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FEBRUARY 1998

RE: ATEC UPDATE
TO: ALL ATEC MEMBERS
FROM: JIM DEHLIN, PRESIDENT

ATEC-BOEING RECRUITMENT VIDEO

The video "Nowhere to Go But Up: Your Career in Aviation Maintenance" was sent to all member schools in December.

Our thanks to The Boeing Aircraft Company; Mr. Robert Takacs, Kings River Community College; Mr. Greg Quitiquit and Mr. Vince Jones, Boeing Aircraft Company for making this project a reality.

Once you have a copy of the video, you may reproduce it for school counselors, job training centers, television public service announcements, etc. Or ATEC can supply additional copies to you at a cost of \$15/tape, which includes shipping and handling.

THE STATUS OF THE PROPOSAL FAR PART 66

The proposed Federal Aviation Regulation Part 66 is still within the FAA legal review system. It is not anticipated that this rule will be released to the Federal Register anytime soon.

The reason for the delay is that the rule has been downgraded in priority.

ATEC will be drafting a letter to the FAA Administrator and members of the House and Senate Aviation subcommittees in an attempt to upgrade its priority status and move the rule forward.

BUSINESS OFFICE REPORT

1. The 1998 ATEC Directory has been printed. A copy is enclosed in this mailing. Copies also will be available at the ATEC Conference in Nashville.

2. ATEC Membership

<u>February 1997</u>		<u>February 1998</u>	
Institutional	142	Institutional	143
Individual	7	Individual	10
Associate	16	Associate	17
Life	11	Life	11
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ATEC CONFERENCE DEADLINES APPROACH

Room reservations must be made by **MARCH 1** in order to secure the conference rate. Registration deadline for the conference is **MARCH 16**.

Don't miss:

- * Grantwriting and Grant Opportunities for Aviation Maintenance Training
- * Flight Systems in Modern Aircraft
- * AMT/AMTT Integrated Curriculum
- * Safety Issues from the National Training Safety Board
- * Trends in CBT: Teaching Electronic Systems
- * Computer-Multimedia Presentation in the Aviation Technology Classroom
- * Small Aircraft: Trends and Projections
- * AV Trainer: The Link to Efficient, Directed Avionics Training

Plus networking with AMT schools across the country as well as over a dozen exhibitors for AMT resources.

NOMINATIONS

The candidates for officers and board members are as follows:

President - Gerald Garvan, Tom Stose

Vice President - Laurie Johns

Secretary/Treasurer - Jim Schmid

Board Members: Pieter H. Blood, Al Boeding, G. Earl Brown, John Cotter, Fred Dyen, Charles Larsen, Fred Mirgale, Reggie Nair, David L. Neel and Doris A. Southern

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INDUSTRY SEATS ON THE ATEC BOARD

Because of some retirements and job changes, there were a number of changes on the ATEC Board's industry representation.

Vince Jones, The Boeing Company, is leaving the Board in March. He will be replaced by Jonathan Kniss, Director of Maintenance Training for FlightSafety Boeing Training International.

George Rivas, formerly of United Airlines, has retired and was appointed to a one year position on the Board. United Airlines will be contacted to see if they are interested in providing another representative.

In addition, the ATA maintenance training education subcommittee chairman will be invited to be a member of the Board on a year to year appointment under the ByLaws. Rich D'Loss of Northwest Airlines is currently serving in that position and was appointed to the Board.



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For maximum impact, we suggest that in November each ATEC school should comment on the proposed rule to the FAA. We would ask you to support ATEC's position in your letter to the FAA, then add any items that may affect your institution or students.

Watch your mail for ATEC's response in mid-October.

ATEC STUDENT RECRUITMENT VIDEO

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AMT JOB TASK ANALYSIS

The Phase 3 Final Report for the FAA's AMT JTA is complete, but is not released to date. There is talk of an effort to pull the whole study together in a short, executive report.

We will let you know when the report is made public.

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The application for the AMT Educator Award is included in this mailing.

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ATEC WEB PAGE

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Thanks for your attention to this so we can improve our communication to all of you across the country.

ATEC DIRECTORY

Included in this mailing is the ATEC Directory Update Form. Please review your school profile, make changes and return to the ATEC office by the December 11 deadline.

STRATEGIC PLANNING

Following the formal Board meeting on September 6, the Board participated in seven (7) hours of Strategic Planning efforts. As a result of this effort, six (6) strategic activities were identified, and Board members were identified to plan and address each of the activities. Action Plans will be developed for each activity, and the plans will be reviewed at the Winter 1999 Board meeting. It is intended that this entire planning effort will be presented to the membership at the next Annual Conference.

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AMT STUDENT SURVEY

Every few years, ATEC surveys PART 147 schools to assess the supply of graduate AMTs into the marketplace. The survey also tracks where graduates go to work.

ATEC uses this aggregate information in presentations to the FAA and industry groups studying supply and demand for AMTs.

Unfortunately, since April, three separate attempts have been made to gather the survey data, with very limited results. At this time, only 49 schools have returned the survey form out of a possible 181 PART 147 schools. This is not a sufficient number to base any concrete accurate analysis.

For those of you who returned the survey, we thank you and you do not need to do anything more. If, however, you have not returned the survey, we have enclosed a copy of the form in this mailing.

I urge you to complete the form and send it to **Utah State University**. Individual school data will not be reported. Only aggregate data for all schools will be included in the report.

Thank you for your help.

ATEC CONFERENCE

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CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS - PRELIMINARY AGENDA

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1:00 P.M.	Registration
3:00-5:00 P.M.	ATEC Board Meeting
3:00-5:15 P.M.	Special exhibitor presentations of new technical products and services
5:30-7:00 P.M.	Ice Breaker Reception

MONDAY, APRIL 12, 1999

9:00 A.M.-12:00 NOON	*Part 66/AMT-T Update
	*What AMT Graduates Will Need With the Advent of Part 66: An Industry Perspective
	*Technical Presentation on AMT Classroom Training
12:00 NOON-1:30 P.M.	Lunch - ATEC Strategic Plan Discussion Groups
1:30 P.M.-4:00 P.M.	*Airmen Computer Records Administration - How to use the new FAA software for new AMTs, pilots, etc. (Participants will receive a copy of the software.)
	*The Future Mechanic - A multimedia presentation of a day in the life of a transport AMT five years in the future.
	*Technical Presentation on AMT Classroom Training

TUESDAY, APRIL 13, 1999

9:00 A.M.-12:00 NOON	*ATEC Annual Business Meeting
	*Panel to discuss issues such as consistency of regulatory inter- pretation, testing areas of relevance under the new regula- tions and other important topics
12:00 NOON-1:30 P.M.	Annual Awards Luncheon
1:30 P.M.-3:30 P.M.	*FAA National Update
	*Technical Education Presentation

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