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PRESIDENT'S REPORT: 19 October 2011

One reality of being the "Last Frontier" is that Alaska is continuing to grow and evolve. That means we have a great dependence upon federal funding for that development and Alaska is probably MOST affected by federal legislative and regulatory actions.

Federal legislators are looking for ways to save money and Alaska is a target. Rep Issa & Rep Ross's HB2309 to trim costs at the USPS includes language to require Alaska to pay the USPS for bypass mail costs. Our delegates are introducing legislation to protect rural post offices, and were successful in removing 31 of 36 post offices from a list for closure. One thing is certain: Alaska can expect more federal scrutiny and more threat of financial constriction. Whatever affects Alaskans financially, will affect air carriers. We all have something to lose in the months ahead. Competition dictates that we seek our own corporate opportunities, but it is also paramount that carriers band together and keep AACA strong as an advocate for the entire aviation community.

We will need to proactively prepare to defend federal spending in Alaska on several fronts. Outreach to affected entities and the gathering of data needs to become a priority for our industry and our state. Your individual assistance and time will often be needed this coming year.

LIVING LEGENDS of Alaska Aviation

The Living Legends of Alaska Aviation project exists to honor the men and women of Alaskan Aviation, celebrate their contribution to our way of life, relive events, places, and conditions in Alaska's aviation history, and much more.

Recipients are selected from nominations by a committee composed of five advisors and an evolving group of Living Legends.

Join us Saturday, October 29th, at 6pm at the Alaska Aviation Heritage Museum for a fundraiser for this project. We will celebrate with Marge Ford & the Alaska Polka Chips Band while enjoying brats, sauerkraut, warm potato salad, beer, beverages, and great fun! Silent auction proceeds will benefit the Living Legends of Alaska Aviation!

2012 Recipients

Alsworth, Glen
Baker, Marge
Bishopp, Rex
English, Bill
Esmailka, Harold
Everts, Cliff
Hajdukovich, John
Hudson, Oren
Jorgensen, Holger "Jorgy"
Judy, Rod
Seybert, Orin
Stedman, William
Wright, Al

TrudyWassel Receives Award

The Northwest Chapter of American Association of Aviation Executives awarded the 2011 Aviation Excellence Award to Trudy Wassel, Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport Business Manager. Trudy was nominated for the award by DOT Deputy Commissioner of Aviation Steve Hatter. Congratulations, Trudy!

Congrats!

AACA President, Mike Stedman, and his wife Lori became proud grandparents Sept 16th when their son, Jake, and daughter-in-law, Rachel, blessed them with their first grandchild. Mike would like to intro-duce Mara to you with this picture. Congratu-lations to Mike & Lori during this special time!

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Quotations on Flight

Safety begins in the boardroom.— *James L. Oberstar, member U.S. House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee,* Aviation Week & Space Technology, *3 August 2009.*

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BETHEL AIRPORT Planning Meeting in Anchorage

AACA asked that DOT&PF hold a meeting in Anchorage for the Bethel airport planning process. That meeting is now scheduled.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2011, 2pm
ERA ALASKA'S CONFERENCE ROOM
4700 Old International Airport Road
Anchorage AK 99502

The State of Alaska DOT&PF is updating the 10-year old Bethel Airport Master Plan. The goal of this project is to update the existing master plan to address planning issues, anticipate future airport needs, and develop a cost-effective strategy that will guide airport development for the next 20 years. Questions can be directed to: Tom Middendorf, DOWL-HKM, 907-562-2000 or Email: bethelairportplan@dowlhkm.com.

AVGAS Notes

By this time, most of us have seen FAA's SAIB dated 14 Sept, 2011 announcing the approval of another avgas fuel formulation, entitled **100VLL**. If you haven't seen the document, here is a link:

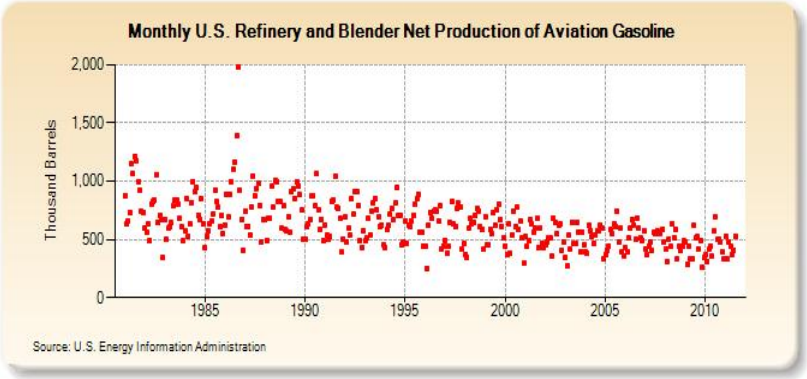
http://www.100octaneformyplane.com/uploads/100VLL_Fuel_Approval__9-11.pdf

Question; "What does this mean for me?"-- will this have any effect on my airplane or my flying? The short answer is "No, it won't."

Background:
100 octane fuel is constructed from a base stock which it shares with virtually all other motor fuels. Among other items, tetraethyl lead is added to this base stock to create the 100+/- octane fuel that is dispensed at your local FBO. The amount of TEL necessary to produce a 100 octane fuel depends upon the octane of the base stock. Different refiners employ differing technologies to produce their base stock, with different final octane values. The base stock octane range is large – arguably 91 to 99.

The D910 Spec:
D910 specifies that 100LL must contain lead, but no more than 2 mL/gallon of finished product. Any avgas formulated with up to 2 mL TEL/finished gallon is 100LL. In addition the D910 spec, revision 11 dated 1 May 2011, now includes 100VLL, limiting TEL content to 1.6 mL/gallon. Any avgas formulated with up to 1.6 mL TEL/finished gallon is 100VLL. ***This fuel is also 100LL!*** For those of you who are interested, here is a link to the D910-11 specification:
http://www.100octaneformyplane.com/uploads/ASTM_D910-11.pdf.

U.S. AVGAS Production Data



Comprehensive historic and current US Avgas production data is available on the following link:
http://www.eia.gov/dnav/pet/hist/LeafHandler.ashx?n=pet&s=mgarpus1&f=m

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Flight Operations Branch - Category I/II/III ILS

The Status lists denote qualified U.S. airports and runways for CAT I, CAT II and CAT III ILS operations.

Category 2-3 Status Lists has recently been updated, and is now available at:
http://service.govdelivery.com/service/view.html?code=USAFAA_65].
The IFR *Lower Than Standard Take off Minima Runway List* has been changed to:
http://www.faa.gov/about/office_org/headquarters_offices/avs/offices/afs/afs400/afs410/status_lists/media/LTS_Take_Off_Minima_Pub.xls
The AFS-410 status list is:
http://www.faa.gov/about/office_org/headquarters_offices/avs/offices/afs/afs400/afs410/status_lists/

Changes to Tower Proposed In Soldotna

To view information, follow this link.
https://oeaaa.faa.gov/oeaaa/external/cr.jsp?ASN=2010-AAL-320-OE&euid=0VUKBaYTAW4pF2sbbws3WQ%3D%3D`

Navigating NextGen Now

The 2012 program is posted to the symposium website at:
www.sites.google.com/site/aviationenvirosymposium/

Tim Thompson Joins ALASKA AIRLINES

Veteran public relations consultant Tim Thompson has joined Alaska Airlines as manager of public affairs for the State of Alaska. Thompson will manage Alaska Airlines' public affairs and community relations programs in the state, including charitable giving, sponsorships and the airline's Community Advisory Boards. Thompson is replacing Susan Bramstedt, Alaska Airlines' third most-senior employee, who will retire Oct. 10 after serving 45 years with the carrier.

PILOT / MECHANIC Seeking Position

Aaron Bunn is an Alaskan with military pilot and mechanic experience. He seeks civilian employment and will gladly serve in rural Alaska, but must do his monthly Air National Guard service from here in Anchorage. His experience is as BOTH a C-130 pilot and mechanic. Aaron has over 1200 hours and is a responsible, mature individual.

SAVE THE DATE: Friday, October 28, 2011

AVIATION SAFETY AWARDS DINNER: 6pm at the Anchorage Marriott downtown

PRIME SPONSOR: ALASKA AIRLINES

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES ARE AVAILABLE!

Click: http://www.alaskaaircarriers.org/servlet/content/Aviation_Safety_Dinner_2011.html

SAVE THE DATE: Saturday, October 29, 2011

LIVING LEGENDS IN ALASKA AVIATION & OKTOBERFEST: 6pm, Alaska Aviation Museum

LIVING LEGENDS
of Alaskan Aviation

In the hangar, in the cabin, in the cockpit, on the ground, and behind the scenes, aviators have strongly impacted the course of Alaskan history. Collectively they have built the foundation from which aviation soars forward. Their individual lives add texture and flavor to our Alaskan way of life. They are our living history.

The Living Legends of Alaskan Aviation project exists to:

- Honor the men and women of Alaskan Aviation before they are lost to us.
- Celebrate their contribution to our way of life.
- Relive events, places, and conditions in Alaska's aviation history.
- Cherish the unique personal qualities that embody their experiences.
- Capture through images and words the aviation stories that are now only in their minds, cardboard boxes and dusty closets, before these recollections are lost.

Selection Process

Recipients are selected from nominations by a committee composed of an evolving group of living legends and an advisory committee. The current award recipients will select the following year's award recipients.

Award Presentation

An annual banquet will be held in honor of our Living Legends of Alaskan Aviation. Recipients will be honored annually at a banquet to be held the last Friday night in October in Anchorage. Recipients for the following year will be announced at the conclusion of the banquet. Awardees will be presented with:

- Two tickets to the banquet
- A wood & brass plaque
- A calendar in which they are featured
- A hard copy of their chapter in the Living Legends book
- A room at the hotel (if travelling more than 50 miles)

Funding

An OCTOBERFEST and silent auction will be held at the Alaska Aviation Heritage Museum on the last Saturday in October to raise funds for this project. Silent auction items and monetary donations can be made to the project via AACA (907 277-0071) or the Alaska Aviation Heritage Museum (907 248-5325).

Nominations

Nomination forms can be downloaded from www.alaskaaircarriers.org or requested by telephone. The deadline for nominations is March 1st of each year. Submit to: joy@alaskaaircarriers.org, or marketing@alaskaairmuseum.org, or FAX to 907 277-0072.

For information call Joy Journeay at 907 277-0071, Shari Hart at 907 248-5325, or Rob Stapleton at 907 230-9425

Grab your lederhosen and beer steins!

Oktoberfest 2011

Saturday, October 29th

6:00-10:00pm

At The Alaska Aviation Museum

Music By Marge Ford & The Alaska Polka Chips Band

Cash Bar- Beer & Wine

Great Food & Auction

Tickets are $15 in advance, $18 @ the door

Alaska Aviation Museum ~ 4721 Aircraft Drive ~ 907-248-5325

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Objective

An Aircraft Pilot position with a growing company

Flying Hours

Total time:	1210.8	PIC:	576.1	Turbine:	825.7
SEL:	482.4	MEL:	691	Tail wheel:	268.4
X country	464.2	Night XC	60.2	BE-200	157.3

Current as of September 19, 2011

Licenses and Certificates

Commercial Pilot, Airplane single engine land and sea, Airplane multiengine land, Instrument Airplane
BE-200 type rating

Education

Bachelor of Science, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University
Major: Professional Aeronautics
Minors: Aviation Safety and Management

Associate in Applied Science, Community College of the Air Force
Major: Aviation Maintenance Technology

Aviation Technology, Sno-Isle Skills Center Vocational School
Career Studies: Aviation Maintenance

Actively pursuing certification as an Airframe and Powerplant mechanic

Work Experience

March 2008-Present, C-130 Pilot
Alaska Air National Guard
Perform flight duties as a Co-Pilot in the C-130H aircraft. Duties including tactical air-land and airdrop missions, as well as domestic and international airlift with the 144th Airlift Squadron.

November 2000-March 2008, Aircraft Mechanic "Crew Chief"
Alaska Air National Guard
Performed maintenance duties on C-130H and HC-130N aircraft including preflight, through-flight and post -flight inspections, as well as ground servicing and troubleshooting.

July 2000-November 2000, A&P Mechanic Helper
Nugget Aviation
Aided with inspections of GA aircraft. Assisted in shop duties to include removal and replacement of aircraft parts, troubleshooting, and servicing.

References

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MARKET NOTES

Bob Ward & Scott Graham
Wedbush Securities

October 15, 2011

Debt! Four years since our housing market peaked, and two years since the recession ended (for whom), we continue to amass ever more debt to solve our debt problem. Can you recall reading in any economics, math, or history book that the way to solve a debt problem was to borrow more money?

A year ago, the European Union created the European Financial Stabilization Fund (EFSF) with 220 billion euros to rescue Greece and other troubled EU countries. Now, that has been doubled in size and can also be used to aid banks that have debt problems. Furthermore, there is talk of expanding it even more as this debt problem continues to become a bigger problem. Perhaps, just maybe, there is a way of improving this debt problem that does not involve borrowing more money and pushing the ever greater burden into the future.

Feature

From the US Treasury Department, you can view the total US Debt up to the current date. (www.treasurydirect.gov)

This chart notes the year-end balance at the end of the 3rd quarter for each year since 2000.

The total debt on October 12, 2011 was 14,868,218,296. This is 66% higher than 4 years ago.

Date	Dollar Amount
09/30/2010	13,561,623,030,891
09/30/2009	11,909,829,003,511
09/30/2008	10,024,724,896,912
09/30/2007	9,007,653,372,262
09/30/2006	8,506,973,899,215
09/30/2005	7,932,709,661,723
09/30/2004	7,379,052,696,330
09/30/2003	6,783,231,062,743
09/30/2002	6,228,235,965,597
09/30/2001	5,807,463,412,200
09/30/2000	5,674,178,209,886

Our View from the 50th Floor

The stock market gyrations of the past two months are indicative of great uncertainty in the world. Whether it is fiscal policy, Federal Reserve actions, Europe, politics, inflation, China, tax policy….this uncertainty causes us to continue advising our readers to be more defensive and cautious about their budget management and investment decisions than they were otherwise accustomed to be in prior years. We look forward to the day when some clarity emerges and borrowing more money is not proposed as a solution.

"It is incumbent on every generation to pay its own debts as it goes. A principle which if acted on would save one-half the wars of the world." – Thomas Jefferson

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