

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

ARE YOU REGISTERED YET! Online registration will close on Friday, November 13 at noon and registration by fax can only be accepted until Thursday, November 12 at noon. Register today at <http://www.atac.ca/en/eventsagm/index.html>.

Book your accommodation now at the Hilton Quebec – 1-800-447-2411 and refer to the ATAC Block – by staying at the host Hotel you directly support the AGM/Tradeshow by helping the Association meet its financial commitment.

Committee Meeting topics are now posted to our website at <http://www.atac.ca/en/files1/2009%20ATAC%20Program%20Schedule.pdf>.

For sponsorships and/or Tradeshow information, please email Debbie Simpson at atac@atac.ca.

Join us in celebrating ATAC's 75th Anniversary!

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Vancouver Visit

I spent a wonderful three days recently visiting Vancouver area ATAC members and other carriers. This short trip left an indelible impression on me on many levels but two things stood out. Firstly is the importance of the role of air transport in British Columbia. Air transport is a way of life in that community and the greater Vancouver area is buzzing with strong and dynamic air carriers. Part of me wanted to settle in B.C. and belong to that high octane community.

The main message I received during my talks with air carriers and flight schools was the dramatic fallout from security measures being put in place for the up-coming 2008 Winter Olympics. ATAC has been involved for some 18 months in the consulting committee on Olympic security and we have always pushed for reasonable measures. For the past six months, we have been faced with an immovable position held by authorities to sanction near limitless security measures, much to the detriment of B.C. carriers. ATAC has been pushing for financial compensation for losses incurred by B.C. carriers due to the severe financial consequences resulting from security measures. My visit to Vancouver has only strengthened ATAC's resolve to obtain this compensation. It seems clear at this point that none of the measures will be relaxed to allow air carriers and flight schools to carry on with business as usual during the six to eight weeks of Olympic activity.

ATAC has to met with the highest administrative authority possible in Ottawa on this matter. We expect that our request for reasonable financial compensation for BC air carriers and flight schools will be accepted. There are recent precedents for such compensation and the Government has to live up to its responsibility in this serious matter.

John McKenna, President & CEO jmckenna@atac.ca

U.S. Announces Increase to APHIS User Fees

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) announced an increase to User Fees effective November 1, 2009 as follows:

- International Airline Passenger User Fee increase from \$5 to \$5.50
- Commercial Aircraft User Fee increase from \$70.75 to \$78

ATAC has contacted a Washington lawyer to contest the increase.

Sports Charters to U.S. an Issue

Following significant intervention by the Government of Canada, a ban that was placed upon Air Canada Jetz was reversed (for now). The ban was precipitated by an audit by the U.S. Department of Transport which revealed possible cabotage infringements.

The dispute could have affected other Canadian air carriers transporting sports teams into and through the U.S. This file is however not resolved and ATAC will monitor it closely.

Michael Skrobica, VP, Industry Monetary Affairs, mikes@atac.ca

New Proposed IFR Renewal Rules.

ATAC is participating in the Transport Canada CARAC to provide comments on the NPA's converting the instrument rating to a non-expiring qualification, relying on enhanced recency provisions through an Instrument Proficiency Check (IPC). The IPC has introduced as a new option for Instrument Rating Currency. These changes were presented to the CARAC on November 2, 2009 which ATAC attended representing its members. For a copy of the Instrument Renewal Background paper please e-mail wgouveia@atac.ca

Global Opportunities for Associations (GOA) funding approved for India Project

The ATAC Opportunities India Project has received confirmation from the Foreign Affairs and International Trade GOA program for funding. Phase Three of the project has been redefined from an incoming mission of Indian representatives to Canada to an outgoing mission of Canadian Flight Schools to Delhi India to meet air operators, airline representatives and training providers tentatively scheduled to occur in Spring 2010.

2010 Air Cadet Program

The invitation to bid for the 2010 Air Cadet Power Pilot Scholarship Program is now closed and 16 ATAC Schools have submitted their interest to the Department of National Defence. The site inspections and comparative evaluations have started Canada wide. ATAC will be finalizing the details of the 2010 contract in the coming months.

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