general and commercial-service airports."

For more information on this proclamation, here's a link to the announcement on the NBAA website. There is also a proclamation PDF on the webpage for download. We'll try to put it up on the NCBAA website as soon as practical.

<http://www.nbaa.org/advocacy/regional/proclamations/20140523-with-california-proclamation-all-50-states-now-recognize-importance-of-general-aviation.php>

## Event Calendar

Jun 10<sup>th</sup>: NCBAA June Meeting  
Jul 8<sup>th</sup>: NCBAA July Meeting

Fly Safe!

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