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## GREETINGS FROM UMAS



Photo by  
Amy Taborsky

Susan Reynolds and Dan Kasowski enjoyed good friends, good food and good fun Sunday night, March 7th, at the 2010 Upper Midwest Aviation Symposium's Ice Breaker which was held at the Fargo Air Museum. *More photos of the event inside.*

### PAST CHAIRMAN'S CORNER

By Rod Brekken



If you attended the 2010 symposium, you were part of a historical event. If you didn't attend, you missed being part of a historical event. I certainly hope you were part of the first group and if you weren't, hopefully you can become part of history at the 2011 symposium in Minot next year. The historical event you missed was exciting because it involved a lot of great people. They

were all there for this special event, and I'd like to think it was memorable to most of them. This special event was the Awards and ND Aviation Hall of Fame Banquet. It was the best-attended banquet in the history of the Upper Midwest Aviation Symposium, making it a historical event for those of you who attended. This special event was held to honor members of our industry who have dedicated their lives and their livelihood for the betterment of aviation in the upper Midwest. And don't get me wrong; the whole symposium event was also special for a lot of good reasons. It combined industry, government, business, special interests, and of

course it even involved education. That's probably the most important part of the aviation pie we try to serve. If we don't continue to offer educational benefits to everyone involved I feel we have missed the mark when it comes to having a well-rounded symposium.

As I look back on the 2010 symposium and all the meetings and events leading up to it, I feel the council did a great job in preparing for the event. The committees did a good job completing their tasks so that all the pieces fell together and the symposium had a cohesive feel

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about it. The problem is there are too many people to thank for their exceptional volunteerism. As you read through the Quarterly you will see a list of the people who are representatives on the North Dakota Aviation Council. The list includes new and exciting members. We are so thankful they have consented to give their time to continue the work of the North Dakota Aviation Council. When you see them on your daily travels, stop, shake their hand, and thank them for serving.

As I write this article for the Quarterly, I remind myself that it is the last article I will be writing as chairman at this time. I have served as chairman of the Council the last two years and have been rewarded with fond memories and lasting friendships. Continue to remind yourself that the world is a much better place because of Orville and Wilbur. To that very short list there are countless names we can add and two more were just added during our last symposium. As we forge into the future, more names will be added, more aviation feats will be accomplished, and air travel will be enhanced by innovations yet to be discovered.

As a last note, I wish to thank each and every member of the 2010 council for their hard work. The names of this illustrious group are Fred and Darrel and Jim and Darren and Glen and Troy and Jon and Larry and Paul and Howard and Lloyd and Don and Robert and Bill and Jim and Todd and Trent and Roger and last but certainly not least, Amy, our Quarterly Editor. I want to personally thank Larry and Malinda of the commission for their immeasurable contributions. The Upper Midwest Aviation Symposium thrives because of these tireless personal contributions. And finally, thanks to all of you, and I look forward to seeing you in Minot next March.

**ROD BREKKEN, CHAIRMAN, NDAC**



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# DIRECTOR'S CHAIR



By Larry Taborsky, Director,  
North Dakota Aeronautics Commission

Lieutenant Governor Jack Dalrymple came to our aviation celebration in Fargo, and he bragged up our industry in a way that made people notice across the country. The Lieutenant Governor proclaimed that March 7-13 was Aviation Week in North Dakota. The proclamation told the rest of the world what we in aviation already knew. There were so many events to fit into the day, and the LTGOV's schedule was so busy that his visit wasn't set on the schedule until the last minute. Once scheduled, it was tough to find a place to make it happen. The available room was probably too small on one end and a bit too noisy at the other end. But the words that were spoken carried a long way...

By the end of the day, the Fargo Forum requested a copy of the proclamation, and hopefully will be producing a future article which points out the many benefits of aviation in our state. The next morning, AM radio 1100 star broadcaster Scott Hennen read excerpts of the proclamation on the air and showed strong support for what we do in this state. By the end of the symposium, the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association echoed the proclamation on their web site. The National Association of State Aviation Officials and The Alliance for Aviation Across America joined in with their support. I've heard that we will soon be joined by the states of South Dakota, Nebraska, Wyoming, and Colorado in proclaiming aviation week in their states.

It sure was fun to hear so much positive attention on behalf of the sprayers, freight-haulers, air ambulance drivers, charter operators, and all the others who aviate. It was encouraging to see all of the energy in the conference, to reflect on how much that we as a state had accomplished in the past year, and to learn that the numbers of participants were among the highest we have seen. Even our vendors showed up in full force with their latest offerings. Take that, nationwide recession!

The ND Aviation Council did a great job putting together this year's event, and I'd like to keep that momentum going. I am anxious to hear from you with suggestions for next year. I am looking for worthy nominations for the ND Aviation Hall of Fame, interesting topics for pilot classes and general sessions, and another interesting banquet speaker. Do you know of anyone who has held a current flight medical for 50 years? Do you have any contacts with noteworthy aviators with ties to North Dakota? Please let me know.

**BE CAREFUL OUT THERE, LARRY**



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John Hoeven  
Governor

PROCLAMATION  
AVIATION WEEK  
MARCH 7-13, 2010

**WHEREAS**, aviation plays an increasing role as an economic catalyst in North Dakota, contributing \$1.25 billion annually to the state's economy; and

**WHEREAS**, North Dakota's aviation industry is an important component of the state's economic development efforts, creating opportunities for communities, businesses and citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, beyond the movement of goods and services, the state's aviation industry supports thousands of jobs and contributes more than a billion dollars in annual economic activity; and

**WHEREAS**, many North Dakota businesses use aviation as a tool for conducting daily operations, including the transportation of personnel and freight, air emergency service, aerial crop spraying, wildlife control and law enforcement observation; and

**WHEREAS**, airlines operating from North Dakota flew 2.8 million passengers on 64 daily flights in 2009 and the state's 81 general aviation airports provided air service to 800,000 people; and

**WHEREAS**, aviation impacts many sectors of our economy and state; last year, air travel tourism contributed \$500 million to the state's economy, aerial applicators sprayed more than three million acres of crops, two million packages were delivered as a result of air delivery service and 500 air emergency ambulance flights were deployed.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim March 7-13, 2010, **AVIATION WEEK** in the state of North Dakota.

John Hoeven  
Governor

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# MARK'S HANGAR NEWS

By Mark J. Holzer,  
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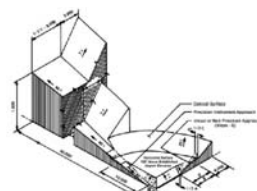
**2010-2011 STATE AERONAUTICAL CHARTS:** The commission distributed new Aeronautical Charts at the Fargo conference. A Dedication Page for Robert Miller—Commissioner for 25 years of service to ND was noted. The charts can be found at the major Fixed

Based Operators in ND. All pilots can use these charts as flight planning guides with the August 2009 World Aeronautical Chart base map. The reverse side introduces the new PASSPORT program, offers all AWOS/ASOS numbers, ATC frequencies, and airport lighting schedules. Governor John Hoeven's message inspires safe flying and welcome tourists to our great friendly skies.



**FEDERAL GRANTS TO AIRPORTS:** As good news goes, the Airport Improvement funding bill was extended 90 days to June 30th, 2010. Thus only 75% of anticipated FAA funds for airport construction is available till last quarter renewal.

Airports that saved up past entitlements must also be cut back to 75% funding levels. At this time the commission staff working with consultants and airports will develop a plan to put as much money and safety improvement work into the new construction season. The FAA Airports District Office staff is working hard to allocate as many grants as possible. Typically FAA grant applications are due May 1st to the FAA, so we encourage your airport to move forward with fewer budgets if possible. Contact the commission office if you are concerned about your grant dollars as we will telecom FAA staff to assist in your questions.



**STATE GRANTS TO AIRPORTS:** The commission shall mail out applications to all 89 public airports to apply for state funding up to 90% on non-federal aspects of projects. FAA projects are 50% eligible of the local costs of a federal project. Projects for

asphalt rehabilitation, runway protection zone acquisition, obstruction removal, and grading safety zones are high priority type projects. It is recommended that airport boards review their airport layout plan to purchase or lease the runway protection zone (RPZ). Working with the airport consultant, the airport can develop legal descriptions for VFR or IFR (GPS approaches), and make land purchase offers before the farming starts. Ideally the entire 1000' long RPZ should be grassland. The avoidance of corn which attracts birds and deer is needed when farming leases are negotiated.



**FAA REAUTHORIZATION BILL PASSES SENATE:** On March 22, by a vote of 93-0, the U.S. Senate passed their version of FAA reauthorization. The House passed their version last year. Now the conferees are expected to meet to hash out differences before the bill is sent to President Obama. The bill would authorize \$34.1 billion for the FAA through Sept 30th, 2011. The bill authorizes \$4 billion for two years for airport improvements that would generate 150,000 jobs. Improving the funding for NEXT-GEN navigations would make the skies safer and more reliable for travelers. Increased funding for Essential Air Service subsidies is included, which benefit airports like Jamestown, Dickinson, Devils Lake and Williston. No new user fees have been approved in either House or Senate bills. However, federal fuel tax increases are proposed with avgas from 19.3 cents to 24.1 cents while jet fuel at 21.8 cents to 36 cents.



**ORGANIZING THE AIRPORT TEAM:** Running an airport with today's issues requires an airport authority board to "get organized". The most common reason airports fail to reach their potential for growth is failure to understand what is required to succeed. Knowledge of what needs to be done is essential for getting organized. An effective airport leader, such as chairman of the board, organizes his airport authority members to several defined tasks. One board member may be the grants guru understanding both FAA and state funding. Another board member should be assigned airport safety and security duties. Generally one board member becomes the secretary/treasurer and this takes a lot of computer knowledge. Emergency coordinator fulfills a valuable job in working with airport tenants and local response teams to handle crisis situations. However the true leader is the chairman who is the driver of this team, making sure each member fulfills their tasks. A good organizational chart is a way to get started for the airport authority this spring to jump into organized action.



**FEBRUARY AIRLINE BOARDINGS SET RECORDS:** The airline passenger boarding at the eight commercial ND airports in February increased 12% over the previous February 2009 month. Total boardings were 63,172 passengers using 64 daily airline flights for the month.

All eight airports increased for the month which set a ten-year high. Even with all the fog causing cancelled flights, the air service grew to new levels that will surely be beaten in summer as new service in six cities out of eight cities will occur. ND is doubling national trends as many locations in U.S. still have negative growth.



**SNOW REMOVAL CHAMPIONS:** Another winter has passed and the snow removal work was brutal across North Dakota airports. The airport managers and crews must be congratulated for the dedicated work over the past six months for cleaning runways, aprons, taxiways and access roads. Without their dedication, pilots would be snowed in and could not make a profit flying medical, energy or business flights. Amazingly, we did not experience any snow blowers hitting aircraft again this year. The snow gods running the unicorns worked for another miracle year.



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## EMERGENCIES CABIN SMOKE/FIRES

*By Bob Simmers*

It was great to see those of you who attended the UMAS in Bismarck. Thanks for the positive comments regarding this column. I appreciate your input and the fact that you are reading these.

As I promised, we are continuing our discussion about emergencies. Today, what should you do if you smell smoke in the cabin? FIRST and foremost you must FLY THE AIRPLANE, then determine if the origin is inside of or outside of the cabin. The primary objective is to keep this odor from becoming a fire. My first reaction would be to turn off the master switch and isolate the cabin ventilation by closing the vents until I have determined the source of the odor. Is the odor electrical or is it oil? For the purpose of this discussion, we are going to dwell on electrical.

By turning off the aircraft master we would hope to isolate the source of energy that is causing the problem. By closing the cabin ventilation system we have done two things. If the cause is in the cabin, we have stopped the flow of air that could fan the source and turn this smoldering hotspot into a fire. We have also stopped any flow of air from the engine compartment to the cabin. If the source of the odor were in the engine compartment, this would keep the cabin from becoming contaminated.

From this point on, it should become a checklist item. Although aircraft specific checklists will vary from make and model, they have many likenesses. After isolating and determining the source, the procedures should be something like this: Make sure that the hot spot is cooled, ventilate the cabin, turn off all electrical equipment, check all circuit breakers/fuses. When the odor is gone, turn on the master switch, if the odor does not reoccur, turn on the necessary equipment and land as soon as possible. OH, and did I say, "FLY THE AIRPLANE."

Practice, Practice, Practice. That is what helps us remain proficient and competent pilots.

**So 'til next time, happy landings,  
Bob Simmers**

# NDBAA

## ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING NOTES

*By Jon Simmers*

This year's NDBAA business meeting was one of the most productive events for the organization in recent years. For the first time since 1983, the organization has adopted new bi-laws that feature several organizational changes. The most significant change includes the official adoption of the new organizational name to the North Dakota Business Aviation Association (formerly, North Dakota Aviation Association).

Another significant change to the NDBAA includes new membership tiers. The NDBAA now includes Corporate, Voting, and Non-Voting membership levels to accommodate all business aviation users. The Corporate tier dues allow up to five voting members. NDBAA membership totals have doubled with the new membership structure in 2010.

This year's elected officers and appointed representatives represent an excellent cross-section of business aviation users from the east and west regions of the state. Representatives for 2010 include:

President - Fred Adams,  
Basin Electric Power Cooperative

Vice President - Larry Gebhardt,  
Minnkota Power Cooperative

Treasurer - Bob Simmers, Bismarck Aero Center

Secretary - Jon Simmers, Bismarck Aero Center

Appointed NDAC Rep. - Larry Gebhardt,  
Minnkota Power Cooperative

Appointed NDAC Rep. - Jon Simmers,  
Minot Aero Center

Other highlights from the meeting include approval to contribute \$1,000.00 toward NDAC efforts aimed toward educating the public about the importance of general aviation in North Dakota, open forum discussion on North Dakota Airspace issues, Proposed TSA Rulings and 2010 organizational goals.

The NDBAA goals for 2010 include, increasing membership, advancing public awareness about GA, industry advocacy issues, and developing a Certified Aviation Manager safety day.

For additional information about the NDBAA, please contact Jon Simmers at [jons@bismarckaero.com](mailto:jons@bismarckaero.com) or Fred Adams at [mailto:fadams@bepc.com](mailto:mailto:fadams@bepc.com).



## THANKS FOR THE MEMORIES

By Darrel Pittman

### SYMPOSIUM

We had one of the best UMAS turnouts that most of us can remember in a long time. I hope we can continue on with that trend. Possibly this was due to the improving economy? Maybe it was in honor of the recent aviation "Hall of Fame" inductees? Perhaps it was due to our excellent choice of a banquet speaker, Ms. Julie Clark? I've heard from her and she sends thanks for making her feel so welcome. Aviation is fortunate to have such an ambassador for our industry.

### FLOOD

Many of us are still fully embedded in the current flood situation. Thankfully it's not as bad as last year. I don't want to down-play the critical aspect of what we are going through now. My job during this year's flood is in the State Emergency Operations Center (EOC) Air Operations Board (AOB). I represent the CAP and help coordinate the CAP aircraft photo and FEMA support missions. I did the same thing last year during the crisis. It entails many long hours. I'm thankful I have an understanding wife!

### BUGGIES & BLUES

The annual Buggies & Blues fly-in will be held at the Mandan, ND (Y19) airport again this year on June 13, 2010. I have requested a Blackhawk for a static display. We are expecting "Duggie" to be here in an educational effort for the youngsters, and hopefully maybe a P51. We will have another raffle, this time for five different prizes. Sorry, not a J3 wind vane but some prizes just as worthy. Don't forget no June 13, 2010. Come on out, have breakfast and a fun-filled day. We will run a shuttle bus downtown for the old cars!

### PERSONAL

I'm not on the Aviation Council this year, but I still intend to write an article for the Quarterly. I hope you all can put up with the reminiscing about my past ATC career. I promise I will try to make it interesting. Over the last fourteen years I have been a Chairman and had the pleasure of representing the pilots (NDPA) and the EAA (NDEAA) chapters. Thanks for the opportunity to work with all of you. Marlette and I appreciate the friendship you have given us.

**CLEARED FOR TAKEOFF, DARREL**

## NORTH DAKOTA HONORS AVIATION

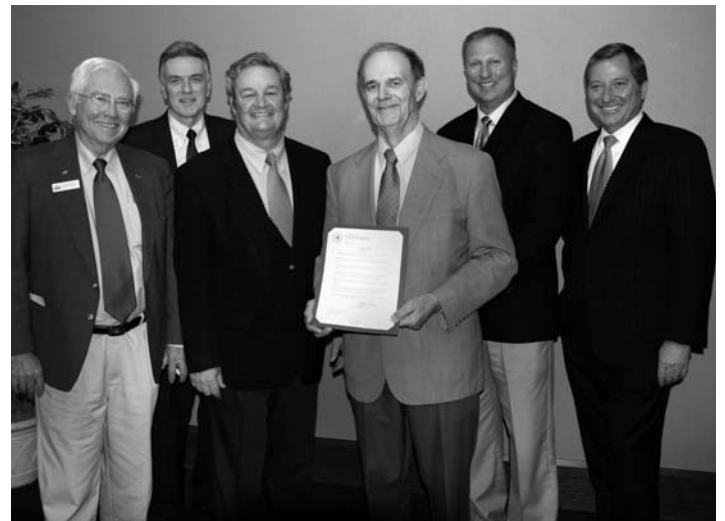
By AOPA ePublishing Staff

Aviation contributes \$1.25 billion each year to the North Dakota economy and provides important services such as emergency ambulance flights. Gov. John Hoeven and Lt. Gov. Jack Dalrymple recognized the importance of aviation to their state by proclaiming March 7 through 13 North Dakota Aviation Week.

Dalrymple presented Hoeven's proclamation, March 8, at the Upper Midwest Aviation Symposium; the documents cites the critically important role that general aviation plays in the overall state economy and its value as a tool for transportation, emergency services, aerial application, wildlife control, and law enforcement. AOPA Central Regional Representative Bill Hamilton was on hand throughout the symposium.

"Aviation impacts many sectors of our economy and state; last year, air travel tourism contributed \$500 million to the state's economy, aerial applicators sprayed more than three million acres of crops, two million packages were delivered as a result of air delivery service and 500 air emergency ambulance flights were deployed," the proclamation reads.

Proclamations like the one in North Dakota illustrate that political leaders are aware of the many benefits of their state's aviation industry. AOPA continually promotes the benefits of general aviation to lawmakers in each state and monitors all legislative actions that could affect GA.



(l to r): AOPA Central Regional Representative Bill Hamilton; FAA Great Lakes Region Administrator Barry Cooper; North Dakota Lt. Gov. Jack Dalrymple; Aeronautics Commission Chairman Bob Miller; Aeronautics Director Larry Taborsky; and NASAO President Henry Ogrodzinski.

# NDPAMA

By Lloyd Ouellette, Outgoing President

As President of NDPAMA, I would like to thank all the people involved in this year's Upper Midwest Aviation Symposium, NDAC, and all the Vendors, the Speakers that spoke for the various groups.

Let's not forget the Holiday Inn staff, great job!

As for the NDPAMA group, we had a very knowledgeable group of speakers. We had Don Brown of FAASTeam, Andrea Watts of Standard Aero, Carol Leyner of Colorado Classic Aircraft, Joe Logie of Champion Aerospace, Rob Robson of Goodyear Aviation Tires, Berry Wells of Cessna Aircraft Co., Vince Bechtel of Tempest, Jim Ramsey of Diagnostic Solution International, Tom Heid of Aerospace welding, and from the Fargo FSDO Office, Inspectors Vance Emerson and Jeff Boe.

NDPAMA gave out at the banquet the Gordon W. Person Scholarship to Jordan Loewen of Park River, ND. He is attending Lake Area Technical Institute in Watertown, South Dakota. Congratulations, Jordan and welcome to the Aviation Profession.

The Mechanic of the Year Award went to Brent Allen, in recognition of his contribution to aviation safety and demonstration of a high level of professionalism in the performance of his duties as an aviation technician. Brent is currently employed at the Fargo Jet Center.

In regards to the Gordon W. Person Scholarship and the Mechanic of the Year Award, please submit your recommendations throughout the year

As President of NDPAMA, I would like to thank all the members of the NDPAMA, and the people on the North Dakota Aviation Council, it was a great experience working with you. I now turn it over to Howard Burns as President of NDPAMA.

We'll see you next year in Minot, ND.

## ALLAN JEROME "AL" SKRAMSTAD, MASTER INSTRUCTOR EMERITUS



Allan J. Skramstad, a 7-time Master CFI and charter SAFE member, was recently granted Master Instructor Emeritus status in recognition of his many years of commitment to excellence, professional growth, service to the aviation community, and quality aviation education. Al, a University of North Dakota associate professor emeritus, recently retired from UND (<http://Aero.UND.edu>) and is serving as a FAASTeam lead representative in the FAA's Fargo FSDO area.

Questions regarding the Master Instructor Program may be directed to 303-485-8136 or [MasterInstr@aol.com](mailto:MasterInstr@aol.com). To learn more about the Society of Aviation and Flight Educators (SAFE), visit <http://SafePilots.US/>. For more information about the Master Instructor Program and to locate other Masters, please visit the "Find a Master Instructor" section of [www.MasterInstructors.org](http://www.MasterInstructors.org)

# NDPAMA NOTES

By Howard Burns, President

NDPAMA held IA renewal training during the 2010 Upper Midwest Aviation Symposium. Vendors, aircraft manufacturing representatives, specialty service providers and the FAA conducted the training sessions. Lloyd Ouellette did a great job organizing the training sessions. Those in attendance had an opportunity to interact with each other as well as gain valuable information.

Technicians in attendance received a punch card to document the training sessions they attended. Remember, it is important to hang on to these cards so they can be submitted to the FAA, along with any future training done within the next year, since IA renewal endorsements are now done on a biennial basis.

We would also like to recognize our past NDPAMA President and NDAC Chairman, Rod Brekken for organizing a great symposium. All of the member seminars were well attended and we are looking forward to another great Symposium in Minot next year.

NDPAMA is putting together an email group that will allow our organization to share information with its members. All aviation maintenance technicians, avionics technicians and repairmen are encouraged to send your name and email address to [ndpama@hotmail.com](mailto:ndpama@hotmail.com). This list will not be shared outside our organization. If you have comments regarding the training sessions or suggestions for next year's speakers or topic areas, they could also be submitted to the same email address.

Here's looking forward to the warmer weather so the hangar door can stay open. Enjoy your spring!

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## NBAA MEMBER FARGOJET STEPS UP IN A TIME OF NEED EMPLOYEES SUPPORT RED RIVER FLOOD RELIEF WORK

Nearly half of the 100 employees at Fargo Jet Center (FJC) in Fargo, ND volunteered to sandbag the banks of the rapidly rising Red River. River levels in Fargo rose as high as 39 feet, well over the city's "major flood" stage of 30 feet.

"Volunteerism is being part of the community," said Darren Hall, FJC Vice President for Marketing. "Stepping up in a time of need."

Many FJC employees helped sandbag river banks evenings after work. Others took advantage of the company's policy allowing such volunteering whenever workload permits.

In parts of endangered residential areas, long lines of volunteers stretched from the pallets of sandbags to the line where the sandbag walls were being built. FJC volunteers Mandi Hagen, Jessica Richard, Darren Hall and Kari Flaagan (pictured) were part of a 100 person line, rhythmically tossing sandbags down the row. Some lines, Hall said, can be nearly 1,000 people.

Also as part of the Fargo flood relief effort, FJC supported military aircraft, including a National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) research aircraft to help monitor flood conditions, and a North Dakota Army Guard Blackhawk helicopter providing local and state officials an overview of the disaster. All military aircraft received FJC services identical to those provided business airplanes that frequent Fargo.

"And our flight school supports the media as they tried to accurately report this," added Hall. "You can only see some of what's happening from ground level, so we used our flight school's Cessna 172s to give them a perspective only general aviation can provide."

This year's flooding in Fargo was exacerbated by unusually heavy rains in November, followed by large amounts of heavy, very wet snow in January and February.



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# NDPA

By Paul Hanson, President

Each year the North Dakota Aviation Council produces the Upper Midwest Aviation Symposium. No exception for 2010. Although held in Fargo, ND, this March, the symposium is a 9-month planning process for the council members. As a past member of the council I know of the hard work that goes into making this annual event a success.

Committees are assigned to certain tasks; a council member may be on one or more of these committees. These committees range from preparation of site of symposium, to food preparation, organization of public relations, exhibitors set up and much more. Special situations are delegated to specific council members.

The council is made up of different aviation organizations, each search from their list of contacts for speakers for various topics. Finding relevant subject matter for AMTS, pilots, airport administrators, FBO's ops, etc., can be a tedious matter. Sometime this really becomes a headache, juggling presentation times, space, when speakers can present and their travel requirement. We have had speakers literally arrive in a.m. and depart right after the engagement in a.m. to go to their next engagement.

When you see NDAC Council member please thank them for all the volunteer work they put in to make the Upper Midwest Aviation Symposium an annual success. As a side note, from speakers and exhibitors who attend this symposium and others, the Upper Midwest Aviation Symposium is one of the best. Good job, NDAC! ([www.ndac.aero/](http://www.ndac.aero/))

What happened from pilot side UMAS 2010, lots. Sunday's tail plane icing generated great conversation on this little-understood phenomena. Auto pilot session brought the basic operation of Garmin GFC700 and S-TEC 55x to light.

Assistant Professor JD Joe Vacek, University of ND, gave a very good talk on the new ins and outs on filling out the FAA medical form for renewal of airmen medical. There have been some changes to the form, you must read the directions associated with the form or you may unintentionally induce fraud by omitting violation arrest, conviction. Read carefully, if you need help ask your AME for clarification.

The EPAIS, Electronic Advance Passenger Information System, drew interest for those crossing border by air. Big point—you and your passengers must have passports for crossing both ways.

National Weather Service had Dan Riddle and Peter Rogers do sessions on TAF and weather hazards. Meanwhile Leslie Martin and Tina Anderson, UND Aerospace, talk on IFR regulation change. Leslie and Pete Schumacher (UND Aerospace), Jim Linney FAA discussed ADS-B as a system and its roll out time frame for operations.

Diana Siewert, UND Aerospace Director of Safety, gave us a look into their accident investigation involving the fatal Piper PA-44 accident Oct 2007. This was a disturbing review for Diana, and me as well, being an Alumnus of that program.

The last day of the symposium yielded great discussion with Bill Hamilton, AOPA, Henry Ogrodzinski, NASAO, Barry Cooper, FAA Great Lake Regions Administrator. ATC Tower, Chiefs from Bismarck, Fargo, Grand Forks as GFAFB Tower/Rapcon, discussed what was happening at their facilities. A special hour was set aside for a Q&A session with Julie Clark, Air Show performer. This generated a lively give-and-take which all involved will relish.

In addition, on March 31, 2010, all paper certificates become invalid. Go to [www.faa.gov](http://www.faa.gov) or [www.faasafety.gov](http://www.faasafety.gov), search out the certificate update and get the new plastic certificates. Airport PASSPORT Booklet program is due out around first of May. This is an incentive to visit all 89 airports in North Dakota.

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Julie Clark (l) with Rozsella Hanson (r) at this year's UMAS in Fargo.



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# WRIGHT BROTHERS' MASTER PILOT AWARDS

## Ardell J. Vonesh



Ardell started flying in 1946. While living on a farm Northeast of Mayville, North Dakota, Ardell would land his plane in the cow pastures. At a young age, he was in the local 4H club and gave an airplane ride to his sister Pat. He spent five summer sessions working in Alaska before serving in the Army.

After spending 13 months in Korea, Ardell left the Army and used his GI bill to get his commercial pilot certificate at Montgomery Air Service in Grand Forks, ND. He was very active in the Civil Air Patrol and started as a senior to Captain with the Grand Forks ND Composite Squadron. While in the CAP, he was a qualified observer and mission pilot. The CAP provided him the opportunity to travel to Maxwell Air Force Base, Cape Canaveral, and Wright Paterson Air Force Base.

Ardell is a member of the EAA Chapter 380 and also a member of the National Museum Organization in Oshkosh, Wisconsin.

His son Ronald is the holder of a private pilot certificate, and his daughter Carmen is currently a student pilot.

Ardell and his family currently reside in Grand Forks, North Dakota.

*Congratulations, Ardell J. Vonesh.*

## Norbert J. O'Keefe



Dr. Norbert O'Keefe began flying and soloed in October 1944. Norbert's love for aviation encouraged many people to start flying. In 1973, Dr. O'Keefe opened a new Cessna Pilot Center at the Bismarck Airport where he took great pride in making sure OK Aviation was a modern and safe FBO.

Eventually Norb found himself refurbishing a DeHaviland Beaver on floats. He used the Beaver to fly and record the entire Lewis and Clark route to the Pacific Ocean.

As a physician, he was very instrumental in flying to numerous outlying clinics where he delivered radiology services.

Over the years, Norb's passion for flying became a big part of his life and he continues to be a great inspiration to those around him.

Dr. O'Keefe currently resides in Bismarck, North Dakota.

*Congratulations, Dr. Norbert O'Keefe.*

## William James L. King



William James L. King began his pilot training in 1958. His flight training began years after his enlistment into the US Air Force. Captain King provided instruction to USAF pilots and foreign nationals earning a Master Certificate in Jet Instruction. During his service in the military, Mr. King participated in combat operations against the North Vietnamese earning various awards and medals. Upon completion of a second combat tour, he was assigned as a staff officer in the Strategic Air Command Headquarters. Lt. Col. King retired from active duty in 1979 and began a career in civil aviation.

For many years, Mr. King has provided flight instruction at the John D. Odegard School for Aerospace Sciences in Grand Forks, ND. In addition to many military honors, he earned his Master Flight Instructor and was named ND Flight Instructor of Year.

Currently, Mr. King is working with the University of North Dakota and is instrumental in providing instruction to students. Because of his on-going dedication, Mr. King has given to the University of North Dakota, many students will benefit from his experience and contributions to aviation safety.

William James L. King currently resides in Grand Forks, North Dakota.

*Congratulations, William James L. King.*

## Theodore M. Wanner

Theodore started his aviation career in September 1958 as a Naval Aviation Cadet in Pensacola, Florida. Mr. Wanner flew the T-34, T-1A, F-9, & F-11 and as a naval aviator flew the F-6A Douglas Skyray as part of a special detachment out of the NAS in Key West during the Cuban missile crisis. He also flew the F-4 on four combat cruises off Viet Nam while on the USS Constellation and USS Ranger. Mr. Wanner proudly served as a Commanding Officer VF-114 and in 1978 retired as Captain.

After his service in the navy, he became a captain for five years with American Airlines with type ratings in the B-767, B-757, & FK-100.

Mr. Wanner is the holder of an Airline Transport Pilot and owner of a CE-177RG. He is assigned to the Dickinson Rough Rider Squadron 044 and proudly serves his community. His son Nicholas is also a pilot and currently flying with SkyWest Airlines as a captain.

Theodore is known for his meticulous flight planning and with over 10,800 hours of flight time, he enjoys flying with Nicholas.

Theodore currently resides in Belfield, North Dakota.

*Congratulations, Theodore M. Wanner.*



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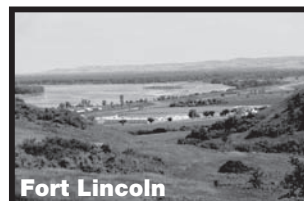
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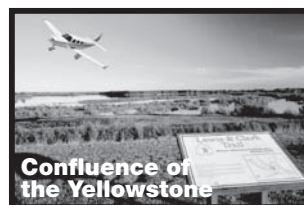
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## HILLSBORO AIRPORT'S FIRST ANNUAL FLY OUT

By Larry Mueller

For 11 years, we have held an airport "Fly In." It usually requires lots of work, including cleaning up all the grounds, mowing every blade of grass we can find, hauling out garbage that builds up over the year, and lining up food for people you hope will show up. All fun things like that. By the time it's over, we ask ourselves if we had fun! And then, a new concept in the world of flying. We decided this year we wanted to fly instead of just working at the airport. And so we asked ourselves, "Instead of a Fly In, how about a Fly Out?"

With this concept in mind, the first annual Hillsboro Fly Out will take place on Sat, July 17th. We will include seven airports on the tour, starting in Hillsboro between 7:30 am to 8:30 am. A dartboard will be traveling to each of the seven airports on the tour, and you will have a chance to throw nine darts at each stop. (The throwing times are on the schedule below.) Unless you are a real ringer, your best chance to win the big prize will be to make sure you are at each airport at the designated time. Total scores will be added throughout the day, and the winner will receive great honors and a very large prize (prize not yet determined, but trust us, it will be big). This should be a lot of fun, and a great excuse to fly the plane for a couple of days.

At the end of the evening, we will end up at DIK airport. Matt Remyense, airport manager, has informed me that there is an area at the airport that can be used for tenting if desired. We have also talked about the possibility of getting a bus lined up to take those interested to Medora for the pitchfork fondue and musical. It's always a great show! Following the show, we would return to the airport, and then it's each to his own.

Challenges - what if the weather is bad? It will be up to each person to order their own musical tickets, so we may have to wait till the last minute to get seats. If you have an interest in going on this adventure, however, please drop me an email, and I will start keeping track of estimated numbers right away. If we get to a large enough number, perhaps I can see if they will hold a block of seats for us till we can see how the forecast is looking. Since half the fun of something like this is playing your cards with the weather, not everything may go perfect to plan. We may need to be a little flexible, but hopefully, it will all work great!

So if you think you might join up with the group, whether it be at the start or joining somewhere along the way, drop me an email with the estimate of people in your group that might have an interest in going to Medora. And when you clear the runway, you can even add a "Bully" in there.

## FIRST ANNUAL HILLSBORO FLY OUT AND DARTBOARD CHALLENGE!

SATURDAY, JULY 17th  
Hillsboro Airport (3H4)  
rolls at airport terminal

Combined score of 9 darts (throwing allowed from 7:30 am - 8:30 am central time)

Casselton Airport (5N8)  
Dart throwing 9:00 am - 9:30 am

Edgeley Airport (51D)  
Dart throwing 11:00 am - 11:30 am

Linton Airport (7L2)  
Dart Throwing 12:15 pm - 12:45 pm

Mandan Airport (Y19)  
Dart Throwing 2:00 pm - 2:30 pm

Glen Ullin Airport (D57)  
Dart Throwing 3:30 pm - 4:00 pm

Dickinson Airport (KDIK)  
Dart throwing 4:00 - 4:30 pm Mountain Daylight Time

Dart throwing awards - 4:45 pm MDT  
Top score of possible 7 airports added together  
(63 dart throws)

Bus leaves DIK airport at 5:30 pm MDT for Medora  
Pitchfork Fondue at 6:30 pm MDT  
Medora Musical at 8:30 pm MDT

Bus returns to DIK airport. Camping is available on airfield.

## HEADS UP. NEW FAA DUI PROCEDURE

By Maurice Cook

Pilots are required to report a DUI conviction to the FAA within 60 days per Title 14 Code of Federal Regulations part 61.15 (e) and on the pilot medical examination form. FAA used to give the airman a "free pass" on the first DUI. Not any longer. If you refuse to take a blood alcohol test or test .15 or higher you will be required to obtain a substance abuse evaluation from a recognized counselor before you can get your next medical certificate. SO, if you get a DUI conviction you should contact your medical examiner at once and talk to a lawyer who is knowledgeable of aviation law, such as the AOPA Legal Services Plan Panel Attorney, and get the process started. Among the documentation you will be required to submit are the court documents surrounding the conviction. If you do not and wait until your medical is about to expire, your examiner will likely not be able to give you a new medical certificate until the evaluation process has been completed leaving you unable to exercise your pilot privileges until your medical certificate is granted. DON'T GUESS—CONTACT YOUR EXAMINER AND LAWYER.

## GRAND FORKS INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT IS AWARDED THE "2009 COMMERCIAL AIRPORT OF THE YEAR"

Grand Forks International Airport is honored to announce it has received the "2009 Commercial Airport of Year" award. Presenting the award is Tim Thorsen, President of the Airport Association of ND and Mark Holzer of North Dakota Aeronautics Commission.

Accepting the award is Patrick Dame-Executive Director, and Rick Audette-Operations Supervisor, of the Grand Forks Regional Airport Authority. The award was presented March 9, 2010 at the Upper Midwest Aviation Symposium held in Fargo.

The award is sponsored by the North Dakota Aeronautics Commission in conjunction with the Airport Association of ND. This designation is based on excellence in maintaining safety, project management, and community awareness for a modern and secure airport.

### Accomplishments for 2009 were:

- 1 - Airport marketing of local airline service which increased airline boarding by 11%.
- 2 - Completed the fourth runway 9R-27L which helped set a record number of aircraft annual operations of 347,533 landings and takeoffs for the 22nd busiest airport in the nation.
- 3 - Safety improvements with bird reductions near wetlands and landfill were accomplished.
- 4 - Held opening house events for new terminal dedication and runway opening for community awareness.

The Grand Forks Regional Airport Authority, City of Grand Forks, and Grand Forks County is congratulated for a tremendous year of airport accomplishments.



(l to r): Mark Holzer, Tim Thorsen, Pres. AAND, Patrick Dame, Grand Forks Apt., Rick Audette, GF airport

## HILLSBORO MUNICIPAL AIRPORT IS AWARDED THE "2009 GENERAL AVIATION AIRPORT OF YEAR"

Hillsboro Municipal Airport is honored to announce it has received the "2009 General Aviation Airport of Year" award. Presenting the award is Tim Thorsen, President of the Airport Association of ND and Mark Holzer of North Dakota Aeronautics Commission.

Accepting the award is Larry Mueller-Chairman, Randy Aarstad and Chad Hanson-Members of Hillsboro Municipal Airport Authority. Airport members Tom Mueller and Les Hurt were not pictured. The award was presented March 9, 2010 at the Upper Midwest Aviation Symposium held in Fargo.

The award is sponsored by the North Dakota Aeronautics Commission in conjunction with the Airport Association of ND. This designation is based on excellence in maintaining safety, project management, and community awareness for a modern and secure airport.

### Accomplishments for 2009 were:

- 1 - Airport marketing in aviation trades news and seminars
- 2 - Hosted a military flood relief helicopter crew for two weeks
- 3 - Airport awareness with fly-in and Duggy kids education sponsored
- 4 - Airport crack sealing project
- 5 - Acquired new Payloader for snow removal with FAA and state aeronautics grants

The Hillsboro Municipal Airport Authority, City of Hillsboro, and Traill County Commission is congratulated for a tremendous year of many hours of airport authority volunteer efforts.



(l to r): Mark Holzer, Tim Thorsen, Larry Mueller, Randy Aarstad, Chad Hanson

## 2010 NATIONAL AVIONICS TECHNICIAN OF THE YEAR



**Kirk H. Peterson** has been selected by the General Aviation Awards program as the 2010 National Avionics Technician of the Year. He currently holds a Federal Communications Commission license with Radar endorsement, an Airframe and Powerplant (A&P) Technician Certificate with inspection authorization (IA), a Repairman Certificate, and has over 25 years of avionics maintenance and repair experience.

For the past 20 years, Kirk has been employed by the University of North Dakota's John D Odegard School of Aerospace Sciences (<http://www.Aero.UND.edu/>). He is the avionics manager of an FAA Part 145 repair station that maintains over 100 aircraft ranging from Supercubs to turbine helicopters and turbine aircraft that are used by UND's flight-training department. Kirk is responsible for maintaining UND's state-of-the-art avionics lab. The avionics shop has grown from one person in 1990 to its current staff of three full-time avionics technicians and three part-time repairmen.

Peterson represented the Fargo FSDO area and the FAA's Great Lakes Region.

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### May 22, 2010

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Grand Forks Air Force Base  
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### June 13, 2010

Mandan Airport  
Fly-In Breakfast  
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Contact: Brad Kramer  
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### June 19, 2010

Beulah Airport Fly-In Breakfast  
Contact: Kevin Lee  
(701) 873-2259

### June 20, 2010

Garrison Municipal Airport  
Fly-In Breakfast  
Contact: Brian Klabunde  
(701) 337-6294

### June 26, 2010

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Fly-In Breakfast  
Contact: Steve Frovarp  
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### June 27-29, 2010 - Bismarck

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### July 15, 2010

Hillsboro Municipal Airport  
11th Annual Fly-In – 5:00 pm  
Contact: Larry Mueller  
(701) 430-1444

### July 17, 2010

Hillsboro Fly-Out  
Contact: Larry Mueller  
(701) 430-1444

### July 18, 2010

McVie Municipal Airport  
Fly-In Breakfast – 8:00 am-11:00 am  
Contact: Clayton Ward  
(701) 322-5585  
Contact: Allen Rude  
(701) 322-4473

### July 24, 2010

Old-Fashioned Saturday  
Fly-In Breakfast  
Northwood  
Contact: Craig Hanson  
(218) 779-2928  
7:00 am-10:30 am

### July 26 - August 1, 2010

EAA AirVenture  
Oshkosh, WI

### August 14, 2010

Kindred Airport  
Fly-In Breakfast  
Contact: Ron Lundquist  
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### September 5, 2010

USA - Canada International Fly-In  
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Contact: Larry Taborsky  
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### September 11, 2010

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### September 19, 2010

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