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NEWS

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Our next meeting in January will be my last to preside over, and I would like to thank everyone for all the support I have received. These are very exciting times for our industry. I have been proud to represent each of you in many meetings with the FAA and industry groups, as the age of the tilt-rotor unfolds before us, albeit slowly, but most certainly. Although our prime task as an organization is to promote safety and professionalism in our region, the promotion of our industry's future is essential to the future of our members, and I encourage you to maintain a high profile in these endeavors.

It has been a great honor and pleasure to have served you, and I am certain that your new officers will appreciate your support as much as I have. Thanks again!

John Anderson

MARCH MEETING

Be sure to
mark your calendar:
March 1, 1990
Days Inn, Woburn, MA
6:50-7:50 Social Hour
7:50-Meeting

Agenda:
TCAS
(Collision Avoidance)
Presentation
from Dick Groux
of Avion Systems.

JANUARY MEETING

Thursday
January 4, 1990
Days Inn, Woburn, MA
Sponsor:
Bell Helicopter
Social Hour: 6:50-7:50

Come early and communicate with your fellow members. This informal hour is an important part of our effort to increase safety and professionalism through sharing information and experiences.

Meeting: 7:50-9:50
Agenda Highlights

Election of officers for 1990
Boston TCA update
Providence ARSA update
1990 NEHPA Planning
V-22 update and other
info from our sponsor, Bell
Helicopter, presented by
our Regional Marketing
Manager, Jeff Warner.

See you there!!

DRUG TESTING PROGRAM

Although it is our policy not to endorse any particular company, from time to time certain service organizations are brought to our attention that may be of interest to our membership. The current emphasis on drug testing in the workplace has created confusion and misunderstanding for many of us, so it seemed appropriate to pass on to you the information that has been provided to us by one company involved in the business.

The National Association of Drug-free Employees (NADE), provides a comprehensive service that encompasses everything from assistance with filing your required plan with the FAA, to testing, and management support with counseling, etc. They are associated with Duke University and CompuChem Laboratories, whose clients include 40% of the Fortune 500 companies as well as the Department of Defense and the FAA.

If you would like more information, NADE can be contacted at (215) 968-2112.



Affiliate Member of

BOSTON TCA

I have been appointed to establish and chair a committee on behalf of the association to attempt to find an equitable compromise to the altitude issue in the Boston TCA. As most of you know, our association has worked very hard over the years to improve our "fly neighborly" image and to obtain safer altitudes in the TCA.

This past November brought about changes in the TCA, i.e., lower operating altitudes, intended to resolve traffic conflicts with fixed wing traffic, resulting in an outcry from our members. Accompanying these changes is also a plan by Massport to relocate the helipad.

We will be working with the FAA and Massport to find logical solutions to this and other TCA issues affecting helicopter operations. To do this, the committee needs specific information concerning your perceptions and experiences regarding safety, noise, and ATC procedures within the TCA. I can be contacted through Digital Flight Operations at (508) 493-7200. If I'm not there, please leave a message. WE NEED YOUR INPUTS!

Jack Keenan

Editor's note:

The committee has had several meetings, and will have several more during December, and will give the membership a complete update at the January 4 meeting. If you operate in the TCA, it is important for you to attend!

HELICOPTER VIDEOS

We have had an overwhelming request for the HAI Helicopter video tape, but we are finally catching up with requests. Thanks to member Mike O'Neil, who owns SHOWCASE VIDEO HUDSON, INC., our stock has been replenished, and at NO COST, so proceeds from this batch will go to the Girouard Scholarship Fund. If you are in Hudson, Mike invites you to drop in for a visit, and a look at his recently expanded store. If you need a copy of the video, please contact John Anderson at (508) 422-7876.

BOSTON CITY HELIPORT

Just a reminder for the users of Boston City Heliport; 128.925 is the advisory frequency for landing and departure advisories. Further, an in-ground fuel storage has been installed, eliminating the tank truck from the landing area.

The Boston MedFlight helicopter is now based at the heliport, and will be parked on SPOT 1. It is requested that you avoid the aircraft when it is parked on the pad. The HELIPORT has ordered a new modular building to replace the trailer, and will feature a larger passenger lounge and more office space. It is expected to be open by the beginning of the new year.

Finally, at the request of the South Boston community, please stay on the helicopter routes and avoid overflying the residential area Southwest of the heliport.

Brian MacGillivray

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YOU WISH TO
COMMENT ON.**

COLONEL ED HUBBARD

Following Col. Hubbard's dramatic presentation at our November meeting, several people have asked how they might get in touch with him. You can reach Ed at (904) 862-5273, or by mail at 423 Pelham Road, Ft. Walton Beach, Florida 32548.

VOLLEYBALL BASH

Join us on Saturday night, January 13th, for this second edition of the NEHPA annual volleyball tournament. What a great way to get some exercise and see your helicopter friends! Same place as last year, the Blanchard Auditorium of the Acton/Boxboro school system, located on Route 111, just a block West of where 111 crosses Route 27, on the North side. Plan to arrive at 5:30 for selection of teams, etc. and we'll play until 9:00, or whenever we drop! With three courts, there is plenty of room for everyone to play, so COME ON OUT!

R-22 STUDENTS

Jack McCormack of ROTOR-CRAFT, INC., Sanford, Maine, has advised us that the following students have joined the ranks of New England helicopter aviators:

Robert Law
David Marrama
Andrew Scammon
Eugene Hurtubise
Reed Searle
Jon Driscoll
Michael Saunders

Congratulations and WELCOME to you all! Also, Jack is now an FAA Designated (helo) Pilot Examiner.

FAA/HAI/NEHPA VERTICAL FLIGHT FORUM

We are currently in the planning process for an important vertical flight event here in New

England. Expected to occur in either April or May, this event is part of the ongoing vertical flight promotion activity of NEHPA, in concert with the FAA New England Region and the HAI. This FORUM is specifically targeted to identify potential roadblocks to the future of vertical lift in the Northeast, and to find solutions before they become a crisis. Among the attendees will be anti-helicopter groups, regional and local planners and officials, and other entities that are integral to developing the system. You will hear more about this later, and if you have an input or a question in the meantime, please contact Barry Bermingham, Vertiport Program Manager for the FAA New England Region, at (617) 273-7299.

DINNER DANCE

Be sure to save Saturday night, March 31, to attend our annual NEHPA Dinner Dance! This event is the highlight of our social calendar, and is a great opportunity to end the winter doldrums with your friends. The evening's festivities are crowned with the announcement of the winner of the annual Dennis Rapole Safety Award, so don't miss it!

HELICOPTER LEARNING ADVENTURE

HubExpress Airlines, in conjunction with LEARNING ADVENTURE MAGAZINE, has announced a three day course, "An Introduction to Vertical

Flight." The course consists of two evening classroom sessions of two hours each, and a third session on Saturday morning which includes 15 minutes of flight instruction and 15-30 minutes observer time in a Bell 206 helicopter. Course material includes a brief history of vertical flight, basic aerodynamics, and how the helicopter flies. A hangar session will allow students to see what is behind the cowlings and observe a pilot's pre-flight inspection. This course is offered at the reasonable price of \$199. Anyone interested may contact "The Learning Adventure" at (617) 262-6909. Classes are to be announced starting in January.

PVD ARSA

Recent efforts to improve helicopter operations in the Providence ARSA have resulted in an agreement between Ocean Approach, Providence Tower, and regular ARSA users concerning a LETTER OF AGREEMENT to be published and distributed by January 1, 1990. The letter will outline specific helicopter procedures and altitudes for operations inside the Providence ARSA. These new procedures should provide higher altitudes, fewer delays, and an improved working relationship with ATC.

In order for you to participate in these new procedures YOU MUST BE FAMILIAR with several landmarks, and YOU MUST BE A SIGNATOR to the Letter. All current NEHPA and ERHC members will receive a copy of the Letter, which must be signed and returned to Ocean Approach before operations are authorized.

Thanks to Bob Martens of the BDL FSDO for his annual helicopter safety seminar. It provided the forum which made the FAA more aware of the specific helicopter problems that existed in the PVD ARSA, and led to the opportunity for NEHPA to help coordinate efforts to improve the situation.

Jack Keenan will brief the membership on these new procedures at the January 4 meeting.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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ADDRESS _____

CITY _____

STATE _____ ZIP _____

REGULAR (Voting) MEMBERSHIP—\$20.00 PER YEAR.

Rated Helicopter Pilots

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Anyone who is interested in Rotorcraft Aviation.

Mail application with check payable to "NEHPA" to:

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