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newest Board Member

Christine Klein
Executive VP & COO
for the Calista
Corporation. Prior to

Another Year to Reflect by Wilfred Ryan, Medallion Foundation's Board President

As we close out another year in this young millennium, I would like to reflect upon the true reasons for the Holiday Season; Thanksgiving, a time to be thankful, and Christmas, a time for hope and a celebration of the spirit of giving. The aviation industry can be thankful and celebrate the time we shared with the late Senator Ted Stevens and Capt. Terry Smith, and we also we are thankful for the vision and hard work of Mr. Richard Harding, who is now retired and living in sunny California. These individuals have positively impacted aviation safety throughout Alaska.



Senator Stevens dedicated his life to improving the conditions for people who choose to live in rural Alaska, both by building infrastructure and working with the industry to strengthen aviation. As a result of his more than 40 years of dedicated service to the people of Alaska, living conditions have improved and lives have been saved because of the development of the Next Generation navigational system in the Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta and South East Alaska, and the funding of the Medallion Foundation. In addition, we have new automatic weather reporting stations and an extensive network of weather cameras, enhancing airmen's ability to make sound decisions. Senator Stevens was truly a man dedicated to his State, and we as an industry benefited.

Capt. Terry Smith lived and shared aviation safety with colleagues, students and anyone interested in aviation. He started his flying career with his Dad, but began his long commercial career with Munz Northern Airlines based in Nome. From those humble beginnings, he retired as a revered Alaska Airlines Captain on a Boeing, but he always found time to share his

Calista she was the Alaska Department of Transportation deputy commissioner overseeing 258 airports plus 14 years with the oil and gas industry provides great experience to the Medallion Foundation's Board of Directors.

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knowledge and experiences with anyone that would listen. And those of us who listened truly benefited from his humble and generous presentations, well-delivered with a focus on safety.

Mr. Richard Harding, as Director and Vice-President of Operations for Penair, believed that the industry could reduce the number of accidents through leadership with innovative and unique insights on safety programs and systems. As a result of his creative thinking, the Medallion Foundation was founded. Since 2001, aviation accidents have declined and a genuine cultural shift towards system safety has been implemented and sustained throughout the commercial aviation industry.

These three individuals have contributed greatly to improving commercial aviation safety throughout Alaska. We are thankful for their work, in the true celebration and spirit of giving. From their early work and creative thinking, it is incumbent upon others to move their work forward into the next decade and beyond. It all begins with us as individuals, for truly, we can all make a long-term difference.

ASAP-Aviation Safety Action Program

We had our first general ASAP meeting on September 21st, 2010 in Anchorage, Alaska. The newsletter is dedicated to reporting on the issues which we discussed at the meeting.

If you missed it, you missed a good opportunity to discuss the issues and exchange ideas with other ASAP users. If you did attend, I hope this will help reinforce the material we covered and provide additional information you can use.

Kent Adams ASAP Program Manager

To see the special edition newsletter go to:

[Medallion Foundation ASAP](#)

SMS-Safety Mangement System Update

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2010 Medallion Foundation's Shield & Star Awards Ceremony

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The Medallion Foundation's Board of Directors and Staff want to wish you and your family and very happy and safe holiday season. We are looking forward to a great 2011 year for aviation safety!

Medallion Foundation's headquarters will be closed December 25, 2010 through January 3, 2011

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by Juli Eichler

The Medallion Foundation continues to work closely with operators and the FAA to validate the SMS Implementation Model for small operations. Currently two companies have made the commitment to implement SMS processes into their systems with assistance and support from Medallion and the Alaska Region. We look forward to their successes as we work to validate Medallion's model as a viable method of implementing an SMS.

Recent updates and rulemaking activity:

- A new revision of Advisory Circular (AC 120-92A) has been published. "Safety Management Systems for Aviation Service Providers" details the requirements for an SMS within Appendix 1.
- The Aviation Rulemaking Committee (ARC) has published a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking; Safety Management Systems for Part 121 Certificate Holders is open for comments until February 3, 2011.
- The Medallion Foundation SMS Program Manager, Juli Eichler, will attend and present the Medallion Implementation Model at the Safety Management System Focus Group (SMSFG) in Atlanta, December 2010.

ATD (Aviation Training Devices) UPDATE

Two Medallion ATDs have been upgraded to a five-screen display and new features have been added. The extra screen provides an instructor station, which is essential for the X-Plane operating system. X-Plane has been chosen for the new ATDs because it is more versatile and stable, and allows for on-the-fly changes in weather and other parameters. Instruction manuals are provided on the instructor monitor screen and should be referred to before start.



Other manuals and instructions concerning the operation of the ATD and its systems are also available for review.

The new setup includes a Garmin 430W trainer, which has an up-to-date and updatable database and can be used to train pilots to fly WAAS approaches, as well as normal GPS procedures. It is spectacularly effective and pilots are recommended to come in and use the ATDs if only for this feature.

In addition, three new airplane models have been added including the BE-1900, the BE-200 and the PA-31. Every effort is being made to make these

airplane models realistic, and they can be used to train for actual flights in these airplanes. Of course the regular airplanes are still available, and those models are also great value for pilot training and practice of instrument flying skills.

Come in and try. One ATD with the new features is currently in the Black trailer at the main Tom Wardleigh Medallion training center, while the other is located in the CAP hangar in Fairbanks. As we receive new components, we will upgrade more ATDs and hope that this will set the bar higher for all pilots flying in Alaska, whether private, commercial, or ATP.

ANNOUNCEMENT: The ATD currently located at the State of Alaska Leasing office on Lake Hood is being moved within the next two weeks to Aviation Management Directorate (formally OAS) 4405 Lear Court (by State of Alaska building on Lake Hood). This will allow 24/7 access to the 5 screen ATD.

Classes and Events

TapRoot(R) Initial Class

Sitka, Alaska

December 13 & 14th, 2010

To Register:

medallionfoundation.org

TapRoot(R) classes will be scheduled for spring 2011 in Fairbanks, Anchorage, and Southeast Alaska. Classes can be scheduled in other locations depending on demand.

We will be introducing a new class that addresses both System Safety and Safety Management Systems.

The class will be launched **April 5 & 6, 2011** in Anchorage. This two-day course will meet the requirements for System Safety training and will introduce safety management system for smaller operations. This class will be offered in the Interior and Southeast Alaska as well. More information will follow for registration.

Flight Risk Management Class

This class is available as needed. Bob Gastrock, the course instructor, can come to your company and provide this six-hour course. Contact Bob@MedallionFoundation.org

Alaska Air Carriers Association's 45th Annual

Convention and Trade Show.

February 14-18, 2011. Hotel Captain Cook, Anchorage, Alaska
www.alaskaaircarriers.org

A New Way to Renew your CFI Certificate

The Medallion Foundation and the FAA FFASTEAM have joined forces to offer a more comprehensive but voluntary CFI renewal program to you when it's time to renew. The renewal program will include some simulator time that addresses the three most common causes of aircraft accidents in Alaska. It's free and can be accomplished on your schedule. We have reprinted a letter (below) that the FAA is sending to all CFI's as they become due for renewal.

"Good Morning or Afternoon,

My name is Mike Yorke and I am an Inspector at the Anchorage FSDO. A review of our records indicates that your CFI is nearing renewal status. The Anchorage FSDO has developed a new renewal process which I believe you will find rewarding.

Renewals will be accomplished Tuesdays and Thursdays between the hours of 0930 and 1100. The location will be the Medallion Foundation located at 5520 Lake Otis Parkway.

The reason for the renewal modification is to get you more involved with some of the safety issues in Alaska. The Medallion Foundation has offered their PA-18 and other simulators with an instructor for your use during your renewal process. The simulator time is free and you need not wait till renewal to use this device. Call them anytime to schedule at 743-8050 or visit their web site: www.MedallionFoundation.org

All applicants will be introduced to FAASafety.gov

Fifty percent of the accident in Alaska can be attributed to 3 reasons:

*Failure to land in the correct spot
Inadequate compensation for wind*

Loss of directional control during Take-off and Landing

Flight instructors and Check Airman are encouraged to emphasize these three during a Flight Review or proficiency check

Distribute Runway Safety material including Pilot Deviation material

Distribute FAA safety Material based on the applicants needs

Distribute CFI Document holder

Offer Medallion PA-18 Simulator Training with instructor at no charge. This training is available anytime from the Medallion Foundation. All that is needed is an appointment

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