



2010 Event Sponsor

### **ATAC 2010 Spring Symposium and Reception**

Wednesday, May 5, 2010  
Crowne Plaza Hotel, Ballroom (Lower Level)  
Ottawa, Ontario  
(Times are subject to change)  
3:00 - 5:00 pm - Symposium - "Security - How Safe Can We Afford To Be"  
5:00 - 7:00 pm - Annual Spring Reception

This event is open to all ATAC Members or by personal invitation. For general inquiries or sponsorship opportunities, please contact Debbie Simpson by email at [atac@atac.ca](mailto:atac@atac.ca). Visit our website at [http://www.atac.ca/en/events/annual\\_spring\\_reception.html](http://www.atac.ca/en/events/annual_spring_reception.html) for online registration.

Accommodation - a limited block of rooms have been reserved at the Crowne Plaza Hotel at the rate of \$159/night (Including Buffet Breakfast at 101 Café). **Cut-off date is April 7, 2010.** Call 1-800-227-6963 or direct at 613-237-3600 ext. 6200. Refer to the ATAC special negotiated rate. May is extremely busy so please book early!

### **ATAC 2010 AGM and Tradeshow**

Sunday, November 7 - Tuesday, November 9  
Westin Bayshore Hotel, Vancouver, British Columbia

Our Tradeshow Registration Package is now available at <http://www.atac.ca/en/events/agm/index.html>. Purchase your booth in full prior to May 1 and beat the HST. For further information please contact Debbie Simpson at [atac@atac.ca](mailto:atac@atac.ca) or 613-233-7727 Ext 312.

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#### **Invitation to Risk Assessment Working Group - Fuel Tank Safety**

ATAC has been invited by TC to provide a representative in a Risk Assessment Working Group on Fuel Tank Safety. The purpose of this Risk Assessment working group is to determine the appropriate regulatory and non-regulatory instruments for achieving policy objectives in accordance with the Cabinet Directive on Streamlining Regulation (CDSR). The topic of consideration will be the existence of ignition sources inside or around fuel tank systems that may cause an explosion when the vapours inside the tank are flammable. The Risk Assessment will evaluate the options for Fuel Tank Safety regulation in Canada. Please contact Bill Boucher more information or to volunteer your services to represent ATAC.

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#### **Air Operators Suffer through the Vancouver/Whistler Olympics**

Aviation security restrictions surrounding the 2010 Vancouver/Whistler Olympic Games plagued a number of local air operators. The restrictions to operations proved to be financially negative to flight schools and local service operations in the Lower Mainland. On a positive, the restrictions which began January 29, 2010 concluded March 12, 2010, about two weeks earlier than planned. In addition to the severe restriction to operations, this class of operator experienced profiteering at the hands of unscrupulous FBOs who charged outlandish "Parking" Fees for local aircraft to access the Canadian Air Transport Security Authority screening points. ATAC met with stakeholders on March 30, 2010 in Vancouver to discuss and quantify the impact of the measures. ([See Press Release](#))

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#### **ATAC Flight Training Schools in India**

On March 2, 2010 sixteen members from twelve Canadian Flight Schools arrived in New Delhi, India on the first leg of a two city one week tour. ATAC schools hosted a reception for Indian Aviation representatives at the Canadian Embassy in Delhi, delivered student seminars in two cities, attended the Indian Aviation Expo in Hyderabad and were honoured guests at the Canada reception hosted by Foreign Affairs and International Trade in Hyderabad and participated in a press conference with India television. ATAC were invited guests of the Ministry of Civil Aviation Government of India gala reception in Hyderabad. At the reception we were welcomed by the Indian Civil Aviation Minister, Mr. Praful Patel and the Director General of Civil Aviation (DGCA), Dr. Nasim Zaidi, who suggested that ATAC Schools help training organizations in India improve quality in training.

#### **Air Cadet Update**

The top standing Cadet will be honoured with the ATAC continuation flying scholarship at the May Flight Training Meeting in Ottawa. The Powered Pilot Scholarship contracts have been mailed to the ATAC flight schools training Cadets this summer over a 7 week period to receive their private pilot license. This year Quebec region hosted the introduction of a pilot project for the Advanced Powered Pilot Scholarship Program, which provided 15 students from across Canada the opportunity to increase their flying skills and experience.

#### **The Commercial Pilot Sector Study**

The 2010 Human Resource Commercial Pilot Sector Study is in the draft stages with various members of the executive committee now reviewing and providing comments to the contractor. The study will be released in the near future and ATAC members will be notified of the release through this newsletter.

#### **ATAC Travels**

In the month of April, Wayne Gouveia VP Commercial General Aviation attended the Northern Air Transport Association meeting in Whitehorse, and will be attending the 24<sup>th</sup> Aviation Safety Council meeting in Edmonton Alberta, the Manitoba Aviation Conference in Winnipeg and the World Airline Transportation Symposium in Orlando, Florida. Please take the opportunity to meet with Wayne at any of these events.

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