

Arkansas Agricultural Aviation Association

3-2009

2009 AAAA Convention Highlights

434 Attending Convention

Covington Aircraft Engine Sunday Session had 47 participants.

Crop Protection Products Updates were given by John Snyder - BASF, Jacob Hollins - Dow AgroSciences and Dr. Joseph Reed - FMC.

The Insurance Segment was moderated by Doug Davidson, Davidson Solid Rock Insurance. He was assisted by Frank Kimmel (agent), Kimmel Aviation Insurance Agency, Shaen Phillips (claims adjuster), U.S.A.I.G., and David Witzman (underwriter), Allianz Aviation Managers. They divided the participants into smaller group to address issues pertaining to dealing with 1. Agents, 2. Claims adjusters, and 3. Underwriters. The topics were received well and there was lots of interaction from the attendees.

Monday morning started with a prayer by Wayne Keahey.

Presentations were by:

John Knight, Director Department of Aeronautic regarding the AAAA the educational safety program,

Douglas Chanay NAAA President;

Dr. Richard Ham, Transportation Security Administration Assistant Federal Security Directory-Regulatory Inspection;

Dr. Ford L. Baldwin, Practical Weed Consultant;

Ross Batson, Lieutenant- Special Services Arkansas Highway Police;

Jarrett McFarlin, FAASTeam Program Manger Little Rock District and Brian T Capone, FAA Assistant Southwest Regional FAASTeam Manager;

Mike Thompson, Director Pesticide Division Arkansas State Plant Board;

Mike Wilson, FAA Airworthiness addressed Pilot Training & Evaluation.

226 Completed Recertification Training presented by Ples Spradley, Associate Professor Department of Plant Pathology. He addressed EPA issues.

Following these presentations the PAASS presentation, sponsored by the National Agricultural Aviation Association and administered by the National Agricultural Aviation Research and Education Foundation began. 222 Completed NAAA PAASS Program Training was presented by Dennie Stokes – Stokes Flying Service & Scott M. Bretthauer, Ph. D – Extension Specialist in Application Technology Department of Agricultural & Biological Engineering University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. The evaluations showed they did an excellent job addressing Spray Drift Reduction and Good Pesticide Stewardship to the cause, effect and coping with stress.

159 Drift Mitigation Training was presented by Dr. Dennis Gardisser, Dr. Bob Scott -Extension Weed Scientist, University of Arkansas Division of Agricultural- Cooperative Extension Service and Lynn Baxter, Extension Technician, University of Arkansas Division of Agricultural- Cooperative Extension Service.

Brent Short, Exhibit Hall Manger and Associate member with Satterfield Aviation Fuels, Inc. did an excellent job. There were 50 Exhibit Hall Booths. We appreciate all the work that the associate or allied members do to make the Exhibit Hall a learning experience.

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We appreciate Jeff Tidwell working with all the speakers and doing all the computer work. Jeff help thing run smoothly. David Strohl was the photography so be sure to thank them. You can see his work results here on the web. Special thanks go to Jeannie Price & Janet Williams. They have assisted with registration for years. That takes a commitment.

We are apprentices to all that assist; be it counting votes, putting packet together or work the meeting room to make sure everyone has a packet. Those preparing the pre-registration packet were:

George Tidwell
Wayne Keahey
Neal Keahey
Jeff Tidwell
Mark Hartz
Jimmy Tidwell
Brent Short
Vicki and Tommy Anderson
Vernon Caveness

Arkansas Agricultural Aviation Association Board 2009

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Wyndham Riverfront Hotel
#2 Riverfront Place
North Little Rock, Arkansas 72114
Hotel: 501-371-9000

Barry Joe Wilson, Wil-Co Flying Service, was recognized for his Outstanding Service as AAAA president.

Dr. Dennis R. Gardisser was honored by a presentation highlighting his 25 years of working with the AAAA.

Please Make a Directory Correction

Kimmel Aviation Insurance Agency listing page 28 should be 800-647-9397 like their ad on page 3

AAAA FAASTeam Representatives

Wayne Keahey - Lead Representative

Mark Hartz

Dennie Stokes

Todd Hartley

Kirk Price

David Glover

Tommy Anderson

Jason Hammock

This safety mentoring program was established years ago and has evolved into more educational opportunities. We appreciate these operators willingness to serve.

The AAAA has an Research & Education Foundation.

See page 25 of the 2009 AAAA Directory.

Mark Hartz is chairman. Now is the time to get involved. Mark's letter explains the need.

An open letter to the members of the Arkansas Agricultural Aviation Association.

**Mark Hartz
Grand Prairie Dusters, Inc.**

Several years ago the Arkansas Agricultural Aviation Research and Education Foundation was established to promote new technologies and increase public awareness of agricultural aviation in the state of Arkansas. For many years now there has existed an exhibit displaying various aspects of agricultural aviation in the Museum of the Arkansas Grand Prairie in Stuttgart Arkansas. The Museum is visited by over 10,000 people every year from most nations and countries on this earth.

The current exhibit is very old and dated and in dire need of being refreshed and renewed. With the state of technology that exists today, much can be done to produce a high quality exhibit using the latest audio video equipment and still photography that will highlight the role agricultural aviation plays in the many diverse aspects of agriculture that exists within our states' borders; not to mention the rest of our great country and the rest of the world. Revitalizing this exhibit would pay homage to our past as an industry and the changes that have occurred over the years in our role of helping to produce the most abundant and safest food and fiber produced on this planet.

The A.A.A. R.E.F. is in possession of a Piper Cub in the sprayer configuration that was graciously donated by Marc Mullis, longtime ag-pilot from Pine Bluff Arkansas. It is hoped that with a future expansion of the museum that aircraft can be displayed in a place of honor that will literally pull people to our exhibit and expose them to the positive aspects our industry plays in their daily existence.

What is needed most at this point is good ole fashioned money. Money contributed will be used to purchase audio visual equipment, photographs, narratives, and anything else that can be used to tell of our history and our direction for the future. If anyone is in possession of heirlooms or artifacts of our early days as an industry ,please consider offering them to the cause as those could be incorporated into the exhibit as well with all due

attribution noted on the artifact.

Please remember all contributions are tax-deductible and will be used to create better awareness and understanding of Agricultural Aviations role in this great state and nation. Make all contributions to:

A.A.A.R.E.F.
P.O. Box 3244
Little Rock, AR 72203-3244

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