

# ALASKA AIR CARRIERS ASSOCIATION

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## AACA Welcomes A New Member: BALD MOUNTAIN AIR



Bald Mountain Air Service (BMAS) is headquartered in Homer and owned by life-long Alaskans, Gary and Jeanne Porter. BMAS offers a wide range of bear viewing tours in and around Kachemak Bay, Kodiak Island and Katmai National Park. In addition, they have a dedicated scientific exploration branch in Deadhorse which serves the North Slope.

BMAS is an Alaska Native 8(a), woman-owned FAA certified on-demand air carrier and specializes in remote transportation and supply needs for the scientific and exploration community. BMAS offers highly-skilled flight crews and versatile aircraft that can be flown anywhere in the world.

Bald Mountain Air Service (BMAS) provides specialized air transportation to the scientific, natural resource exploration, and tourism industries. Maintaining a fleet of short takeoff and landing (STOL) single and twin turbine powered DeHavilland Otters, BMAS delivers custom solutions for clients that require aerial survey work, passenger and freight delivery, and access to remote, ecologically sensitive off-airport locations.

Owner operators Jeanne and Gary Porter formed BMAS in 1993. Together, they have successfully mixed a professional staff and risk management strategies to produce an accident-free company with more than 23,000 operational flight hours.

Our fleet has been chosen for its dependability and versatility in performing a wide range of missions that cannot be duplicated by any other aircraft. Each airplane is specially outfitted to meet the safety, comfort, and functional requirements necessary in arctic environments. BMAS maintains fixed base facilities in Homer and Prudhoe Bay, Alaska. Depending on client needs additional operational bases can be arranged at serviced airports or remote field locations.

Bald Mountain Air can be reached at 907 235-7969. Visit their website at <http://www.baldmountainair.com/index.html>.

### NEXT YEAR:

AACA  
44th Annual  
Conference  
**March 1-4,**  
**2010**  
Monday-Thursday  
**Hotel Captain  
Cook  
Anchorage**  
FAA IA Recertification  
is Friday, March 5

### APRIL

## MARKET NEWS

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### CORRECTION: Title 17 Aviation Rates

The text portion in the April 1 newsletter stated that AVIATION rates would increase 2010. This was a typo. **AVIATION rates will increase January 2011.** NON-AVIATION rates, however, will increase in 2010.

## AACA 2009 CONVENTIO



## AACA Welcomes a New Associate Member: CABRITA SOFTWARE

Cabrita Software is a division of Trillium Custom Software and is located about 30 miles north of Seattle. The company has over 11 years' experience building robust, user-friendly corporate database systems. Cabrita provides flexible purchase and lease options for our software applications. Call 425 397-8000 or visit the website at [www.cabritatrek.com](http://www.cabritatrek.com).



Cabrita™ TREK is a customizable software application designed to make managing and operating your airline easier. In the airline industry, when dealing with time sensitive changes, real-time data integration is a must. Developed as a multifunctional application for Part 135/121 carriers, Cabrita™ TREK is an integrated solution that ensures accurate real-time data across the application. TREK takes multiple functions involved in running your airline and combines them into one multifunctional server based application.

### Major features

- Web Reservations - Secure, Fast and Simple
- Reservations - Scheduled and Charter Flights
- Flight Operations - Check In, Manifest Creation
- Dispatch - Last minute passenger assignments, Flight Tracking
- Aircraft Maintenance - Integrated with Dispatch
- APIS / UNEDIFACT - Updated as government requirements change
- Financials - Contains all financial transaction details such as payments and taxes
- DOT - Supports and generates monthly exports for T-100 Traffic Reporting System

TREK is a comprehensive and customizable software application designed to make managing and operating your airline easier. TREK is a tool that can enhance your airline.

With more than 80 sortable reports, TREK provides not only management-level reporting features such as Load Factor and Flight Embarkation Reports but also Flight Manifests and Passenger Confirmation Reports as well. TREK will track the facts for you.

## Incoming President: JERRY ROCK

Jerry Rock was re-elected to the AACA Board of Directors by our active members at the AACA annual meeting held on March 5th at the convention and trade show.

Then on March 6th, the AACA Board of Directors elected Mr. Rock as president for the 2009-2010 term of office, which begins July 1, 2009.

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Mr. Rock has 30 years of aviation experience, over 20 of those years spent in the management of highly successful aviation companies in Alaska. He has managed multi-million dollar international aviation operations, expanded into new markets, lead diversification and increased revenues. His experience and leadership has been an invaluable asset to AACA for many years.

Jerry has lived in Alaska for over 40 years, working in bush Alaska and serving in multiple aviation companies whose names are synonymous with Alaska's aviation industry.

AACA looks forward to his leadership and the continued generous contribution of his time and expertise, as we work to support the Alaskan aviation industry.



## **Associates Elect A New Associate Member to the AACA Board**

On March 6th, the AACA Associate Members elected Bob Yerex to the AACA Board of Directors. Bob will serve from July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2011.

Mr. Yerex has over 30 years of diverse aviation experience as a mechanic, systems integrator, safety manager, and pilot. Bob retired with more than 24 years in the military, including tours in the U.S. Coast Guard from both Kodiak and Sitka. After retirement Bob flew for a Seattle-based Part 121 regional airline and a Part 135 EMS helicopter provider.

Bob has managed and participated in numerous military and civilian avionics development programs to include OEM level integrations utilizing state of the art avionics and R&D technologies.

Bob is an ATP rated pilot (helicopter and multi-engine fixed wing) with over 8300 flight hours to include 540 hours of Night Vision Goggle, and over 300 hours using infrared imaging systems. He has additionally instructed since 1993 and holds CFI, CFII and MEI ratings to include instruction in both land and sea airplanes and helicopters. Mr. Yerex has managed/developed world class training and database management programs and holds numerous awards to include Senior Member of the Year (Civil Air Patrol), Order of Daedalian Pilot of the Year, Air Medal, Distinguished Flying Cross, and the Alaska Medal of Heroism. He is a graduate of Embry Riddle Aeronautical University (Bachelor of Science, and Aviation Safety Management), the Naval Postgraduate School (Aviation Safety), and the International Center for Safety.

Bob is currently the Director of Sales and Marketing for Max-Viz Inc. and resides and works in Gig Harbor, WA with his wife (Jan) of 11 years and two daughters, 8 and 6 years old.



## **TSA's Sammon to Speak on LASP**

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**June 9th**

**NATA Air Charter Summit**



TSA's top policy official, John Sammon, will address the latest general aviation security developments, including the Large Aircraft Security Program NPRM, security directives affecting general aviation operators, Operation Playbook and much more at the 2009 NATA Air Charter Summit, June 8-10 at the Westfields Marriott in Dulles, VA. (See story below.)

The TSA has proposed that onerous security program regulations should apply to any aircraft weighing over 12,500 pounds. This Large Aircraft Security Program (LASP) proposal has generated over 7,000 public comments, mostly in opposition, that the TSA must consider before imposing the proposed security regime. At the same time, the TSA has implemented a random security screening protocol, called "Operation Playbook," wherein TSA employees arrive unannounced at general aviation facilities and seek to impose screening and other security measures on customers, passengers and operators. Sammon, the TSA official with authority over the LASP and Operation Playbook, will be on-hand to answer audience questions about these controversial activities.

**NATA 2009 Air Charter Summit**

**June 8-10**

**Westfields Marriott, Dulles, VA**

***Addressing Regulatory And Business Issues Unique To The Part 135 Community***

This is a critical time. Our industry and therefore our businesses are experiencing unprecedented turmoil and public stigmatization.

To get back on the road to prosperity and success, we must:

- Get on our feet, and hit the ground running.
- Achieve stability and return to prosperity.
- Gain the vision, ideas, skills, techniques, and understanding vital to survive and succeed in our business.
- Incite action, bring about positive change, and capitalize on opportunities.
- Raise our voices. And have them heard!

NATA's 2009 Air Charter Summit provides an opportunity for Part 135 executives to hear about the regulatory landscape straight from government officials, get the latest intelligence, tactics, and strategies from nationally recognized experts, be inspired, find new solutions to current business challenges, and enjoy good company and entertainment.

**Managers And Senior-Level Executives Of Part 135 Operations Are Invited To:**

Receive an exclusive FAA regulatory review of Part 135 issues such as operational control, Part 135 ARC proposals, flight and duty time requirements, and performance assessments prior to landing with Dennis Pratte, Manager, Part 135 Air Carrier Operations Branch and Don Arendt, Manager, Flight Standards Office.

Get a general aviation security update from John Sammon, Assistant Administrator of TSA's Transportation Sector Network Management. Sammon will address the Large Aircraft Security Program NPRM, security directives affecting general aviation operators, Operation Playbook as well as many other topics.

Explore what you can do to curb the public and media attack on business aviation with William Garvey, Business & Commercial Aviation and Lisa Stark, ABC News.

Discover the best ways to protect your crews, executives and owners from criminal liability in the event of an accident.

Know your rights in responding to enforcement actions. Find out what you must disclose in the event of an inspection and what restrictions you may be able to impose on their activities. Get the facts.

Learn what some of the world's top general aviation manufacturing executives have to say about the current state and future prospects of general aviation manufacturing sales and delivery.

Prepare your business now for success in the new economy. Join James K. Coyne, NATA, Richard Van Gemert, Jet Aviation, Bill Haberstock, Million Air - Salt Lake City, and James C. Christiansen, NetJets, for a frank discussion about surviving in today's economy and what you can do now to take advantage of a market rebound.

Take some time to relax, be inspired and entertained during a dinner performance by the Capitol Steps and during NATA Industry Excellence Awards Breakfast keynote speech by George Mason University Head Coach Jim Larranaga.

Visit [www.nata.aero/acs](http://www.nata.aero/acs) for more information on this event, housing details and registration instructions.