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**Alaska Air Carriers Association & The Medallion Foundation**

invite you to our

**2009 Awards Presentation & End-of-Season Celebration**

**Friday, October 30th, 2009**

**O'Malley's on the Green**

3651 O'Malley Road, Anchorage AK

**Dinner & Program at 6:30pm Reception & Dancing follow**

Contact AACA at 907 277-0071 or visit the website at [www.alaskaaircarriers.org](http://www.alaskaaircarriers.org)

Purchase tables of ten for \$1,000  
Purchase single tickets for \$125  
Each single ticket includes a \$25 donation to the scholarship

**We look forward to recognizing the safety success of our carriers! Don't miss this opportunity to reconnect, celebrate the 2009 flying season, and support the Forrest Jones Memorial Scholarship.**

**Dinner includes:**

Char Broiled Petite Rib Eye Steaks with grilled onions & mushrooms	Red and white wine
Grilled Alaska Salmon with fresh lemon	Oven Roasted Chicken
Roasted Red Potatoes with onions & chives	Fresh Vegetable Medley
	Mixed Green Salad
	Chef's Dessert Selection

Join us Friday, Oct 30, to celebrate safety, reconnect after a busy season, and say, "So Long, Summer!"

**NPRM for Implementation of Safety Management Systems**

On July 23<sup>rd</sup>, the FAA released the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking requiring aviation businesses to implement formal safety management systems. To see the proposed rulemaking, visit the AACA website, or go to <http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2009/pdf/E9-17553.pdf>

The International Civil Aviation Organization defines an SMS as "systematic approach to managing safety, including the necessary organizational structures, accountabilities, policies and procedures."

Comments may be submitted regarding the NPRM until October 21, 2009.

**Capstone SE Alaska Safety Report Released August 6**

The final version of the Southeast Alaska Safety Report was released on August 6. This report captures the measureable impacts of the FAA Capstone program on SE Alaska aviation. The 89-page report is posted on the AACA website.

The study found a 36% difference in the cumulative accident rate and a 31% decrease in the 5-year running average accident rate between Capstone-equipped and non-equipped aircraft.

If you have questions, you can contact: Jane Lee Lopez, SBS Communications, Western Service Area, FAA, by phone at 907-271-5854 or by email at [jlelopez@regulus-group.com](mailto:jlelopez@regulus-group.com).



**FAA NPRM for implementation of Safety Management Systems is available for comment until October 21, 2009**

## Airline Safety & Pilot Training Improvement Act of 2009



### MARKET NOTES

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The U.S. House of Representatives introduced H.R. 3371, the Airline Safety and Pilot Training Improvement Act of 2009, in response to a recent tragic crash in New York.

The Act will impact Part 135 pilot training programs and pilot records for all employers.

#### **Pilot Database**

A pilot records database would be established by the FAA with current airman certificates, medical certificates, type ratings, and limitations.

Records would be kept for failed attempts to pass practical tests to obtain a certificate or type rating and any enforcement actions. An air carrier must then evaluate pilot

records against the FAA database prior to hiring.

The provisions in this part of the bill substantially change the current Pilot Records Improvement Act (PRIA) with further requirements and the need for frequent updates.

The employer must maintain records on pilot performance, training, qualifications, professional competence, evaluations made by a check airman, and any termination or disqualification from previous employment.

#### **Training Programs**

The FAA would be required to issue a final rule on training programs for flight crew members and dispatchers.

An expert panel would be established to review Part 135 and Part 121 training hours.

#### **Flight and Pilot Training**

The Government Accountability Office would study flight schools, flight education, and academic training requirements for certification of an individual as a pilot.

#### **Status**

The U.S. Senate Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation included language similar to HR 3371 in its version of the FAA Reauthorization Bill. NATA believes that if FAA Reauthorization is finalized most of the provisions in H.R. 3371 will become law.

### New Weather Cams



Site Elevation: 351' MSL

Three new sites:  
**TOGIAK,  
KETCHIKAN,  
Dalton Hwy  
YUKON RIVER  
BRIDGE,  
CHEFORNAK,  
KLAWOCK,  
METLAKATLA,  
TULUKSAK,  
YAKUTAT.**

<http://akweathercams.faa.gov/>

## FAA Reauthorization Legislation

Senate Bill S145, known as the *FAA Air Transportation Modernization and Safety Improvement Act* is legislation being considered to reauthorize the FAA through a 2-year \$34.5 billion bill. This reauthorization does not include new commercial or

private user fees, and parallels the US House version of the bill, HR 915, which passed the house in May.

The bill includes benchmarks to ensure that NextGen proceeds in a consistent manner and simplifies certification standards for NextGen technology.

After review by the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation, the Senate Committee on Finance will review the bill.

We will keep you posted on the bill's progress through this session.

## Exemption No. 6175 Extended

On July 30, 2009, the FAA granted a petition submitted by the Helicopter Association International (HAI) on behalf of HAI and the Association of Air Medical Services (AAMS) requesting an extension of Exemption 6175. This exemption permits Part 135 certificate holders that conduct helicopter emergency medical service (EMS) operations, and are members of both the HAI and AAMS to conduct EMS departures under instrument flight rules (IFR) in weather that is at or above visual flight rules (VFR) minimums, from airports or heliports at which a weather report is not available from the U.S. National Weather Services (NWS), a source approved by the NWS, or a source approved by the Administrator.

The exemption is subject to conditions and limitations outlined in the [approval document](#). Exemption No. 6175 is extended to September 30, 2011.

## Six 161' Wind Turbines to be Installed at Unalakleet

Six 161 foot tall wind turbines are planned for installation on the hills NE of Unalakleet. Installation is to be completed by July 2010. You can see the complete Circular Notification at <http://oeaaa.faa.gov>. The towers will be located at the following sites.

LATITUDE	LONGITUDE
63° 54' 27.80" N	160° 46' 12.60" W
63° 54' 30.50" N	160° 46' 12.60" W
63° 54' 33.20" N	160° 46' 12.60" W
63° 54' 35.90" N	160° 46' 12.60" W
63° 54' 38.61" N	160° 46' 12.60" W
63° 54' 41.31" N	160° 46' 12.60" W





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**GAO Looks at FAA Inconsistencies – NATA Launches a Survey**

The Government Accountability Office (GAO) is in the early stages of a review of inconsistencies in how field inspectors interpret and apply requirements.

NATA is highly supportive of this review and asked Members of Congress to request the study so hopefully the issues members face when dealing with varying interpretations can be better understood and addressed.

NATA is asking for interested certificated aviation businesses to complete a brief anonymous survey. Visit [www.nata.aero](http://www.nata.aero) to take the survey.

NATA pledges to keep all information strictly confidential unless the submitter specifically agrees to be contacted and to have their information used in an identifiable way.



**Annual GA Survey Underway**

The FAA's annual GA Survey is the only source of information on the size and makeup of the general aviation and Part 135 fleets, the number of hours flown, and the reasons people fly. The data helps to determine funding for infrastructure and service needs, assess the impact of regulatory changes, and measure aviation safety.

Please complete the survey today. You can login with your aircraft N-Number and complete the survey on-line at [www.aviationsurvey.org](http://www.aviationsurvey.org) or return the survey form you receive in the mail using the postage-paid envelope.

An abbreviated survey form is available for owners of multiple aircraft. We know your time is valuable. For questions call 1-800-826-1797 or email

[Theresa.Tennant@paconsulting.com](mailto:Theresa.Tennant@paconsulting.com).

**AACA Welcomes New Member:**



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**ONE SKY AVIATION Receives Caravan EVS STC**

One Sky Aviation has been awarded FAA STC SA02350AK for installation of the Max Viz EVS-100/600 Enhanced Vision System for the Cessna Caravan product line including the 208 and 208B models.

The STC was designed and developed by Cary Foster and Sharmaine Vestal, co-owners of One Sky Aviation, a full service aviation maintenance facility based in Anchorage, Alaska. The STC was issued through the Alaska ACO.

The EVS-100/600 is a single LRU unit, weighs less than 1.5 pounds and mounts like any external antenna.

Cary Foster of [One Sky Aviation](http://www.onskyaviation.com) states "As

both the STC developer and long term EVS operator, I can attest that the enhanced level of situational awareness brought on by the effective use of EVS products. Working cooperatively with the Anchorage ACO, we have developed an STC to enhance the safety of one of the most operationally diverse aircraft in general/commercial aviation. Installation of the EVS-100 or 600 via this STC will have a dramatic impact on risk mitigation and the enhancement of flight safety of Caravan pilots and passengers around the World!"



