

Illinois Aviation Trades Association April 2011 News Update

Illinois Aviation Conference

The 2011 Illinois Aviation Conference is coming to Abraham Lincoln's Hometown of Springfield, May 24-25. [CLICK HERE](#) to download your registration form. This is one time a year when FBOs, Airports, Government and aviation supporters can gather together and share industry concerns, solutions and network with suppliers on the latest products and services.

You can make hotel reservations now by calling the President Abraham Lincoln Hotel at (217) 544-8800. Tell the hotel you are with the Illinois Aviation Conference to receive the group rate of \$93.50.



Our hangar party this year is hosted by **StandardAero**. Founded in 1911, StandardAero is one of the largest independent MRO and aviation service businesses in the world, providing comprehensive services to commercial, military, business aviation, helicopters and industrial operators. Over 300 years of collective experience brings customers unique knowledge and expertise in solving maintenance challenges. The company has over 3,700 employees working out of facilities strategically located in the U.S., Canada, Europe, Asia and Australia and serving customers from over 80 different countries.

GREAT FOOD - GREAT LOCATION

This year's Hall of Fame banquet is sure to be another great event. this year's inductees include: **Robert Rieser**, Sugar Grove; **William Blake**, Peoria; **Harrel Timmons** (IATA Past President), Galesburg; **Francis "Nick" Lung**, Oregon; and the **Tuskegee Airmen of Chicago**.

To purchase tickets to the banquet **ONLY**, call Shari Jobst at (815) 385-7277. If you are registering for the full conference you can purchase your Hall of Fame tickets with your conference registration.

Inside Washington Blog - "Day On The Hill Presents Opportunity To Voice Concern With Government Competition"

NATA Vice President of Government and Industry Affairs Eric R. Byer addresses the importance of communicating with your members of Congress and encouraging them to support H.R. 1474 and S.785 and how NATA's Day On The Hill can provide the perfect venue to have your opinions heard. Below is an excerpt from the blog post:

Recently, NATA released a grassroots alert to its members encouraging them to contact their Members of Congress to support H.R. 1474 and S. 785, the Freedom from Government Competition Act. These bills would reduce unfair government competition with the private sector, including small businesses. NATA members have continuously experienced government competition in the form of airport operators competing with private business. In the association's opinion, Congress must recognize the right of private businesses to have the first option in providing services at airports, and should ensure that airport authorities seeking to provide these same services are not granted an unfair advantage due to their

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IATA was founded on the simple principle to be a single source for industry education, peer to peer networking and statewide legislative representation for the many partners of general aviation.



For more information call the IATA office at: 217-528-5230.

SB1566 Passes Senate



SB1566 has passed the Senate and is now in the House of Representatives and assigned to the House Executive Committee. Representative Thomas Holbrook (D-113) in Belleville, IL is sponsoring the bill in the House for IATA.

This bill expands the current sales tax exemption on airframe to engine work scopes for anyone who performs aircraft maintenance under an FAA valid Airframe & Powerplant license OR an FAA Accredited Inspection Authorization.

How can you help?
First, support IATA's government advocacy work by making a

government status. **This legislation would eliminate that unfair advantage, providing a level playing field for both FBOs and airports.**

[Click here](#) to read this and other blog posts by NATA Vice President Government and Industry Affairs Eric R. Byer in their entirety.

General Aviation Fatalities Continues Decline

General aviation continued its downward trend of accidents and fatalities in 2010 while flying more hours than in 2009, according to statistics released by the National Transportation Safety Board. The 447 fatalities last year compared to 469 in 2009 and were almost half the number of 864 that occurred in 1992.

Hours flown in 2010 were estimated by the FAA as 20,900,000, 38,000 more than in 2009. There were 267 fatal accidents in 2010. The rate per 100,000 hours flown was 1.27. [READ MORE...](#)

contribution to the IATA legislative fund. Every dollar, no matter how small or large, will help in our efforts to build a stronger general aviation industry in Illinois. Secondly, when we send out an alert to ask you to contact your Senator or Representative for a YES vote, do not expect someone else to make the call. We will need the grassroots support. **BUT for now, please make a donation to IATA.**

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