Chairman’s Corner:
by Dan Vigesaas, Chairman NDAC

The frost is on the pumpkin. The geese are flying south. The nights are cool. The days are crisp. All self respecting aviation professionals and serious amateurs are winterizing.

To the North Dakota Aviation Council, winterizing means planning. Already the schedule has a new look. Call it modernizing. Call it streamlining. Exhibitors will have longer uninterrupted hours with symposium guests. We are committed to bringing the exhibitors and the participants together for more quality time.

The new concurrent session concept will have its debut. We think you will like it. We will have fewer programs that will be presented more often. You will have a chance to enjoy the presentations from several different organizations without missing any of your own.

Our members are planning some powerful programs with some nationally known speakers. The Agricultural Aviation Association has already contacted Jerry Cockrell to introduce the new PASS program to North Dakota Applicators. Dr. Cockrell has been on the national aviation speakers circuit for years and is well known for his aviation wit and wisdom.

PAMA and the FAA will be offering IA renewals again this year. This important symposium feature has been missing for several years. Chuck Winkenwerder, the new office manager at the Fargo PSDO office, and Gordy Person, one of the pioneers of our Upper Midwest Aviation Symposium, have put their heads together and created a way to bring it back.

NDPA has also collaborated with the FAA and has plans to offer the ground portion of the biannual flight review at this year’s symposium. If you attend the approved classes you will get credit for the oral part of your BFR. Your attendance at the NDPA presentations will also make you eligible for the FAA Wings program.

We have a lot of work left but we are all (Continued on Page 2)

ND Senators Conrad, Dorgan Side with FAA, Votes Help Defeat “Hoover Bill”

North Dakota United States Senators Kent Conrad and Byron Dorgan sided with the Federal Aviation Administration Friday, September 25 and voted against the so-called “Hoover Bill”, helping to defeat the measure 51 to 46. The measure, designed to curb abuses of the FAA’s “Emergency Revocation” authority, had been strongly supported by most of the aviation community during the recent session of Congress.

The bill, developed by numerous aviation organizations, including EAA, AOPA and NATA, had been introduced as HR 1846 as an amendment to the FAA reauthorization bill. Led by Oklahoma Senator James Inhofe, those supporting the bill had high hopes of its passing. The FAA was able to convince such Senate leaders as Arizona’s John McCain and Kentucky’s Wendell Ford, leader and senior minority member of the Senate’s Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee respectively, to oppose it. Both Democrats, Conrad and Dorgan followed Ford’s lead and joined in the vote against the bill.

The bill had been designed to change current law which allows the FAA to instantly suspend or revoke an airman certificate if they determine a pilot poses a threat to safety and has violated Federal Aviation Regulations. Many in aviation felt that the FAA had tended to demand an emergency revocation regardless of the circumstances surrounding the alleged FAR violation. An appeal to the National Transportation and Safety Board can stop the revocation action, but the process was under heavy criticism as being too unwieldy and taking far too long.

Named for world famous test and airshow pilot Bob Hoover, himself a victim of a revocation that he fought successfully over the (Continued on Page 2)
From The Editor

By Andrew S. Niemyer, Editor-in-Chief

Fall weather has come again, and with less
thumps and bumps and lower density alti-
tudes comes increased precipitation and the
specter of icing in PIREPS, TAF's and other
reports. As we begin to look towards win-
ter, the North Dakota Aviation Council is
working at getting their new Upper Midwest
Aviation Symposium format put together.
They hope that any of you with thoughts and
ideas will come forward to add your ideas
to the mix.

NWA STRIKE PUTS EMPHASIS ON GA AND AIR CHARTERS

The Northwest Airlines strike in late Au-
gust and early September brought home
to many of us one of the great values of
general aviation: The ability to get where
you need to go, when you need to get there.
During the first 10 days of the strike, this
writer made three round trips to Minnesota
and one to Chicago. Weather was great, the
airways uncrowded and most importantly,
no appointment or commitment that had
been previously made was cancelled. There
is something unique about being told by
MSP tower personnel to "take whatever run-
way you want." Not to mention watching
Cessna 152's in the pattern flying past
parked Boeing 747's!

Of interest was the fact that too few of the
travelling public even considered using their
local or area Part 135 Air Taxi operators. A
brief survey along the state indicates that
few operators report any increase in their
operations during the strike. Frankly, this
is puzzling, given that often times a party of
four or more can fly round-trip to many des-
tinations in the region for less than the cost
of an airline ticket. Perhaps it was a lack of
advertising or maybe a failure to get in touch
with local news outlets to let the general
public know about the bargains that can be
found in chartering their own flight. In any
event, it was an opportunity that was missed
to further broaden a customer base to include
those who think that air taxi service is only
for the rich and corporate well to do.

AN "UNFORESEEN CONSEQUENCE" TO GPS DIRECT?

The recent death of a long time Minot
based pilot when his C-177 flew into a moun-
tain near Billings in the early morning hours
around August 3rd has generated new dis-
cussions about Controlled Flight Into Terrain
(CFIT) and GPS navigation. No one can ar-
range that flying direct point-to-point via GPS
navigation is not a boon to aviation. How-
ever there appears to be early raw data indi-
cating that a number of recent CFIT incidents
involved aircraft flying off-airways on GPS-
direct flights under VFR rules and not using
flight following services from enroute ATC.
It is very easy for anyone to forget to take
that line of flight that their GPS is showing
them, glance at their altitude and then cor-
rlate that proposed track to a chart. Fur-
ther, the greater the distance to be flown, the
greater the change in the heading to be flown
along one's track. Without careful review and
consultation with charts onhand, an
unlucky and perhaps inattentive pilot can
wind up finding that the freedom of GPS-
direct flight can have an unintended and
disastrous consequence. From this loss of a
friend perhaps some good will eventually
come in the reemphasis upon those basic
skills we all were taught.

WHERE'S MY COPY OF THE QUARTERLY?

To those of you who feel they may have
been "missed" in our last issue’s mailing, we
can assure you we are not out to get you. A
recent review of our mailing list revealed lit-
erally hundreds of people, companies or or-
ganizations who do not belong to any of the
NDAC's member organizations or who did
not qualify for a courtesy copy were getting
copies anyway. Consultation with the lead-
ers of each organization led to some major
changes and the elimination of much duplica-
tion of effort and has helped cut our con-
siderable mailing costs. If you think you are
entitled to a copy, contact one of your group's
leaders listed in our masthead to verify your
name is properly listed on the membership
lists of your organization.

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getting excited about next year’s symph-
ous. It looks like our open forum will be back.
The airspace issue is dead but there may be
many other issues that we need to talk about.
This year we hope to spend less time on one
topic and bring more of them to the table.
We may talk about user fees, traffic tickets,
FBO subsidies, LORAN vs. GPS, local pub-
lic pressure against an airport, etc. If you can
think of any issue that you would like to
bring up tell your Council member or bring
it to me.

Let me know what you think about the
Aviation Quarterly circulation. We have
many old addresses in our data base that the
staff at the Aeronautics Commission has
been working hard to clean up. We think it
is a lot better now but many questions re-
main. All of the printing costs for the Avia-
tion Quarterly are paid from Symposium
registration fees. Several of our member or-
ganizations send very few representatives to
our symposium and thus pay very little to-
wards the cost of the Quarterly. And yet we
may have their entire membership included
in our Quarterly mailing list. Should we be
charging these member organizations for
postage, or is there another way for us to
recover our costs?
The next issue of the Quarterly will be the
big Symposium issue. We should have all of
the schedules complete, the speakers con-
firmed and our plans in place. All we will
need is to talk it up and convince everyone
to come to the symposium. See you in March!

(Hoover Bill continued from Page 1)

course of 2 years, the bill was intended to
allow an expedited hearing for the pilot be-
fore the NTSB. The NTSB hearing would be
used to determine if a true emergency exists
to justify an immediate revocation.

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ND PAMA NEWS
IA Renewals Back for 1999 Symposium

A formal, "one-stop" renewal program for North Dakota aircraft mechanics holding the Inspection Authorization (IA) rating will again be a feature of the 1999 Upper Midwest Aviation Symposium. The on-site program, the first to be held at the Symposium since at least 1996, will be offered over the course of the meeting from February 28th to March 3rd, 1998 at the Radisson Inn, Bismarck, ND.

Attempts over the previous few years to have IA's renew their ratings at a series of events statewide was met with considerable dissatisfaction. The change in how the renewal program was done proved expensive and time consuming for both mechanics and providers. The system caused many to consider forgoing the renewal of their rating. Prior to that, many Airframe and Powerplant (A&P) mechanics holding the rating came every year to the Symposium to hear a variety of presentations in order to qualify for renewal.

This year, North Dakota Professional Aircraft Mechanics Association (NDPAMA) leaders Mike Aarstad, Bismarck and Gordy Person, Fargo, along with others, came to Fargo FSDO manager Chuck Winkenwerder and other Fargo FSDO personnel seeking to once again offer a renewal program at a single site. The single site program offers mechanics the opportunity to attend the Symposium and participate in its many offerings as well as qualify for renewal of their rating.

The program will be offered in cooperation with the Fargo FAA FSDO, with much help coming from Rapid City, SD FAA facility personnel. Vendors are presently planned to help provide a series of lectures spread out over the course of the Symposium, each at multiple times over the course of a day in order to allow attendees to go to presentations by other organizations. At present it is the only A&P IA renewal program planned for 1999 in North Dakota.

Complete details will be in January, 1999 convention registration issue of the Aviation Quarterly.

NDAAA News
by Cindy Schreiber-Beck
Convention Bound?

Although North Dakota ranks second in the number of Part 137 Operators, it is not well represented at the National Agricultural Aviation Association National Convention. With the better than average season this year perhaps the exposition hall will be elbow-to-elbow with North Dakotans, December 7-10, 1998, at the Tropicana Resort & Casino in Las Vegas. The annual convention offers operators and pilots the opportunity to see and learn about the latest technologies, visit with vendors, interface with other operators from around the world and even have some fun. The focus of the convention is productivity and profitability — who would not want to be productive and profitable? The Aerial Applicator Business Management Course will again be offered — previous attendees found this educational seminar to be an excellent source of information. The course, offered December 4, 5, 6, 1998, at the Tropicana Hotel, is an intensive 3-day workshop of financial management and marketing specially designed for aerial applicators. Registration forms for the NDAAA 32nd Annual Convention & Exposition and the Business Management Course are available from the NDAAA (telephone 202.546.5722 or fax 202.546.5726.)

Board Meeting Briefing

Although this writing is prior to the NDAAA Board meeting scheduled on September 25, 1998, in Fargo, the membership should be apprised of agenda items. Specifically the agenda includes: NAAA Update, Zeneca Leadership Training Program Candidate, Public Relations ("Wings of Agriculture") and the Commodity Group Presentation), Recertification Update, Insurance Task Force Report, ND Ag Coalition, Lobbyist for the upcoming legislative session, Accidents/ Incidents/Complaints, Fall Meeting Schedule, Annual Meeting Speakers, ND Grain Growers EPA Tour, Request from North Dakota Firemen's Association and canopy penetration studies conducted by ND Extension Service. The membership will be informed of the decisions made or direction taken by the NDAAA on these issues. Members are welcome to contact your director (NW - Gene Knutson @ 605.2069; NE - Dan Barta @ 859.2625; SE - Rick Hoistad @ 724.6235; SW - JB Lindquist @ 567.2069) to discuss your concerns and receive a first-hand report of the meeting.

PAASS Is Moving Forward

During the preceding eighteen months PAASS has been successful in meeting these short-term strategic objectives:

SHORT TERM OBJECTIVES
• Raising the awareness within the applicator community of the importance of

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North Dakota Pilots Association
By Fred Adams, NDPA
Well, another summer went "flying by". The officers of the NDPA had their first fall meeting to get ready for another exciting Upper Midwest Aviation Symposium (UMAS). There will be a change in format for the UMAS, and the PAMA schedule will be headed by Gordy Person and Mike Aarstad. Those of you who are both pilots and mechanics will be able to know in advance what the exciting programs are and hopefully be able to attend program in each area. The IA renewal will also be back!

I got a chance to take my family on a tour of the Air & Space Museum in Washington DC in August. What a cross section of aviation history. There is a new Corporate Aviators section in one corner: "neat stuff"!

Part of my vacation took our family to Norfolk VA and the Oceana Naval Air Station. I was assisted by my good friend, Capt. Andy Niemyer USNR. Yes, it's the same Andy who edits the Quarterly. He was able to get my two boys and me a special look at the F-14 Tomcat. Not only a guided tour of the flightline, but some time in the F-14 simulator. I spend six days a year in a Citation simulator so in general that's not new, but the full 360 degree visual is something to take your breath away. Now even though the motion was not on, the boys got a chance to fly one of the world's best fighter aircraft. Doing loops, rolls, and chasing bad guys. Lots of fun to sit on the side and watch.

Now my turn was interesting. Not wanting to look bad, I climbed to about 25,000 feet and then played. Got the loop around without hitting anything solid. Well, later on I was in the middle teens (15,000 MSL) and though I would try a loop, somewhere over the top I must have not pulled hard enough, the instructor voice in the headphones said "haven't seen this in a long time". That voice should have told me I was not quite up to "TOPGUN" standards, but it a simulator, and I'll never get another chance to fly a F-14, so I just keep going around, except when I finished the loop my altimeter showed negative 3,000 MSL! Only "Johnny Quest" and I can fly at 25,000 MSL one minute and -3,000 MSL the next. My recovery out of the water was great: Full afterburner and 250 KIAS with a 30° pitch up. My boys, our guide, and the simulator instructor all had a good one on "Dad". I thought I had better tell this before someone tried to use it against me some day. Thanks again, Andy for the help. The boys and I thought it was "really cool".

Back to more NDPA stuff, there are two "Wannabe" programs in the works. I do not have any dates yet, but you will hear more as the details are finalized. Hope you had a chance to take in a summer fly-in or airshow. The T-Birds up at Minot were great. What a great day for the show.

Make plans for the February 28th through March 3rd for the Upper Midwest Aviation Symposium in Bismarck!
DTAM volunteers recently got together to help remount the Museum’s Douglas C-47’s control surfaces. The surfaces had been re-covered and were placed back on “the old-fashioned way.”

Dakota Territory Air Museum News
by Rich Larcombe, DTAM, Minot, ND

As you are reading this the Dakota Territory Air Museum is closed for the season. Now don’t be too upset about not getting here to visit this summer because if you want we can arrange special tours anytime of year. We got engines and props for it from Basler Aviation in Oshkosh and they should move on to another project. Also this past year Ed Grenvik’s beautiful Talocraft was donated to us and we will find an appropriate place of honor within our facility.

P-40 Update
The spring of ’98 was eagerly awaited this year because a P-40 Warhawk had been donated to the museum and it was expected to arrive by truck at the first sign of good weather. Well “Old Murphy” had his say because on February 25 the first day of a 4-day blizzard guess who showed up?, that’s right, “Old Exterminator” herself. The old girl needs a wing and just a few more parts but we were very pleased to make a home for her. If anyone out there has any ideas where we can find a wing please let us know.

Projects Update
Summer at the Air Museum means work projects. Painting, mowing grass, cleaning and polishing display case; arranging exhibits, rearranging display aircraft and working on the many aircraft projects that keep us all smiling.

The big job this past summer has been the C-47 Dakota. We had to replace the fabric on the ailerons, rudder and elevator, which took longer then we thought and “whole bunches” of fabric.

We got engines and props for it from Basler Aviation in Oshkosh and they should be up and mounted real soon. Then we need all new glass and a pretty paint job and a dozen or two other little things and we can move on to another project.

Speaking of new projects, the museum had a Ford Aerosport (late 30’s vintage) given to us this summer. It has a flathead V-8, an open cockpit with a steering wheel and it’s in a hundred or more pieces. This one’s going to be fun!

Also this past year Ed Grenvik’s beautiful Talocraft was donated to us and we will find an appropriate place of honor within our facility.

Other aircraft on display this year included Loren Gajewski’s Waco UPF-7 from Alexander, ND, which he had loaned us for display purposes and for which we are very grateful.

Just to give everyone a heads up, the Museum is planning our next building construction. If you have read this far you must realize we need more room. The artwork for construction is already complete, committee’s have been formed and we hope that the new facility will in place and very likely nearly paid for to celebrate the “Centennial of Flight” in 2002.

From Your
Grand Forks AFSS
GPS News and Notes

GPS Receivers designed for non-precision aviation navigation attain accuracy to within 30 feet. However, the potential accuracy has been demonstrated down to within a millimeter. That’s not much more than the width of the period at the end of this sentence.

Receiver Autonomous Integrity Monitoring (RAIM) allows a computerized GPS receiver to maintain a self awareness on whether or not it has information from enough GPS satellites to reliably calculate position and altitude. (RAIM in not a measurement of how accurate the GPS system is.) To calculate a valid position and altitude a GPS receiver must have line of sight communications from at least five of the seven to eight satellites it usually receives information from. RAIM info should always be associated with certified TSO-129 GPS receivers (aircraft with a fancy GPS for IFR approaches.)

Model 1 Full Capacity (the computer system used by Grand Forks AFSS) RAIM data is a forecast of RAIM availability. This changing availability could make flight planning difficult for pilots wanting to use GPS approaches. RAIM forecast data is calculated once a day for a 24 hour time period.

GPS receivers are always scanning the seven to eight satellites usually above the horizon. A GPS receiver needs a minimum of three satellites to navigate, four to obtain altitude (not very accurate), and five to execute an IFR approach (or RAIM). Eventually, most airports will have a certified GPS non-precision approach, about 6,000 of them.

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A Message for All Airport Managers

From the ND Aeronautics Commission

In order to prevent misunderstandings and problems in the future, the following are the do’s and don’ts of surplus property, including travel trailers recently supplied to many area airports.

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- If modifications are to be made, the modifications must be completed within the first year. Residue remaining after modification can be sold without authorization from Surplus Property if it is valued at less than $500. The proceeds from the sale of residue must be deposited into the account from which the item was originally purchased. If the residue is valued at more than $500, Surplus Property must be contacted regarding disposal before you can proceed with disposal.
- The property is to be used as long as it is usable for the stated purpose and/or as long as there is a need for the property. However, it must be used for the stated purpose for a minimum of 18 months after it has been made ready for use.
- If the property becomes unusable or there is no longer a need within the 18-month restricted period, it can be disposed of but not without authorization from the Surplus Property Agency.
- If the property becomes unusable or is no longer needed after the 18-month restricted period, it can be disposed of according to the owning organization’s disposal policies and procedures.

During the next 60 to 90 days, you will receive a utilization questionnaire asking whether or not the item is in use and any other comments/concerns you have regarding the trailer. Please complete and return it as soon as possible. During the next 18-24 months, on-site visits will be made by a representative from Surplus Property. Any questions regarding the use of surplus property are to be directed to Linda Engmann at 328-9667.

Aviation Hall of Fame Nominations
Due November 30

North Dakota Aviation Hall of Fame nominations are once again being distributed throughout the region. Nomination packages, due November 30, 1998, must include such things as the nominee's major achievements towards the enhancement of aviation, significant contributions to the development of others in aviation, and special services to the state in aviation activities, either directly or indirectly and any other information that the nominator's may feel will help round out the application. A 5-by-7 inch black and white picture of the nominee should also be included in the package, which must be double-spaced, in type and limited to no more than three pages.

Those submitting nominations may use the form printed on the inside back cover of this issue of the Quarterly.

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INSTRUCTIONS

For your nomination to be considered, it must be submitted in the following format:

Each entry must include:

- Major achievements towards the enhancement of aviation.
- Significant contributions to the development of others in aviation.
- Special service to the State of North Dakota in aviation activities, either
directly or indirectly.
- Any other pertinent information should be attached to the nomination form.

Nominee’s achievements must be submitted type written, double spaced.

Please limit text to a minimum of three pages.

Nominator is responsible for a black and white 5 x 7 photograph of nominee (if the
nominee is selected).

Send nomination to Aviation Hall of Fame, P.O. Box 5020, Bismarck, ND 58502
before November 30th of this year. Any questions, please write or phone (701) 328-9650.
"See Honey, we weren’t goofing off! "Seven Idaho and Washington state based pilots recently passed through Bismarck on their annual fling trip. Every year they pick a destination and fly loose formation in their assorted Piper Cubs, Super Cruisers and a “home-built” Super-Cab. This year the seven are following the Missouri and Mississippi Rivers to New Orleans. From the left, they are: Gary Hart, Jon Gravestock, Bill Mervyn, Brock Hill, Warren Hill, Ed Smoltz & Paul Hopper.

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