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## Cessna Airworthiness Directive effective January 5, 2009

### Check Your Cessna's Alternate Static Port

A new airworthiness directive from the FAA applies to certain Cessna 172, 175, 177, 180, 182, 185, 188, 206, 207, 208, 210, 303, 336, and 337 series airplanes. The AD requires operators to check the alternate static air source selector valve to assure that the alternate static air source selector valve port is not obstructed by a part number identification placard.

The FAA has been notified that several aircraft have been found with blocked ports as the result of "improper installation of the part number identification placard on the alternate static air source selector valve." The agency hopes to identify affected ports and prevent the condition from providing pilots with incorrect flight information that could lead to loss of control.

The agency is asking operators to check the port, determine whether a placard-induced obstruction exists and removing the placard if it does. Those finding an obstruction are asked to report it to the FAA.

This AD is a direct-to-final rule action that goes into effect Jan. 5, while it is accepting comments through Feb. 23.

Full details are available online, [here](#). You'll want to check the full list of models to see if your aircraft is affected. The FAA issues direct-to-final ADs when it believes the rule addresses an unsafe condition that is likely to exist or develop.

## Call for Nominations for the

## AACA Scholarship Deadline Extended

The deadline has been extended for receipt of applications for the Forrest Jones Memorial Scholarship. Applications will be received through Jan 15, 2009. You can get an application by visiting the AACA website: [www.alaskaaircarriers.org](http://www.alaskaaircarriers.org)

## Bet on a Sure Thing: SAFETY

AACA 43rd Annual Conference

March 3-7, 2009  
Hotel Captain Cook  
Anchorage



## TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

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## AACA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Any AACA member or employee of an AACA member may be nominated to the AACA Board of Directors by another AACA member, or may submit a self-nomination.

You may see a list of board positions whose terms end in 2009 and print out a [nomination form](#) from the AACA website [www.alaskaaircarriers.org](http://www.alaskaaircarriers.org) and submit it to AACA by mail, fax or email. AACA encourages you to include supporting materials such as a short bio or resume for the nominee.

## Call for Nominations for the Medallion Foundation Board

Anyone may make a nomination for the Medallion Foundation Board. Six positions are open for nominations and will be filled in 2009. You may print out a [nomination form](#) and a list of the upcoming openings from the AACA website [www.alaskaaircarriers.org](http://www.alaskaaircarriers.org). Please submit your nominations to AACA by mail, fax or email. AACA encourages you to include supporting materials such as a short bio or resume for the nominee.

## AACA SERVICE AWARDS

### Call for Nominations

By acknowledging the exceptional merit of an individual or organization, the Alaska Air Carrier Association service awards encourage performance at the highest standards, continually developing professionalism in the Alaskan aviation industry.

Any individual or organization, whether they are an AACA member or not, can submit a nomination. Please provide concise details that support your nomination.

You may print out a [nomination form](#) from the AACA website [www.alaskaaircarriers.org](http://www.alaskaaircarriers.org) and submit it to AACA by mail, fax or email.

#### AACA Arlo Livingston Award

This award recognizes individual achievement in the betterment of Alaskan aviation. The AACA Arlo Livingston Award was created in 1983 in memory of a remarkable man who made a lifelong contribution to the aviation industry. Arlo was instrumental in starting the Alaska Air Carriers Association in 1966.

Previous recipients include leaders from every corner of Alaska:

Carl Brady, honored as an early helicopter pioneer

Richard Wien, honored for taking AACA statewide & serving as the 1st statewide president

Ken Eichner, helicopter pilot and businessman, honored as an initial AACA supporter

This award is considered each year, but is given only when a deserving candidate is identified who has made an exceptional contribution to Alaskan aviation.

#### AACA Tony Cestnik Maintenance Award

The Tony Cestnik Maintenance Award exists to honor an individual, team, or organization for distinguished, longstanding performance of aviation maintenance which sets a standard of excellence.

#### Mechanic of the Year Award

This award recognizes a mechanic for exemplary long-term service or an outstanding specific action which personifies an outstanding awareness of the contribution of maintenance to aviation safety. The recipient must be a current Airframe and Powerplant-rated mechanic with at least five years of experience. Eligibility for this award is limited to hands-on maintenance personnel and their direct supervisors.

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## M&O INPUT ON ALASKA AIRPORTS IS DUE BY JANUARY 15

Questionnaires were sent to all air carriers soliciting input regarding maintenance and operations at Alaska airports. The information received back will be used in formation of the new Alaska Aviation System Plan. Information provided will be shared with DOWL Engineers, and carrier names will not be shared outside of DOWL Engineers.

## AVIATION EVENTS

Jan 6, 2009

**AACA Events Committee**  
1PM - at the AACA Offices

**AACA Iditarod Humanitarian Service Award**

This award was created to honor an individual pilot or aviation company who best demonstrates the value of aviation in transporting and caring for the dogs or people participating in the Last Great Race. The award may be for a particular single action, or for service in a consistently outstanding manner for a period of time.

**AACA Excellence in Communications Award**

This award honors an individual, publicist, journalist, or media group that has achieved either (a) the most distinct dissemination of aviation news that results in public awareness, (b) makes a significant impact in educating the public on an aspect of the aviation industry, or (c) provides, over a period of time, consistently informative coverage that positively advances an aviation issue.

**AACA Community Service Award**

This award recognizes an individual or organization for outstanding service to the community through improvements to cargo, mail or passenger service to a specific site or a region. The award can recognize a particular single action, or for service in a consistently outstanding manner for a period of time.

**AACA Emergency Medical Transport Award**

This award recognizes an aviation team or pilot who, through a particular rescue /transport or contributions over a period of time to the air medical industry, has exemplified professionalism and expediency in the saving of lives.

**Pilot of the Year Award**

The award recognizes an outstanding single feat performed by a pilot during the year, or extraordinary professionalism over a period of time.

**AACA 43rd Annual Conference & Trade Show**

**March 3-7, 2009**

**Hotel Captain Cook, Anchorage**

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Anchorage, AK

Jan 7, 2009

**Alaska Aviation Advisory Board**  
Anchorage, AK

Jan 14, 2009

**Aviation Industry Council**  
8AM - DOT&PF at Lake Hood  
Anchorage, AK

Jan 14, 2009

**Alaska Aviation Coordination Council**

10AM - DOT&PF, Lake Hood  
Anchorage, AK

Jan 15, 2009

**Agreement Implementation Committee Capstone Outreach**  
Kotzebue, AK

Jan 16, 2009

**Agreement Implementation Committee Capstone Outreach**  
Nome, AK

Feb 24-26, 2009

**HAI (Helicopter Expo)**  
Anaheim, CA

Mar 3-7, 2009

**AACA Annual Convention & Trade Show**  
Anchorage, AK

Mar 13-14, 2009

**NBAA Light Airplane Conference**  
San Diego, CA

## Nanwalek & Port Graham

### Airport Study

The State of Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (DOT&PF) has contracted with DOWL HKM to continue work on the Nanwalek Port Graham Airport project. They have met with village leaders. Preliminary engineering and environmental studies of airport alternatives and access road options are underway.

A public meeting is planned for February 2009. You may receive further information or submit comments to Tom Middendorf via [tmiddendorf@dowlhkm.com](mailto:tmiddendorf@dowlhkm.com) or by calling 907 562-2000.

## New Acting FAA Administrator Selected by President Bush

As his administration prepares to leave office, President George W. Bush on Tuesday announced that he intends to designate Lynne A. Osmus, of Virginia, to be acting administrator of the FAA, effective Jan. 16.

The choice was revealed without fanfare near the end of a long list of new designees and appointments to a range of councils and boards.

Osmus will replace Robert Sturgell, who has been acting administrator since September 2007. Efforts to confirm Sturgell's appointment languished in the Senate last year, and Sturgell said he would step down before the Obama administration took office.

The appointment of Osmus essentially "keeps the seat warm," AOPA spokesman Chris Dancy told AVweb. "It ensures that there is someone accountable at the top of the organization. President-elect Obama is still expected to name a new administrator, and that person, assuming Senate confirmation, will be appointed to the full five-year term."

Osmus has been with the FAA since 1979, and is currently the assistant administrator for security. She led the FAA's post-9/11 security response and served as chief of staff under former Administrator Jane Garvey.