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**OCTOBER 27**

2017 AACAA Alaskan  
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**MARCH 7-8, 2018**  
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## 2018 AACAA ANNUAL CONVENTION AND TRADESHOW PLANNING UNDERWAY

On behalf of everyone here at AACAA, we THANK YOU for participating and supporting the 2017 Annual Convention and Tradeshow.

Planning for 2018 is underway and major changes are being implemented. Members and vendors offered feedback and the Events Committee listened. Below are some of the changes in the works:

- More desired the dates for the 2018 convention to fall between February and March and therefore, AACAA expects the dates will be **March 7-8, 2018 at the Lakefront (formerly Millennium Hotel)**.
- Members were also interested in more training opportunities, so below are a couple of the new training's in the works :
  - AACAA is under discussion with NTSB to provide the *Emergency Preparedness* 2-day seminar.
  - *Lean Process Improvement* Workshop that focuses on managing CHANGE!

**AACAA hopes to hear more from members and learn what you would like AACAA to offer!** If you any ideas or suggestions, please contact AACAA at [aaca@alaskaaircarriers.org](mailto:aaca@alaskaaircarriers.org) or 907-277-0071.

## APPROPRIATION COMMITTEE APPROVES FY18 BILL

The Senate Appropriations Committee approved the fiscal year 2018 Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill, **which maintains level funding for the Essential Air Service.**

The bill provides \$16.720 billion to fund the FAA, which is \$313 million more than the fiscal year 2017 enacted level and \$594 million more than the President's budget request. ***The bill rejects the President's proposal to reduce the workforce, eliminate the Contract Weather Program, EAS, consolidate offices and leases and privatize air traffic control.***

The bill also places a high priority on the modernization of our aviation system and provides a total of \$1.1 billion for NextGen across the operations, facilities and equipment, and research, evaluation, and demonstration activities. These investments will improve the productivity, safety, and efficiency of our national airspace for the benefit of the entire aviation community and the traveling public.

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## APPLICANTS SEEKING EMPLOYMENT THRU AACA REGISTERED APPRENTICE PROGRAM

Four qualified pilots are seeking a Commercial/ATP Pilot Apprenticeship positions. Two pilots have their instrument, commercial and are ready to enter a carriers SIC program. Two seek additional knowledge training before they would be eligible to participate in a carriers SIC program. AACA Commercial/ATP Apprentice Program is expected to be active very soon.



Three individuals are interested in entering the AACA Airframe and Powerplant Mechanic Apprenticeship.



Two high school students seek part time apprenticeship positions. The part-time students can be fully enrolled in the apprenticeship program. One desires to be placed in the Mat-Su Valley and one in Anchorage. Both students have participated in a high school Aviation Mechanic programs.



AACA can assist with placement and enrollment of apprentices. Please contact AACA at 277-0071 or [aaca@alaskaaircarriers.org](mailto:aaca@alaskaaircarriers.org)

## SKY AIRPARTS RECEIVES PRESTIGIOUS FAA AC 00-56B ACCREDITATION - BECOMES FIRST EVER ALASKAN BASED AIR PARTS DISTRIBUTOR

Leading Alaskan based aircraft parts distributor Sky Airparts has recently been awarded with the honorary Federal Aviation Administration AC 00-56B accreditation by Aviation Suppliers Association. The company is a worldwide distributor of quality aircraft parts manufactured by top names in the industry.

April 29, 2017: Top aircraft parts distributor Sky Airparts is pleased to announce its receipt of the esteemed FAA AC-0056B aviation parts accreditation this month. It's a historical feat no doubt as it is the first Alaskan based air parts distributor to ever receive the honorable Federal Aviation Administration accreditation.

The FAA AC00-56B is a voluntary aerospace parts supplier accreditation recognized by the Federal Aviation Administration. Granted by Aviation Suppliers Association, the certification is reserved only for the most prominent names in civil aircraft parts distributorship.

"We are thrilled to announce that we have recently been acknowledged with the prestigious FAA AC 00-56B aviation parts accreditation by the ASA. The accreditation is only awarded to the best in aircraft parts distributors and being included in the same elite line is a different honor altogether. We have always been confident about our supplies and such a premier certification certainly emphasizes on our proven quality and expertise in the industry. It's a proud moment for us and our State as well since it's for the first time an Alaskan distributor is being awarded with the honorable accreditation", stated Norman Chance, founder of Sky Airparts.

A seasoned aviation professional, Norman is an FAA Airframe and Power plant rated Aircraft Technician. He received his graduate honors from Embry Riddle Aeronautical University and presently sits on the Advisory Boards of Mat-Su Aviation & Alaska Air Carriers Association.

"Ever since Sky Airparts was launched 5 years back in 2012, we have had been aspiring for the FAA accreditation. We knew it's a hard nut to crack but then we were always confident about our commitment to fully traceable inventory for our industry. The FAA Audit is known for its rigorous and intensive approach and we took the best preparations to make our mark. Our team implemented the stringent TAC - *Continued page 3*

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2000 Quality Control System audited by Transonic Aviation that duly impressed the ASA officials."

Sky Airparts International Inc. is the only Alaskan based distributor of aircraft parts in the States. Added to the domestic market, the company also exports its supplies internationally, covering over 62 countries. Headquartered in Wasilla, Alaska, it operates with two warehouses located near Ted Stevens Airport (ANC) in Anchorage, Alaska and Indianapolis International Airport (IND). Within just five years, the company has grown exponentially with an extensive inventory of aircraft parts for the aviation equipments. From general aviation aircraft to large business

jets, the company is equipped to supply anything and everything related to aircraft parts.

While describing the quality of their products, Sky Airpart's manager emphasized on the strong camaraderie with only the topmost aviation part manufacturers of the world. The company stocks its products from major brands including Michelin, Dakota Cub, ACF-50, Airfasco, Deice Boots, and many more.

"We are ambitious and aim to be one of the best distributors of aircraft parts in the general aviation and corporate aircraft markets. In the light of that, we have tied up with a whopping list of as many as 30 manufacturers to ensure the most ex-

haustive list of parts and supplies for the aircraft operators. Our comprehensive inventory assures there is something for everybody. Quality & durability are the two most watchwords for us. We stock and supply only the best of aircraft parts available in the contemporary market made by most premier manufacturers. Your satisfaction is everything for Sky Airparts". The manager added in.

To know more about Sky Airparts, please visit the official website or contact them below.

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## INTRA-ALASKA BUSH BYPASS MAIL RATES

Issued by the Department of Transportation on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of August, 2017

### Linehaul Rates per Revenue Ton Mile (RTM) and Terminal Rates per Ton Enplaned <sup>1</sup>

	<u>Current, Order 2016-12-20</u>			<u>Proposed</u>			<u>Percentage Change</u>		
	<u>Fuel</u>	<u>Nonfuel</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Fuel</u>	<u>Nonfuel</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Fuel</u>	<u>Nonfuel</u>	<u>Total</u>
<b>Part 121</b>	\$0.8806	\$4.1644	\$5.0450	\$1.0700	\$4.9340	\$6.0040	21.51%	18.48%	19.01%
<b>Part 135</b>	\$3.7283	\$11.1711	\$14.8994	\$3.8283	\$11.0167	\$14.8450	2.68%	-1.38%	-0.37%
<b>Seaplane</b>	\$5.6842	\$23.6853	\$29.3695	\$4.3156	\$26.0891	\$30.4047	-24.08%	10.15%	3.52%
<b>Terminal</b>	NA	NA	\$1,024.95	NA	NA	\$1,234.43	NA	NA	20.44%

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## HEALTH CARE INSURANCE

**AACA partners with Craford Benefits Consultants to provide great member benefits**



AACA has teamed with Craford Benefits Consultants, Inc. who offers health care insurance plans specifically tailored to meet the needs of the AACA membership. Small group rates are currently below market rates.

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### Services Include:

- Health and Welfare Consulting Services
- Private Equity Services
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We have the experience, relationships and negotiating clout usually found in large benefits firms - yet we have the agility, creativity and flexibility that is only possible in a privately held mid-size firm are focused on the individual needs of each client and craft individualized solutions to each company's unique challenges. We truly tailor our services to our client's needs.

## DON'T MISS OUT ON POTENTIAL SAVINGS WITH YOUR 2017 WORKERS COMPENSATION INSURANCE POLICIES

AACA members are eligible to receive a percentage of their premium back with the Good Experience Return when they participate in one of two insurance programs available to members of the following organizations:

- NATA – National Air Transportation Association
- IFBOA – Independent Fixed Base Operators Association

QBE underwrites the IFBOA Workers Compensation Safety Group Program which recently announced a final Good Experience Return of 27.5% for the program's inaugural year, 2011! You are probably familiar with the NATA Workers Compensation Insurance Program which has been around since 1975, but you might not know that it is now underwritten by Allianz Global & Corporate Specialty as of

2016. Both insurance companies are A.M. Best 'A' rated or better and world leaders in the insurance industry. So, be sure to ask your broker for quotes from both Allianz and QBE.

If your broker does not have access to either Allianz or QBE, please have them contact:

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## AACA SEEKS NEW INTERPRETATION ON PART 121 WEATHER

The long-established understanding, meaning and interpretation of regulations which dictate weather reporting requirements for Part 121 VFR operations has been abandoned. In doing so a tremendous burden has been placed on the operators of Part 121 flights.

This recent change is based on a new interpretation completed in 2014. This interpretation is recognized as flawed and poorly researched even within the some ranks of the FAA. It is counter to all other legal interpretations written for various situations covering the past 50 years. However, this interpretation has been embraced by FAA leadership in Washington DC. Of equal importance is the implementation of this interpretation which is being done outside of the recognized standards established by the Administrative Procedures Act, to avoid the rule making process and the associated public comment.

AACA suggests the FAA Chief Counsel establish a committee to review the 2014 interpretation for consistency with all previous documents created on this subject. Should, as we anticipate, this interpretation be determined as inadequate, it should be removed from all files as a source of record and deemed no longer relevant. Similar actions have occurred previously September 22, 2008 when previous FAA Chief Council recognized an interpretation associated with "Known Icing Conditions", written November 21, 2006, was poorly written lacking research and intellectual rigor, just as the mentioned 2014 interpretation.

AACA along with the Part 121 air carriers and federal delegation developed bill language reiterating existing requirements stated in current regulations. This bill is in Congress and pending approval by the House and Senate and expected to solve issue for both FAA and the Alaskan air carriers.



## CREDIT CARD PROCESSING

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AACA partnered with Preferred Payments, the industry leading merchant service provider, to offer members credit card processing rates 40% lower than the industry standard, along with many other benefits such as no contract, no cancellation fee, no set-up fee and a dedicated AACA Member Account Representative.

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## LOOKING FOR AN EXCITING CAREER IN AVIATION?

The Alaska Air Carriers Association (AACA) is looking for individuals with an interest in aviation who would like to expand their skill set and train for an in-demand job with one of the many airlines operating in Alaska.

The AACA is seeking applicants for two different programs:

- A & P Mechanic Apprenticeship
- Pilot Training Program

To qualify, you must be 16 years of age, an Alaska resident, and you must complete a program application. The program offers paid on-the-job training and requires students to meet training and educational goals before they graduate. This is an excellent choice for young adults looking to bridge the gap between school and work.

To obtain your application or further information about the program, please contact AACA at:  
(907) 277-0071 or [AACA@ALASKAAIRCARRIERS.ORG](mailto:AACA@ALASKAAIRCARRIERS.ORG)