

2002 ATAC Innovation Award

Empire Aviation

Tom Lawson, President, deserves special mention for his efforts to promote higher quality programs with the development of the University of Western Ontario Aviation Degree Program and ISO 9001 Certification. Tom's cooperative approach has led to a better relationship with the Ontario Government's Department of Education Student Assistance Branch for aviation trainer providers. Tom has also provided fellow ATAC members with copies of Empire Aviation's Integrated Training Program, of which Empire Aviation was the first in Canada to achieve this recognition.

Sky Wings Aviation

Dennis Cooper, President, established a program that has introduced Grade 6 students to aviation. This program had three elements: airport orientation visits, the "flights for 'A's", program which recognized scholastic achievement by providing familiarization flights to over 300 school children and the high school credits programs for aviation studies. This program is continuing to expand and is now being developed in other provincial education systems.



(From left to right) Sherry Cooper, Sky Wings Aviation Academy, Dennis Cooper, Sky Wings Aviation Academy, Pat Kennedy, Chair, ATAC and Martin Digby, Award Sponsor, Aon Reed Stenhouse Inc.



(From left to right) Tom Lawson, Empire Aviation, Ted Hewitt, University of Western Ontario, Pat Kennedy, Chair, ATAC