



Aviation Technician Education Council

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JANUARY 2011

RE: ATEC UPDATE
TO: ALL MEMBERS
FROM: RAYMOND THOMPSON, PRESIDENT

AIRCRAFT TRADE

Interested in acquiring a Provost jet? John Mulvey (303) 261-7700 is interested in trading several Provosts for a GA type aircraft – C172, Piper, etc.

You can also reach John at astreair@earthlink.net.

NEW ATEC SCHOLARSHIPS

In addition to ATEC's and NRF's regular scholarships, there are several new scholarship and award programs available. New are the American Eurocopter two-week helicopter maintenance training course for instructors, the Aeronautical Repair Station Association tuition scholarship for students, and the new SnapOn Tool Scholarships for students that provides five sets of tools for awards valued at \$4,900.00 each.

Be informed that the S&K Tool Scholarships are no longer available. Also, schools, instructors, and students please submit your applications. The deadline for submission is approaching quickly (**March 1**).

Review the ATEC and Northrop Rice Foundation websites for full details and applications.

SERVE ON THE ATEC BOARD

Several seats are open for April 2011. If you are interested in placing your name in nomination, contact Dick Dumaresq at ccdq@aol.com. Voting will take place at the conference in Orlando, Florida, April 10-12, 2011.

\$40,000 IN SCHOLARSHIPS ON THE WEBSITE

Be sure to apply for all the **awards, scholarships and grants** for faculty, students and schools on the ATEC website www.atec-amt.org. There are almost \$40,000 in available awards, including the new Snap-On and American Eurocopter Scholarships. Deadline is **March 1**.

ATEC DVD LIBRARY

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YOUR INSTITUTIONAL LISTING NEEDS TO BE UPDATED

Please go to www.atec-amt.org. Click on 147 Institutional Members then click on your state.

Review your listing for accuracy. If it needs to be changed, print it out, make changes and fax it to 717-540-7121 by February 25. Be sure to check your contacts and contact information.

ATEC 2011 CONFERENCE PACKET ENCLOSED

Mark your calendar now for April 10-12, 2011 where ATEC will be held at the International Palms Resort in Orlando, Florida...Plus at the same hotel on April 9 there will be an IA Renewal Program and on April 13, DME Renewal Program.

One trip...three professional activities.

**April 9 – IA Renewal
April 10-12 – ATEC Conference
April 13 – DME Renewal**

DID YOU REJOIN ATEC FOR 2011?

ATEC membership is open for 2011. Help support ATEC's work.

UNIVERSAL TOUR AT THE ATEC CONFERENCE

- Leaves ATEC hotel at 1:00 PM and arrives at gate and is escorted to parking at 1:15 PM.
- Group will tour the Central Shops where Universal conducts major overhauls of ride vehicles. The host for the tour is a woman who is an ex-Navy aviator and she will address her transition from flight line to Universal.
- Group will move to the Hulk roller coaster where our host will be another ex-military man who worked on the Stealth fighter project in its early days. He will also address the reapplication of aviation skills to his job at Universal.
- There will be ample time for questions.
- Return to hotel 3:00 PM.

You must pre-register to ride the bus and enter Universal. This tour is open to the first 30 people who sign up (see conference packet).

CURRENT FAA ISSUES

The ATEC Government Relations Committee is working on the following items:

- 1) Due to FAA priorities Part 147 Final Report/NPRM/Revision is on hold – no movement at this time. ATEC will continue to nudge the FAA.
- 2) ATEC is discussing with FAA the issue of revolving Part 147 curriculum offering multiple entry/exit points. The General curriculum needed is taught along with Airframe and/or Powerplant subject material. There are some schools operating now with this type of curriculum design, however, some FSDOs are not open to this curriculum model.
- 3) An ATEC school is moving forward with integrating FAA certified reciprocating diesel engine technology and for clarity asked for an interpretation to the rule from the FAA.
- 4) The description of “Actively Engaged” is a topic drawing attention now. Currently, the FAA has a notice out and has received 950 comments. The FAA asked the public, in an appropriate time frame, to give their view of what they felt “Actively Engaged” meant. The comment period is now over. As an organization, we may still have input as the FAA narrows in on what “Actively Engaged” means and how it will apply, or be applied. To be clear, this “Actively Engaged” notice was only related to a Mechanic’s involvement with current maintenance of aircraft as related to holding the Inspection Authorization. Some people thought this “Actively Engaged” notice was also for A&Ps working as 147 instructors or A&Ps testing as DMEs, this was not part of the notice. Just the notice/dialogue alone has affected Mechanics, Instructors and FAA Inspectors without an NPRM or Rule change. Bring your thoughts, ideas and examples of how “Actively Engaged” is considered and perhaps incorrectly applied, so we as a collective group may provide the best input to our government.
- 5) Currently, there is some movement between a member 147 school and the FAA, as they work through beta testing for “alternative method of delivery” techniques.



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APRIL 2011

RE: ATEC UPDATE

TO: ALL MEMBERS

FROM: RAYMOND THOMPSON, PRESIDENT

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

When I assumed my role as president, I did so with the desire to see ATEC improve our communications, membership services, and offerings to each member institution. After all, each of us has limited time and resources and will invest them where they do the most good. We are making progress. An ongoing review of the website has been taking place to clean up what is currently available and look to what our next generation website should look like. We added more sessions at the conference that benefit your school as well as the individual instructor. ATEC is also looking at ways to facilitate sharing curriculum in an open source manner with other members while protecting copyright and intellectual property rights.

We continue to hear about the impending shortage of A&P technicians. Hiring is starting to pick up and internships are returning. More than ever, each of us needs to provide the most current and advanced training possible. The Part 147 ARAC may be delayed due to higher priorities within the FAA, but as a group we can still continue to develop and evolve each of our programs. ATEC is focused on providing resources to assist with your growth. You have requested ATEC to provide these services and we are listening.

Your input is always welcome. We need to know your needs so we can serve you in the best manner possible. Best wishes to each of you for 2011.

- Ray Thompson

FINANCE/BUDGET

The 2009-2010 ATEC Budget Report was distributed at the conference showing a net surplus of \$7,830.15.

While the 2011 Budget (December 2010-March 2011) is tracking well, it is still too early to project a surplus or deficit for 2011.

Aviation maintenance programs nationwide are still in a retrenchment mode but membership is remaining stable. Membership is as follows:

	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>
Institutional	94	70	93
Individual	3	7	7
Industry	19	22	14
Life	<u>9</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>9</u>
TOTAL	125	108	123

ATEC CONFERENCE

Ninety-six representatives from 58 schools attended the 51st Annual ATEC Conference at the Orlando International Palms Resort. In addition, there were 19 exhibitors, 8 speakers and 27 spouses/guests.

See you in 2012 at the Phoenix Fiesta Resort April 14-17 for the ATEC Conference with IA Renewal on April 14, 2012.

The top five conference presentations in rank order were:

1. Understanding and Teaching the New Millennial Students
2. Industry Panel
3. Latest Technologies in UAV
4. Beyond the Technical: Teaching Professionalism
5. Best Practices in Student Recruiting and Marketing

The exhibitors were the highest rated part of the general conference along with the conference facility. The lowest rated part of the conference was the hotel sleeping rooms which had not been updated as promised by the hotel.

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ATEC COMMITTEES

A committee membership roster is attached. If you would like to serve on a committee, please let the ATEC Office know at ccdq@aol.com.

ATEC WEBSITE

The ATEC Communications Committee is working with our webmaster to improve the existing site while reviewing newer and better free hosting sites.

As to the content, the committee is interested in input from members on the following:

- What communication technology do you use?
- What content would you like to see on the ATEC website?

Please send your feedback to:

Paul Herrick – afpeh@uaa.alaska.edu and
Tom Hagovsky – hagovsky@purdue.edu

GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

The top issue for the Government Relations Committee is the 147 revision Final Report currently on hold in the NPRM process. There has been further dialogue with AFS-300 about the timeline of the 147 NPRM, now projected to be FY 2012. This NPRM work is on the FAA Dashboard (a weekly updated monitoring system).

Note: While waiting for 147 NPRM, AFS-300 is moving forward and working to test and evaluate “alternative methods of delivery” with an ATEC school. ATEC will continue this work, including follow up 147 guidance development to be in harmony with the new rule once it goes into effect.

ATEC has intervened in several local school and regional issues with the FAA. Members of the GR committee have been able to head off some serious situations. Over the past 6 months, the ATEC Government Relations Committee assisted five member schools with FAA issues that could not be resolved at the local level. For assistance contact Andrew Smith - atsmith@ksu.edu.

SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS PRESENTED

On April 11, at the ATEC Conference, over \$25,000 in aviation related scholarships were awarded to students, faculty and schools.

Almost 250 people from ATEC member schools applied for the various awards developed by the Northrop-Rice Foundation (NRF).

The list of winners and their schools are attached.

Plus congratulations to:

Debra Monchilov – Student of the Year Award winner 2011
and
Neal Perkins – Educator of the Year Award winner 2011

JOB OPENINGS

Go to www.atec-amt.org for recent postings. Click on “Employment Postings” on the left hand margin.

HOLD THE DATES:

ATEC CONFERENCE – APRIL 14-17, 2012 IA RENEWAL – APRIL 14, 2012

PHOENIX FIESTA RESORT

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2011-2012

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2011 SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

AERONAUTICAL REPAIR STATION ASSOCIATION STUDENT TUITION SCHOLARSHIP

Drew Decker – Teterboro School of Aviation

AVOTEK BOOK AWARDS

1. Benjamin Rector – Aviation Institute of Maintenance - MO
2. Gerald Finch – Michigan Institute of Aviation & Technology
3. David Crosby – National Aviation Academy
4. Ronnie Tercero – Aviation Institute of Maintenance – Orlando

AVOTEK DALE HURST MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Donald Lesicka – Spokane Community College

NORTHROP RICE FOUNDATION – INSTRUCTOR AWARD

Gail Y. Rouscher – Western Michigan University

SNAP-ON TOOL CORPORATION – TOOL AWARDS

1. James Buckingham – University of Alaska
2. Ronnie Tercero – Aviation Institute of Maintenance – Orlando
3. William K Henderson – Clover Park Technical College
4. Robert Boyle – Michigan Institute of Aviation & Technology
5. Allison R Hoyt – Tarrant County College

NORTHROP RICE FOUNDATION TUITION SCHOLARSHIPS

1. Kimberly K Olszewski – Del Mar College
2. Edward J Costantino – Pittsburgh Institute of Aeronautics
3. Shane Wineinger – Vincennes University
4. Denis Bulfoni – Teterboro School of Aeronautics

WING AERO BOOK AWARDS

1. Sara Lee Torres-Ortega – Del Mar College
2. Matthew Griffin – Hinds Community College

NIDA CORPORATION SCHOOL TRAINING EQUIPMENT

Blue Ridge Community College – Fred Dyen

ROTORCRAFT ENTERPRISES SCHOOL TRAINING EQUIPMENT

National Aviation Academy – Michael Wisnewski

**FLIGHTSAFETY INTERNATIONAL
INSTRUCTOR SCHOLARSHIP**

Randy Chesley – Utah State University

**AMERICAN EUROCOPTER
INSTRUCTOR SCHOLARSHIP**

Carl J Newton – Hallmark College of Aeronautics

**SOUTHWEST AIRLINES
INSTRUCTOR SCHOLARSHIP**

James H Crocker – Greenville Technical College



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To: ATEC Member Institutions
From: Raymond Thompson, President
Subject: ATEC Update
Date: September 2011

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Ray Thompson', is written over the 'From' and 'Subject' lines of the header.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As you move into a new school year, the ATEC officers and board extend best wishes for your continued success. To facilitate your success, ATEC is working hard to provide a new shared course content portal by April 2012. We envision this portal as place where members can exchange ideas and content – making all of us better at what we do. ATEC Government Relations continues to work with individual programs when a third party can assist with differences between the school and FAA and provide updates on regulatory matters. We are consolidating Industry Relations and Member Services into a single streamlined committee to provide better offerings. In short, we are ramping up activities to better serve you, our member institutions.

Be sure to mark your calendars for the ATEC Annual Conference, April 14-17, 2012 in Tempe, Arizona. The 2012 conference will have outstanding programming, headlined by Dr. Mark Taylor. Building on his presentation on understanding the millennial student, Dr. Taylor will be getting into the details on technical teaching with today's student and how to prepare this cohort for school and the workplace.

ATEC will continue to keep you informed of our work and efforts to improve your ATEC experience and services. I personally look forward to seeing you in April 2012.

Best – Raymond Thompson

GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

Over the Spring and Summer, the committee has been dealing with local FAA FSDO issues and problems affecting assistance to three schools. The Board is considering listing these issues on the website along with the final resolution. This would help national standardization. For assistance with local school issues, contact Andrew Smith at atsmith@ksu.edu.



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HUMAN FACTORS TEST QUESTIONS

AFS-630 HAS DEVELOPED QUESTIONS AND ADDED THEM TO THE Aviation Maintenance Technician General Knowledge Test beginning October 1, 2011.

FAA Advisory Circular currently contains in Appendix 4, optional curriculum guidance to include human factors as part of a 147 approved curriculum.

A TEC 147 schools that currently do not have any training information in their curriculums regarding human factors/maintenance errors should be thinking about incorporating such information in the future.

AFS-630 has posted sample questions for Human Factors on the FAA website.
http://www.faa.gov/training_testing/testing/airmen/test_questions/

TEST STANDARDS

General, Airframe and Powerplant Practical Test Standards will be reviewed via a committee. Ed Hall asked if ATEC wanted to sit at the table to provide input. David Jones and Tom Hendershot will serve on this committee and keep us informed.

PART 147 FINAL ARAC TRANSITION TO NPRM

At a September meeting with AFS-300 in Washington DC, ATEC Board members were told that the 147 NPRM is number six on a ten point priority list for AFS-300. It was suggested that ATEC meet with AFS-2 to help raise awareness of the need for the new rule and raise its priority level. An ATEC/AFS-2 meeting is being set for October.

ELECTRONIC PROCESSING AND FILING SYSTEMS – FORM 8610-2

Because of the severe FAA budget constraints there is no movement on this initiative.

MAKING ORAL AND PRACTICAL TESTING LESS TIME CONSUMING

Mechanic PTS is currently under review for revision. ATEC Board members are represented on the committee and a review of testing time required to do the O&P will be considered.

AGE REQUIREMENT FOR GENERAL, A&P WRITTEN/KNOWLEDGE TESTING

It was suggested that when ATEC meets with AFS-600 they discuss this topic of an age requirement of 16 listed in the Handbook to take the Computerized Knowledge Test. This requirement is not supported by the rule. It seems unnecessary and should be revised out.



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DISTANCE EDUCATION (DE)

Before the FAA can approve DE schools, surveillance specifics for testing students in DE need to be worked out.

ATEC will be looking more closely at the DE issue through an ad hoc committee to formulate workable solutions.

147 ELECTRONIC RECORDKEEPING

Ed Hall in the FAA, directed all school personnel to review and follow AC120-78 as guidance for electronic recordkeeping.

CLARIFICATION OF "ACTIVELY ENGAGED"

There are still conflicts among 8900.1, 65.91 and 147.

On a positive note, the refined FAA definition does provide more opportunity for AMT instructors who, in addition to teaching, are involved with approval for return to service. The key is good communication between an instructor and assigned ASI.

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NOMINATIONS FOR ATEC BOARD

In 2012, ATEC will have three seats open for four year Board terms and three will be appointed one year terms. We will also be voting for president and vice-president in 2012. See attached Board application form.



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2012 SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

The scholarship and award programs being administered by the Northrop Rice Foundation for ATEC schools, instructors, and students for the coming year are:

- Aeronautical Repair Station Association Student Tuition Scholarship
- Snap-On Tool Sets Awards for Students
- AVOTEK Dale Hurst Memorial Scholarship for Instructors
- AVOTEK Book Sets Awards for Students
- Northrop Rice Foundation Instructor Assistance Award
- Northrop Rice Foundation Student Tuition Scholarships
- Wing Aero Book Sets Awards for Students
- NIDA Corporation Training Equipment Award for Schools
- Rotorcraft Enterprises Training Equipment Award for Schools
- FlightSafety International King Air Maintenance Scholarship for Instructors
- Southwest Airlines Boeing Systems/Avionic Scholarship for Instructors
- American Eurocopter Helicopter Maintenance Scholarship for Instructors

Others will be added soon. To access the details and application forms, go to www.atec-amt.org and click on the list in the right hand column. All deadlines are in early 2012.

Winners will receive their awards/scholarships on April 16 at the ATEC annual conference at the Fiesta Resort in Tempe, Arizona (4 miles from the Phoenix Airport).

ATEC COMMITTEES

The following are the Board Committee Chairs and their contact information.

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For a complete list of all committee members, go to www.atec-amt.org and click on Committees.

ATEC WEBSITE

The website is scheduled for a major overhaul this Fall and Winter.

Among some of the planned enhancements:

- Easier navigation from homepage and back
- A secure members-only section with special annual log-in password
- File sharing/posting of instructor powerpoints, labs, lectures, videos
- Expanded FAQ link
- Sections for students, instructors, industry, and schools
- Expanded scholarships and awards section
- Modules for developing technicians to be teachers

WOMEN IN AVIATION SCHOLARSHIPS

FedEx Express JT8D Engine Award – Fed Ex Express is accepting applications from qualified aviation schools, universities, museums and other aviation education organizations for a JT8D engine with stand from the company's retiring fleet. To be considered for this donation, please submit a detailed summary of your organization, including information about your program, how the engine would enhance your program and any joint use opportunities with other area programs to increase the utilization of the asset. The recipient will be required to sign a contract that restricts the transfer of ownership, the sale of parts and acknowledges that the engine will be used for ground training only.

FedEx Express B-727 Aircraft New for 2012 – FedEx Express is accepting applications from qualified aviation schools/universities; airport rescue/firefighting groups; government agencies; museums and other aviation education organizations for a B-727 airplane from the company's retiring fleet. To be considered for this donation, please submit a detailed summary of our organization, including information about your program, how the aircraft would enhance your program and any joint use opportunities with other area programs to increase the utilization of the asset. The recipient must have adequate parking space available and will be required to



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sign a contract that restricts the transfer of ownership, the sale of parts and acknowledges that the aircraft will be used for ground training only.

Contract approval and a delivery date will be finalized with the selected organization, and the winner will be announced at the 2012 WAI Conference in Dallas, Texas, March 8-10. Applicants must be a **corporate member** of Women in Aviation to be eligible.

UPDATE YOUR SCHOOL PROFILE

Please go to www.atec-amt.org. Click on 147 Institutional Members then click on your state.

Review your listing for accuracy. If it needs to be changed, print it out, make changes and fax it to 717-540-7121 by December 3. Be sure to check contacts and contact information.

CALL FOR PAPER PRESENTATIONS

If you have a technical classroom related presentation that you would like to present at the April 14-17 conference, see the attached application information and return it by **December 1, 2011**.

EDUCATOR AND STUDENT OF THE YEAR AWARD NOMINATIONS

Included in this Update are the letters announcing the two major ATEC awards to be presented at the ATEC Conference, April 14-17, 2012 in Tempe, Arizona.

PRELIMINARY CONFERENCE AGENDA

Mark Your Calendar!! Attached is the Preliminary Conference Agenda for ATEC 2012 at the Fiesta Resort, Tempe, Arizona (4 miles from the Phoenix Airport) April 14-17.

Note: IA Renewal Training is on Saturday, April 14, at the Fiesta Resort.