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## **Canadian Owners and Pilots Association (COPA) announces their new President & CEO**

Ottawa, Ontario– June 15, 2015– COPA's Board of Directors today announced that Mr. Bernard Gervais has been appointed as the next President and CEO of the Canadian Owners and Pilots Association. He will officially begin his term on July 1st, 2015.

The Succession Committee of the COPA Board went through a structured and disciplined recruitment process and was fortunate to have attracted numerous qualified applicants. We wish to thank and acknowledge those applicants who sought to contribute to the success of the Association.

Mr. Gervais is the Past Chairman of the Board of the APBQ (The Quebec Aviators and Bush Pilots Association) and is an outspoken advocate for personal aviation. He has actively collaborated with Transport Canada, NAV CANADA and Community stakeholders on numerous cases. Mr. Gervais has been instrumental in organizing air rallies and provincial air tours to promote general aviation and flight safety. He holds a Private Pilot's license with a Night and Seaplane endorsement. He flies a 2008 Maule MX-7 on wheels, floats and skis.

As President and CEO, Mr. Gervais' duties and responsibilities are wide ranging. Mr. Gervais will be responsible for providing valuable membership services, contributing to the corporate strategy and business plan, leading and integrating corporate goals and deliverables, while influencing government bodies. He will be the liaison and primary contact person for entities such as Transport Canada, NAV Canada, other Canadian Aviation Associations, AOPA and EAA, as well as US and Canadian border agencies. Mr. Gervais will work with the COPA Board regarding corporate governance, while leading and managing a small team of dedicated professionals at COPA's national office in Ottawa.

COPA is the largest association in Canada in the area of personal aviation – where aircraft are flown for personal travel and recreation. COPA protects the interests of aviators and promotes personal aviation as a valued, integral and sustainable part of the Canadian community and economy.

## **AOPA Australia Welcomes New President**

Long time board member Marc De Stoop is the new president of aviation lobby group AOPA Australia. Mr De Stoop is managing director of air conditioning company Climatech and is involved in the aviation industry via Falcon Air, a company specialising in international aeromedical evacuation using Falcon 20 corporate jets.

He takes over from outgoing president Allan Brooks who gave over the reins to concentrate on his ongoing aviation endeavours.

“The industry faces many challenges and it is going to be the job of AOPA Australia to present ideas and solutions, not just to CASA but to their government masters via a strong membership base,” Mr De Stoop said.

“There are many initiatives such as reforming medical standards to make it easier for private pilots to operate general aviation aircraft that need to be pursued in order to reinvigorate the industry.” In the past year AOPA Australia has been at the forefront, via CEO Aaron Stephenson, in bringing Avmed to account over unfair treatment in the medical recertification process experienced by many pilots.

“There are pilots flying now who, before our intervention, saw little hope of being able to take to the skies again,” Mr Stephenson said.

AOPA Australia was formed in 1947 to unite aircraft owners and pilots and form an effective lobbying force toward fighting against overzealous regulation of general aviation.

“There has never been a more important time for the various general aviation groups to find common ground and work together to reinvigorate an extremely important sector of the Australian economy,” Mr De Stoop said.

“Overseas aviation markets like New Zealand and the United States are thriving yet in Australia we seem to be bound by stifling regulations like the newly introduced Part 61.”

## **AOPA Ukraine Scores Victory for Members**

Dear Pilots, IAOPA Members, In spite of military activity in the east of our country, AOPA Ukraine has recently recorded several successes. There has been signed contracts with Dnepropetrovsk airport (UKDD) about essential discounts on airport fees for AOPA's members.

AOPA-Ukraine is preparing for the State Aviation Administration of Ukraine's project of new rules concerning the registration and use of landing sites, as well as GA aerodromes. In this field, we are closely working and receive a lot of help from AOPA-POLAND.

We shall keep you posted about the results of our actions. Yours truly, Hennadiy Khazan president AOPA - Ukraine.

## **AOPA-Japan and AOPA-Philippines mutual events**

Two IAOPA organizations find three-decade long relationship.

When AOPA-Japan held the 3rd Iejima Aviation Fair on 2nd and 3rd of May, 2015, Mr. Roa from AOPA-Philippines joined the flying event. The fair was directed to kids on the island of Okinawa, which has multiple less-used runways due to its WWII history. Eleven airplanes participated in the event and was well received by the press= the islanders alike.

Mr. Roa participated, partially for returning courtesy for four AOPA-J Malibu/Mirage's visit to AOPA-P aviation event in the Philippines on 13-14 February 2015 at Clark International Airport. That was the 21st annual visit by AOPA-J group to AOPA-P.

Philippines and South Korea are still the favorite overseas destinations for AOPA-J members, due to

high airport handling charge and the necessity to arrange aviation gasoline depot for other locations, or the need to pay for a domestic flight navigator for Russia.



Four airplanes flew in to Clark Intl Airport



At Iejima/Okinawa in May; with Mr. Roa

## AOPA China Preparing for Flight Training Exhibition

On the afternoon of 28th May, Aircraft Owners and Pilot Association of China announced that the 3rd AOPA-China International Flight Training Exhibition will be held in the Shenzhen Convention and Exhibition Center on September 11th to 13th.

Zhang Feng, Secretary General of AOPA-China, and Wu Xiaoming, Section Chief of Transport Commission of Shenzhen Municipality, made remarks respectively and the Organizing Committee of AOPA Flight Training Exhibition gave a detailed introduction of the exhibition highlights. The organizing committee also signed the exclusive strategic media cooperation with the president of CAN Press, Xiao Zhiyuan.

The Highlights of the Exhibition include:

- Enrollment of Student Pilots: Inviting domestic and foreign flight academies.
- The 1st Global New Aircraft Design Competition: Inviting the top designers to our exhibition to seek the idea and the concept for aircraft manufacturers. The winner of this competition can get rich awards.
- The 2nd Aviation (International) Talents Development Forum: Inviting experts and scholars to communicate with exhibitors and trade visitors concerning the short of aviation talents.
- The 1st Flight Simulator Competition: The flight simulator enthusiasts from across the China will gather together to enjoy themselves
- “Young Hawk Plan” Auditorium: Inviting experts to teach youth the aeronautics and play instruction videos.

Please contact the Organizing Committee for more information: Alex Bai Tel: +86-10-84682318; MP: +86-10-13261627466 E-mail: [bailiang@aopa.org.cn](mailto:bailiang@aopa.org.cn)

## Hotel Selected for 2016 World Assembly

With a little over a year until the next IAOPA World Assembly, AOPA US Events and Outreach Staff along with IAOPA HQ representative have finalized the venue location and will be prepared to announce shortly all of the essential details. The host city is Chicago, Illinois and a central location on the scenic Chicago River in the heart of Chicago’s business, theatre and shopping districts. Until that time, be sure to mark your calendars for Thursday July 21st through Sunday July 24th, 2016 for the assembly and a few days additional to visit EAA’s AirVenture 2016. I fully expect that this will be a very well attended event and the follow-on visit to Oshkosh is a journey that every pilot should make. It is not too early to start thinking about topics for discussion and areas that you would like to focus on. Please be sure to pass any suggestions onto IAOPA HQ.

## Heads Up’—Lessons learned from a 1996 runway collision

Most of us are familiar with the terrible collision of two Boeing 747s (Pan Am Flight 1736 and KLM Flight 4805) at Tenerife, Spain, in 1977. But as the following story demonstrates, any ground collision has the potential to suffer tragic losses, giving us all the more reasons to continue to mitigate the threat of runway incursion incidents and accidents across the globe.

A few minutes after sunset, a Beech 1900 regional airliner inbound for Runway 13 at the United States’ Quincy Airport in Quincy, Illinois, announced a six mile final, while a Beech King Air was preparing to take off from Quincy’s Runway 4. Behind the King Air was a new private pilot waiting his turn to depart in a Piper Cherokee. But, a combination of inattention and inappropriate—though well-intentioned—communication started a chain of events that ended with a collision and 14 fatalities.

**[Watch the AOPA Air Safety Institute’s short animation of this accident](#)** to understand how collisions on tarmacs, taxiways, and runways can happen when pilots lose situational awareness, make communication mistakes, or operate under incorrect assumptions—whether on the ground or approaching to land. Inexperience, being unfamiliar with an airport layout, taxiing in marginal visibility,

and plain inattentiveness can all cause harm—even fatalities, as we can see from this accident.

We can improve our chances of avoiding such misfortunes by observing a sterile cockpit environment during critical phases of flight and completing checklists before moving on the airport surface areas. Additionally, it is imperative to pay careful attention to radio communication, especially when you're operating at a nontowered airport. When visibility is good, look at what is going on outside the cockpit window— either on the runways or in the air.

### **Link to IAOPA Europe Newsletter**

Read the latest information on what IAOPA affiliates are doing in Europe. AOPAs in every part of the globe are making a positive difference for general aviation and there is simply not enough room to publish all that is being done to keep you flying. For the latest updates on what is going on at IAOPA Europe, check their website at <http://www.iaopa.eu/>

### **Pass on This Newsletter to Your Members**

Nothing can retain existing members, and attract new members, like reminding them of the great work that IAOPA affiliates, and IAOPA, are doing on national, regional, and international levels to keep them flying. Great work is being done in all parts of the globe to advance the interests of general aviation and the best way to share the message is to make sure that this newsletter gets to as many members and non-members alike. I encourage you to publish this on your website, send on via email to your members, and do what you can to help spread the word. *Don't forget to get us your stories so that we can let the world know what you are doing to keep general aviation flying!*

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