

The Electronic Newsletter of the Air Transport Association of Canada  
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#### ATAC Acknowledges a Change at the Helm of Transport Canada.

The Prime Minister's Office announced on June 17<sup>th</sup> that Louis Ranger was retiring after 35 years of service to Canada. ATAC thanks Louis for his dedication, work ethics and immense contribution to the development of transportation in Canada. We wish him the best of luck in his future endeavours.

It is also with pleasure that we welcome Yaprak Baltacioğlu as the new Deputy Minister for Transport, Infrastructure and Communities effective July 1<sup>st</sup>. Ms. Baltacioğlu, a distinguished career Canadian civil servant, has held senior positions in the PMO, at Environment Canada and at Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada.

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#### Western Canada Braces for Avgas Shortages?

Reports are coming in from operators as far west as Victoria and as far east as Saskatchewan that starting on Monday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>, Avgas will be in limited supply. The news from Esso in Alberta, reported the temporary closing of its Avgas facility for 1-6 weeks. Therefore all distributors including Shell in western Canada will be affected. However it was reported on Wednesday, June 24<sup>th</sup> that Petro-Canada will help to alleviate any potential shortages by supplying limited amounts of Avgas. Further pressure on the availability of Avgas will occur as provincial governments will be protecting supplies for the fire season.

#### Human Resource Study of the Commercial Pilot in Canada

CQFA Dorval hosted the first cross Canada focus group meeting, facilitated by John McKenna, President of ATAC and attended by Quebec air operators. The Quebec based participants included fixed wing, rotary wing and flight training operators. The information gathered from the session provided good initial data on the supply/demand requirements of operators and training requirements. The next meeting will be held in Calgary, Alberta on July 20<sup>th</sup> at the Sandman Inn.

#### Opportunities India Flight Training Project

ATAC has submitted Phase III project amendments to the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade for approval of an outgoing mission to Delhi, India of ATAC flight training schools.

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#### Salon Le Bourget – Paris Airshow

Coinciding with Canada's 100th Anniversary Flight Celebrations, this year also marks the 100th year in which the biennial Salon Le Bourget-Paris Air Show has been held. Although in the midst of a recession and the negative impacts that it has on our industry, the show was a success from many perspectives, including attendance and a hopeful outlook for our industry in the times ahead. This particularly bodes well for the Canadian aviation and aerospace industries.

ATAC represented our MRO (Maintenance, Repair & Overhaul) and Flight Training School members at this prestigious event and the many associated meetings and networking events. This included the annual ATAC briefing to the many Canadian DFAIT Trade Commissioners that were in town for the air show. The briefing focused on the many announcements and success stories coming out of our MRO and Flight Training members since last year's Farnborough Air Show. In these times of economic difficulties and uncertainties it is nice to report that Canadian firms are aggressively marketing internationally in order to be in good stead for the sure-to-come economic upturn!

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#### ATAC's 75th Annual General Meeting & Tradeshow November 15-17, 2009 Hilton Hotel and Quebec City Convention Centre

"Aviation In a Recovering Economy"

Please visit our website at <http://www.atac.ca/en/events/agm/index.html> for ATAC's preliminary program, accommodation details and other pertinent information. **Book your accommodation early - a limited block of rooms are on hold.** For information on Sponsorships and/or the Tradeshow please email Debbie Simpson at [atac@atac.ca](mailto:atac@atac.ca).

Join us in celebrating ATAC's 75th Anniversary.

#### Thanks to our 2009 Sponsors to date

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#### Centenary Supper

ATAC hosted a supper table in St. Hubert, Quebec honouring pioneers inducted into the Quebec Air and Space Hall of Fame. The event commemorated the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of powered flight by J.A.D McCurdy in Baddeck, NS in 1909.

The organizing committee included the Air Force Association, the Air Cadet League and the 438<sup>th</sup> Squadron based in St. Hubert.

#### Presidential Citation

The Air Cadet League of Canada presented ATAC with the Presidential Citation, as a commendation for its dedicated partnership with the League of Canada during their Annual General Meeting held on June 20<sup>th</sup> in Gander, NL.

#### 2009 Air Cadet Powered Pilot Scholarship

Regional Cadets Air Operations have assigned Cadets to the 13 ATAC Flight Training Schools delivering the Powered Pilot Scholarship Program. Participating FTUs are ramping up to receive Cadets around the end of June or the beginning of July. ATAC continues to work with DND to discuss possible retention strategies of new private pilot graduates from the program.

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#### ATAC Challenges New FAA Overflight Fee Increase

The Federal Aviation Administration announce their intention of significantly increasing their two overflight fees. They propose to increase the Enroute fee from \$33 to \$56 and the Oceanic from \$15 to \$21. ATAC has successfully fought two legal battles against similar increases. ATAC is a member of the Aviation Rulemaking Committee, a consultative body charged with examining the proposals.

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