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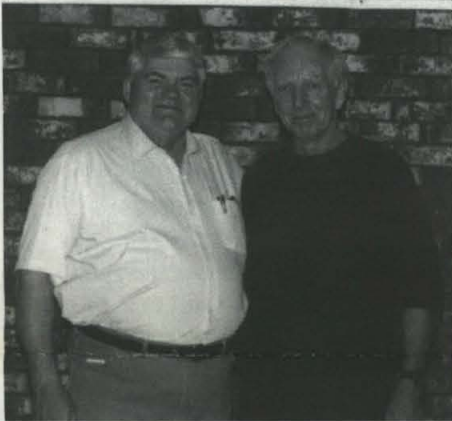
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NDAC

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Pictured above is Gordon Person, Chairman of the ND Aviation Council (left) and Captain Al Haynes, Retired United Airlines. Many thanks to Capt. Haynes for his presentation at this year's General Session.

Convention Was Great!

*Gordon Person, Chairman
ND Aviation Council*

The 1994 Convention was super, starting with the "Ice Breaker" Sunday evening, on through Wednesday PM with the meeting by the Fargo, FSDO. Attendance was up slightly, exhibitors at capacity, and speakers for all groups exceeded past years. Your council representatives accomplished this for you! Thanks go to them for the excellent program.

To say that our keynote speaker, Captain Al Haynes, United Airlines, held the attention of the crowd with his presentation at the general session would be an understatement. His recollection of the event (United Flight

232 - Sioux City, Iowa) was spellbinding. His story points toward the importance that cooperation holds among emergency and non-emergency personnel when responding to a disaster. Wow, what a good speaker!

The chili cook-off was a hit again this year. A lot of chili, good competition, great judges and a great time was had by all. The banquet was well attended and a number of awards were presented to special individuals, including Jack Daniels, Williston, who received the Charles Taylor Mechanic Award from the FAA for fifty plus (50+) years of aviation mechanic activity. Thanks again to the NDAC Council Members and to each of you that attended. We are now in the preliminary planning stages for the 1995 convention.

Below: Jack Daniels of Williston (right) was presented with the Federal Aviation Administration's coveted Charles Taylor Award for his 52 plus years of dedicated service to the aviation community. Presenting the award was Wes Edwards (left) of the FAA-Flight Standards District Office in Fargo.



PAMA News

Chris McIlwain

On behalf of NDPAMA I would like to congratulate Jack Daniels from Williston, North Dakota on his receipt of the Charles Taylor (Master Mechanic) Award. He was presented with this award due to his fifty-two years of dedicated service to the Aviation Community.

Congratulations are also in order for Keith Schonert — North Dakota's Aircraft Mechanic of the Year. For the past seven years, Keith has owned and operated a F.B.O. in West Fargo, North Dakota. They cater to the general aviation weekend pilot / sport flyers by providing maintenance, flight instruction and aircraft rental.

For those of you who bought a PAMA raffle ticket or tickets but were unable to attend the banquet, our "1st Place" winner was Jack Peter from Urbandale, Iowa. "2nd Place" was won by Tim McPherson from Page, North Dakota and "3rd Place" winner was George Hammond from Grand Forks, North Dakota. Congratulations to our winners and thank you to everyone who bought tickets.

I would also like to thank those of you who attended our Upper Midwest Aviation Symposium and helped to create such a successful event.

99's State Chapter News

Dianne Herr

The annual Upper Midwest Aviation Symposium was a huge success. The 99's again enjoyed taking part in the many seminars provided throughout the conference and having a booth. At our booth we proudly displayed pictures and souvenirs of our 1993 Flight to Alaska. Mike Aarestad of Bismarck won our VCR film "Flying to Alaska".

While at the symposium we also conducted our monthly meeting. Ron Saeger of Fargo, a volunteer pilot for AirLifeLine, was our guest speaker. He explained that AirLifeLine is a national volunteer network of pilots who provide transportation for patients with a medical or financial need. The organization, founded in 1979, originally transported time-critical medical cargo. The organization now has 650 pilots nationwide and has flown over 6,000 missions. The support of all general aviation pilots is important and necessary to maintain the existence of this organization.

Now it is time to focus ahead on a summer of flying activities and our Chapter meetings the third Saturday of each month. All lady pilots or student pilots are invited to fly with us each month. Our May meeting will be in Jamestown on the 21st. Lorraine Boehler has invited us to her cabin near Washburn for a weekend campout in June. Then in July we will fly to Dickinson for the monthly meeting. We also look forward to the many activities throughout the state — breakfasts, air shows, city celebrations, etc. Any excuse to fly is always welcome, right? Fly with us this summer — you'll be glad you did!!



CAPTAIN AL HAYNES, RETIRED UNITED AIRLINE PILOT AND KEYNOTE SPEAKER AT THE SYMPOSIUM VISITED WITH THE 99's PILOTS.
L-R: Lorraine Boehler and Kay Vogel of Bismarck, Captain Haynes, Dianne Herr, Turtle Lake, and Wynola Eide, Mandan.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- May 29**
Pancake Breakfast, Air Museum at Minot Airport
Serving begins at 8:00 a.m.
Contact Ray Buell, 852-8628
- June 4**
NDPA Fly-In and Avionics Seminar at Waypoint Avionics, Bismarck Airport - 10 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
- June 18**
99's Campout and Meeting
Contact Lorraine Boehler 223-8054 or 462-3659
- June 19**
EAA # 265 Fly-In Breakfast, Mandan
- July 9**
Turtle Days Fly-In
Transportation to the Celebration
Contact Ray Herr, 448-2253
- July 10**
Fly-in Breakfast, Washburn
Contact Bill Beeks, 462-3593
- July 16**
99's Monthly meeting, Dickinson, 11:00 a.m.
Contact Audrey Baird
- July 16-17**
Casselton, ND - Casselton Regional EAA Fly-in. ND state EAA meeting and camping Saturday. Pancake breakfast, burger dinner, displays, awards, and fun flying Sunday.
Contact Steve Adams, (701) 293-0778

- July 17**
Fly-in Breakfast, West Fargo
- July 23-24**
Air Show, Minot International Airport
- July 28-August 3**
Oshkosh '94, Oshkosh, WI
(414) 426-4800 or
SPA (301) 695-2083
- August 4-7**
Antique Fly-in, Three Forks, Montana
- August 19-21**
10th Annual Central Canada Seaplane Safety Seminar and Poker Run
Dogskin Lake Lodge, Manitoba, in the center of Canada's best Walleyes & Northern Pike fishing
Contact Dale De Remer
(701) 777-3198 or
SPA (301) 695-2083
- September 4**
EAA Pancake Breakfast, 8:00 a.m.
Dakota Territory Air Museum
Minot Airport
Contact Ray Buell, 852-8628
- September 18**
Third Annual Pancake and Ham Breakfast, 8:00 a.m.
Turtle Lake Airport
Contact Ray Herr, 448-2253



Omaha Airplane Supply was one of the many exhibitors.

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ND International Art Contest Winners

The North Dakota Aeronautics Commission and Dakota West Arts Council have announced the state winners of the 1994 Aviation Art Contest. The theme of the contest was "Flying Saves Lives." The ribbons were presented by Nancy Jones Schafer at a ceremony in the Great Hall of the Capitol in Bismarck. The ceremony was followed by lunch at the Bismarck Municipal Airport and a tour of the National Guard Air Facilities.

Winners were:

Category I - ages 5-8

- 1st - Christina Juliano, Rugby, ND
- 2nd - Jenna Enquist, Oakes, ND
- 3rd - Angel Grant, Dunseith, ND

Category II - Ages 9-12

- 1st - David Miller, Westhope, ND
- 2nd - Nathan Mugaas, Sherwood, ND
- 3rd - Aaron Volk, Sherwood, ND

Category III - Ages 13-16

- 1st - Cassie Arensmeyer, Makota, ND
- 2nd - Angie Fischer, Makoti, ND
- 3rd - Leon Peltier, Dunseith, ND



FROM THE DIRECTOR'S CHAIR

Gary R. Ness, Director
ND Aeronautics Commission

As always, the Symposium was an outstanding effort promoting the industry. This year's program was strong and creative. The communications within the industry are excellent and the interaction will continue to strengthen the cause.

Aviation has some challenging changes that may occur shortly. The Clinton administration is proposing to spin the Air Traffic Control (ATC) function off into a federal corporation. This is to help in a more creative and proactive ATC, unrestricted by governmental restraints. A report from the FAA on the methodology is coming out soon to give a road map for this action. On the surface, I only think of one thing. Who pays and how much? More later.

The FAA is downsizing. A 20% reduction is the mandate. Early retirements and buyoffs help in some of the reductions. Consolidations are another. The most visible change to North Dakota is the Airways Facilities Sector office reductions. These are the people who fix our Nav-aids and chase the static created by the industry. We are monitoring the changes that will be proposed for this award winning sector office in Bismarck. From all reports, the continuing budget restraints on the FAA will continue into the near future. The concern is that safety and access



Left to right:
David Miller,
Aaron Volk,
Angie Fischer,
Christina
Juliano,
Mrs. Schafer,
Angel Grant,
Leon Peltier,
Nathan
Mugaas.

will not be compromised. All of the state officials from across the nation are watching these changes. Please keep abreast of these changes through the many available publications and the Commission also will keep close touch.

This summer brings with it the excellent opportunity to show off our industry from top to bottom. Fly-ins are being scheduled and airshows planned. The EAA is still active with the Young Eagles Program with outstanding efforts. Take the time to show someone from your community, that has limited knowledge of aviation, what we are all about. The airport is the front door to all our communities and economic development will not happen without a front door. The communities that were visionary and determined to build a good airport will benefit from that effort. The same communities now need to extend the effort to continue to maintain that facility.

Have a beautiful and blue sky summer and take care.



**National Winner
3rd Place
Category I
(age 5-8)**

Christina
Juliano
Rugby
Elementary
Rugby, ND

David Miller,
Westhope
is a repeat 1st
place winner
in age group
from 1993.





Todd Myers (right), a student at Dakota Aero Tech, was one of the big winners at the Symposium Banquet. He walked away with two round trip tickets compliments of Northwest Airlines (NWA). Wayne Neuberger (left), NWA-Bis, was up to his old tricks again this year just before announcing the winner.



Trimble donated a hand-held GPS system to be given away at this year's Symposium Banquet. Oscar Ness (left), Lisbon, was the lucky winner. Al Pietsch (right), President of the ND Aviation Association, congratulated Mr. Ness. Special thanks go to Trimble.



Great Lakes Airlines (United Express) donated two round trip tickets as a door prize. Pictured above, Gordon Person (left) presents the tickets to the winner Bill Hamilton (right).



Dr. Penny Rafferty Hamilton (right), volunteer with the Central Regional Office of AOPA, entertained and motivated banquet attendees. Gordon Person (left), Chairman of the ND Aviation Council, had a bird's eye view.



This year's Exhibitor Night Chili Cook-off was another wild and fun evening. Above, one of the finalist entertains the judges for bonus points.

Senate Passes Product Liability Legislation 91-8

WASHINGTON, DC — The Senate on March 16 passed S. 1458, the Kassebaum bill to provide product liability relief for general aviation by establishing an 18-year statute of repose, limiting the length of time a manufacturer may be sued.

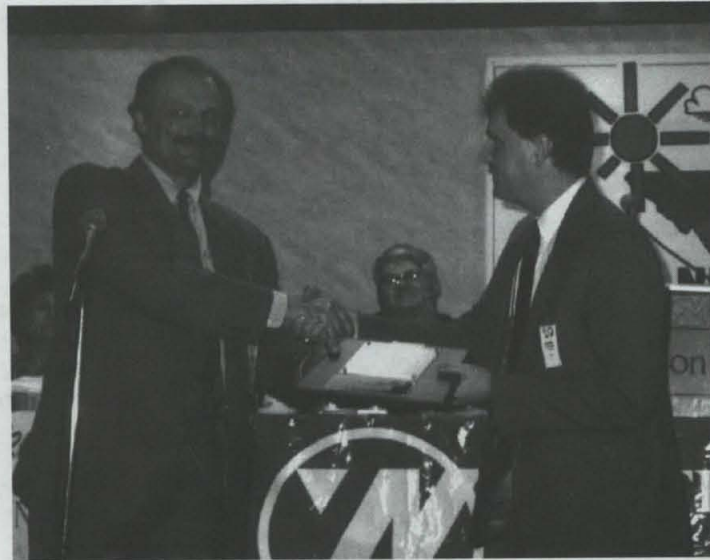
The 91 to 8 final tally included "yes" votes from 20 of 21 previously undecided Senators.

This has been a hard fought battle by Senator Kassebaum, the aircraft manufacturers and everyone who wants a future for general aviation. This bill strikes a fair balance between consumer needs and pilot support for revitalizing a critically-ill general aviation industry.

Aviation will now benefit from this overwhelming vote in the Senate as action moves to the House of Representatives. The Senate vote demonstrates the depth of support for this reasonable change in products liability law.

As part of a compromise engineered by Senator Kassebaum to bring the bill to the floor of the Senate, the statute of repose was lengthened from 15 to 18 years. Exemptions from the statute of repose were added for medical evacuation flights, defects deliberately concealed from the FAA by manufacturers, and for people injured on the ground.

The battle now moves to the House, where a "Petition for Discharge" may be required to bring companion legislation H.R. 3087 to the floor for a vote. H.R. 3087 has more than 280 co-sponsors; 218 signatures are required to discharge the legislation for the House Judiciary Committee where it is being held.



Gary Ness (left), presents AAND's Commercial Service Airport of the Year award to the Fargo Municipal Airport. Accepting is Shawn Doberstein, Assistant Director (right).



Gary Ness (left) presents AAND's General Aviation Airport of the Year award to the Mercer County Regional Airport Authority. Accepting is Les Gillette, Chairman (right).

The ND Professional Aviation Mechanics Association Mechanic of the Year (1993/94) is Keith Schonert (left). Keith owns and operates an FBO at the West Fargo Airport. David Sahl, NDPAMA, (right) presented the award.



NDSAA

Steve Adams

Spring is here so mark your calendar for these upcoming events:

1. June 11, 1994 — National Young Eagles Day.
2. June 19, 1994 — Fly-in and breakfast at the Mandan Airport. (See below for additional information.)
3. July 16 & 17, 1994 — 8th Annual Planes on the Plains EAA Fly-in at the Casselton Regional Airport.
4. July 28, 1994 through August 3, 1994 — National EAA Convention in Oshkosh, WI.

Are you ready? Is your plane cleaned and serviced? Now, where to go and what can you do to promote sport aviation! Here are some suggestions:

1. Sponsor young eagle flights.
2. Give yourself a reason to fly — make it a point to fly to a different airport each month.
3. Invite fellow aviation enthusiasts to meet you there. Enjoy the freedom of flight. There is no where to go but up!

Mandan Fly-in Set

The Bismarck/Mandan EAA chapter 1008 will be hosting a pancake breakfast/fly-in in conjunction with an open house at the Mandan, North Dakota Municipal airport. This will be a one day event on June 19, 1994. Breakfast will be served from 8 AM until 1 PM or until supplies run out. Prices will be: Adult \$3, ages 6-12 \$2, and under 6 and pilots who fly in eat free!

Anyone needing more information may contact: Stuart Harner (chapter president) (701) 258-6526 or Jim Lawler (airport manager) (701) 663-0669.

Big Brother Gets Bigger

David C. Miller, President - AAND

The Airport Improvement Program (AIP) is in trouble: both now and in the future. A significant departure point along the audit trail of this problem is the law suit filed by Northwest Airlines against the Kent County Regional Airport in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

In simple terms, the airline said that the airport was unfair in its rates and fees structure—the airport said that it was being fair. The case went all the way to the United State Supreme Court and the court ruled in favor of the airport. The airline, now gathering the steam of the Airline Transport Association (ATA), took the position that, since they lost the case in a court of law, the law must be stupid and, therefore, the law must be changed.

The tactic used by ATA was not to establish separate legislation to effect the change, but to attach such changes to the 1994 AIP authorization bill: the bill that would authorize funding for 1994 projects. The airlines and ATA had to have known that this would delay passage of the bill and, therefore, jeopardize the funding for AIP projects. They probably thought that, in the name of economic considerations for 1994, the airports would withhold opposition to the bill as amended with ATA inputs.

North Dakota airport managers, the Airport Association of North Dakota, and the North Dakota Aeronautics Commission all went on line urging

our congressional delegation to use caution when debating the AIP bill. Yes, North Dakota airports urgently need the 1994 funding (partly because our construction season is so short); however, the sense of urgency is not so great that we need to risk destroying the AIP system.

Now, a "temporary" bill is going through the system. From now until the end of June, Congress is caving in to the airlines' position in exchange for breaking loose about half of the AIP dollars. Under the provisions of this "temporary" bill:

1. Up to \$800 million of AIP funds would be authorized until June 30, 1994. (Airport efforts to establish a multi-year program have now deteriorated to a partial year program.)

2. An air carrier can submit a complaint about an airport fee to the Secretary of Transportation who must, within seven days, dictate a freeze on the subject fee upon the airport sponsor "unless the secretary preliminarily determines the fee increase is reasonable". (Based on previous experiences with dispute resolution, such "preliminarily" determinations could take from six to twenty-four months.)

There are many questions which come out of this confrontation:

1. How will the \$800 million be distributed? Will it all go to DEN and other mega-hubs? What will be North Dakota's share? Shouldn't this all go to the northern tier airports which are affected by a short construction season, then let the southern airports leisurely wait for Congress to put together a non-temporary program?

2. Why should the Secretary of Transportation have the authority, even temporarily, to preempt the prerogatives of airport sponsors to establish rates and fees? This is a case of the airlines demanding more government; the federal bureaucracy will have to expand its resources in order to bargain out the snit fits between air carriers and airports. This is a step toward federalizing our commercial service airports.

The original AIP authors designed a system whereby air passengers contributed to the capital improvements of the airports from which they flew. Through the years, AIP funds have been diverted to research and development, then to the operations and maintenance of air traffic control. Airport sponsors continue to be pushed further and further away from their right to govern their own airport.

★★ SPECIAL EVENT ★★

Way-Point Avionics, Inc., Bismarck Municipal Airport, will be hosting an avionics seminar at their open house June 4, from 10:00 a.m. - 3 p.m. This will be in conjunction with the Pilot's Association Fly In. The schedule is:

- 10:00 Stormscope Seminar presented by Jerry Smith, BF Goodrich Flight Systems
- 11:00 Autopilot Use and Safety - Dave Mohn, Way-Point Avionics, Inc.
- 1:00 GPS Seminar - "Woody" Wilson - IIMorrow/
Latest Information on GPS Approach - Roger Pfeiffer, Aeronautics Commission
- 2:00 FAA Regulations for the Pilot - Bob Simmers
- 3:00 Pilots Association Presentation

There will be displays of various avionics including Stormscope, GPS, Radar, and many more with several factory representatives present.

Coffee, doughnuts, hot dogs & Coke will be served. The public is invited to attend.

NDPA News for '94

Andrew Niemyer

NDPA FLY-IN JUNE 4, 1994: The NDPA will be sponsoring an **informal fly-in** at Bismarck on **Saturday, June 4th** in conjunction with the folks at Way-Point Avionics, Inc. We'll have a booth with coffee and doughnuts starting at 9:00 am at the Way-Point hangar, just south of the GA Terminal. Way-Point will be having a terrific all day open house and seminars on StormScope, GPS, radar, autopilot safety and maintenance, FM regulations, and much, much more. We'll be presenting a speaker at 3:00 pm. For those who plan on spending the night at BIS, we'll be getting together at a local eatery for an evening of fun and food! **MARK YOUR CALENDARS AND PLAN ON FLYING IN!!**

SYMPOSIUM NEWS: We had some terrific presentations this year, including a great forum on buying and maintaining a used aircraft that brought together aircraft dealers, the FM and A&P mechanics who really gave out some terrific information. We also got good safety tips from Army and Air Guard safety officers and were given special insight into Northwest Airlines' Crew Resource Management program. Those who were there on Monday spent a riveting two hours with retired United Airlines Captain Al Haynes who flew a crippled DC-10 into the Sioux City, Iowa airport several years ago. It was a presentation that those who attended will never forget. Additionally, we joined with the EM for a presentation of issues important to all pilots by AOPA regional representative Bill Hamilton. This leads us to our most important issue:

STATUTE OF REPOSE FOR GENERAL AVIATION AIRCRAFT: A few days ago the tort liability law that imposes, with a few exceptions, an 18 year limit on product liability for GA manufacturers passed the US Senate and was sent to the House of Representatives for consideration. It is facing a very tough time in the House in committee. We need **YOU** to call our representative, **REPEARL POMEROY**, and tell him that you support H.R. 3087, the General Aviation Revitalization Act, and that it needs to be put to a vote on the House floor and not die in Committee. **REP POMEROY** is a co-sponsor of this Act and needs to know that we support it! Passage of this act can affect North Dakota directly as we try

and bring new aviation related jobs to North Dakota, and you as a pilot in that it may mean more sensible pricing for both new and used aircraft.

NEW OFFICERS ELECTED: Election of new officers was held at the Symposium this year. Congratulations to **RON SAEGER**, Fargo, who will be our President for the year. **FRED ADAMS**, Bismarck, was elected as Vice-President, **JOHN ALIN**, West Fargo, is our new Secretary, and **ANDREW NIEMYER** remains as Treasurer.

THE BIG PITCH: The Association grew well in 1993, going from 32 to nearly 50 members. But your officers can't do it by themselves. We really need each and every one of you to actively recruit new members of the Association and to participate in our activities. For example, we'd like to do a couple of informal fly-ins and seminars this summer flying season. To do that we need your help in organizing and publicizing the events. Come to our executive meetings, they're open to all members and we can use your ideas and your help. Plan on flying or driving in and join us for a couple of hours! To make things easy, here's our names, addresses and telephone numbers:

Ron Saeger, President
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Andrew Niemyer, Treas.
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255-3058

We're looking forward to hearing from you soon!



From the North Dakota AFSS

Bob Fishman
FAA Air Traffic Manager

Spring, my favorite time of the year, is finally in sight. Flowers are blooming, bird activity is increasing, and the days are becoming longer and warmer. I thought this would be a good time to review some basic information on Notices to Airmen (NOTAM's).

A NOTAM is a notice, either published or unpublished, containing information concerning the establishment, condition, or change in any aeronautical facility, service, procedure, or hazard. The purpose of a NOTAM is to disseminate information on unanticipated or temporary changes to components of, or hazards in, the National Airspace System until the associated charts and related publications can be amended, as required.

Unpublished NOTAM's are referred to as Class I NOTAM's and are automatically provided in all standard pilot weather briefings. These NOTAM's are unpublished due to insufficient advance notice or if they are only temporary in nature. Published NOTAM's are referred to as Class II NOTAM's and are provided in pilot weather briefings upon request. These NOTAM's are published due to sufficient advance notice or if they are long-term/permanent in nature. Class II NOTAM's are published biweekly in the Notices to Airmen Publication (NTAP). Many times this is an interim step until the NOTAM information can be published in the associated charts and publications.

NOTAM's are also classified into two groups according to the method/area of dissemination they are given and the applicability of the NOTAM. The first classification of NOTAM's is "NOTAM D". These types of NOTAM's generally have the potential to restrict or preclude the use of an airport landing area to some degree and are therefore given distant dissemination (available nationwide, plus internationally). Some examples of these types of NOTAM's would include a runway closure, runway conditions (e.g., packed snow and ice on a runway), braking action poor or nil, runway lights out of service, etc.

The second classification of NOTAM's is "NOTAM L". These types of NOTAM's generally do not restrict

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NDAAA Update

Cynthia Schreiber-Beck

Annual Meeting Briefing

NDAAA Prezident Marlin Haberstroh conducted the annual meeting in Bismarck during the 1994 Upper Midwest Aviation Symposium. The following motions were passed by the membership.

- A donation of \$500.00 to the National Agricultural Aviation Museum in Jackson, MS.

- A payment of \$150.00 to Rick Marburger, Williston, for booth expenses.

- A decision to sponsor the main social event at the National Association of State Aviation Officials (NASAO) Convention in Bismarck, September 18-20, 1994. (not to exceed \$4,000)

The following members were elected to office.

- NDAAA President - Dale Faust, Quality Aerial Spraying, Fargo

- NDAAA Vice President Jeff Matthys, Pro Air Service, Hillsboro

- NDAAA ND Director - John Jenson, Jenson Airspray, Inc., Grand Forks

A volunteer committee of Lynn Larson, Jeff Matthys and Gerry Beck was established to research ideas to promote the agricultural aviation industry. An NDAAA Service Award was given to Vern Hofman, NDSU Extension Service, for his commitment to the industry.

The NDAAA was honored by the presence of Al Schiffer (MI), current president of the National Agricultural Aviation Association and Mary Fullen (AZ), current president of the Women of the National Agricultural Aviation Association.

ATO CHEM REBATE

Elton Ruble, ATO Chem, gave

\$1303.90 to the NDAAA. This amount reflected the aerial application of Penncap (\$.05/gallon) and Pencozeb (\$.005/pound). Please express your thanks to Elton for his ongoing support of the Association.

"WHAT IS MY REAL COST?"

Vic Campbell of United Agri Products, Greeley, CO, enlightened those in attendance at the symposium by presenting an analysis of what the real costs of operation are. Along with the fixed and variable costs in an aerial spraying operation, he took into account total expected return on the investment, total operating interest and other factors which may influence your true cost of operation. This analysis provides the data from which to make a decision on what to charge your customers and also make a profit.

MEMBERSHIP

If you did not attend the Upper Midwest Aviation Symposium, you have not paid your NDAAA dues (\$50.00 operator/\$10.00 associate or pilot). To become a member in good standing, please forward your payment to the NDAAA, P.O. Box 843, Wahpeton, ND 58074.

NOTES FROM RICK HOISTAD, NAAA DIRECTOR (724-3068)

Director Rick has the following information to relay to the membership.

- Pay your National Agricultural Aviation dues so their work may continue on your behalf.

- Pratt & Whitney suggests that operators use Phillips 66 2560 Multiviscosity oil.

- The 90 page EPA proposal for load pads is out and the comment period ends in late April.

FALL MEETING

The dates for the 1994 NDAAA fall meeting are September 30 and October 1, 1994, at Casselton. The tentative

schedule is for pattern testing and an educational event on Friday, September 1, and the opportunity for a number of NDAAA members to fly a Top Gun mission on Saturday, October 1. More information will be disseminated to the membership as the plans develop. For now, mark those dates on your calendar, you won't want to miss any of the action!

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or preclude the use of an airport to a significant degree and are therefore given local dissemination only. Some examples of these types of NOTAM's would include a taxiway closure, a ramp closure, an airport rotating beacon light outage, VASI light outage, braking action fair to good, etc. NOTAM L information for an airport is available from the tie-in Flight Service Station for that particular airport. Grand Forks AFSS is the tie-in facility for all airports in North Dakota. In order to obtain NOTAM L information for an airport in another state, you would need to contact the appropriate AFSS in that state.

I hope you found this brief NOTAM refresher to be as beneficial as the recent attendees at our quarterly "Operation Takeoff" presentation. Operation Takeoff is a national aviation safety-related program available through the Grand Forks AFSS. A variety of aviation-related topics are offered which include videos, guest speakers, and tours of the AFSS. Our next quarterly Operation Takeoff presentation at GFK AFSS is scheduled for May 18 at 7:00 p.m.—please plan on attending!

If you would like more detailed information on any of the services provided by your North Dakota AFSS, please call me personally at (701) 772-7489.

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