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NEWS

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Thank goodness that spring has finally arrived. The winter weather pattern has impacted everyone's flying and I hope that the warmer weather will increase all of our flying activities. I would like to thank Dr. Clark for his presentation at our last membership meeting. For those of you who were unable to attend, our guest speaker, the New England Regional Flight Surgeon, spoke to us about medical certification requirements and the negative side effects caused by taking over-the-counter medications. The '93 Dinner Dance was very successful and it appeared that all of our guests had a good time. The Holiday Inn Crowne Plaza provided us with very nice accommodations and the food was delicious. Don't forget to reserve Saturday, the 17th of July, to join the Association at our summer picnic. The details of the picnic can be found elsewhere in this issue. During our next general membership meeting we will be talking about the new airspace regulations, equipment and pilot certification requirements. I hope to see you there.

SPECIAL OFFER
TO NEHPA MEMBERS

NEHPA Corporate Member representative, Peter Reid of Alden Electronics in Westborough, Massachusetts, has recently made ZFX/Information by FAXsm service available to all members and their affiliates by waiving the normal sign-up fee of \$7.99 thru July 30, 1993. Additionally, there are no monthly or minimum charges, nor are there any renewal fees. Usage charges of \$1.50 to \$2.00 per product apply which include toll free ZFX access, 24 hours-a-day. There are no additional telephone charges and ZFX may be accessed from anywhere in the United States or Canada. ZFX is a state-of-the-art aviation weather briefing service which provides FAA and NWS information using only a touch-tone telephone and a standard fax machine. ZFX features more than 800 products including real-time weather radar and satellite images, hundreds of NWS weather charts, as well as complete FAA

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MAY
MEETING

BE SURE TO MARK
YOUR CALENDAR:

Thursday May 6, 1993

Westford Regency Inn
Westford, MA

6:30-7:30pm Social Hour

7:30pm Meeting

Agenda

Mr. Rol Morrow

AOPA's Regional Representative, will be talking to us about the new airspace classification. He is uniquely qualified to give us some background on the reclassification process.

DINNER DANCE

The '93 NEHPA Dinner Dance was held on March 20th at the Holiday Inn Crowne Plaza in Natick. The accommodations and the food were both excellent. Many thanks to Holly Sawyers for all of her hard work. Thanks also to The Boston Helicopter Company and The Boston Aviation Store at Hanscom Field, and to Boston Medflight for the door prizes which they generously donated.

Picnic '93

Don't forget to mark your calendar to attend our '93 summer picnic on the 17th of July. The location of this year's summer picnic has been changed. The picnic will now be held at the Joe Brigham, Inc. heliport located in Pembroke, New Hampshire. This event will be conducted in conjunction with a Pilot Proficiency Award (Wings) Program sponsored by Joe Brigham, Inc., the Portland FSDO and our Association. Beginning promptly at 10:00am, Mr. Jim Szymanski, from Bell Helicopter, will begin a HELIPROPS seminar. The grill will be fired up at about noon. To arrange to land at the JBI heliport contact Joe Brigham at 603-225-3134. If you prefer to use the Concord airport, transportation will be provided to the JBI facilities.

DUAT ALERT

We recently learned that the FAA is considering discontinuation of DUATS. Since it is early in the budget process, there is still time to reverse the decision. If you wish to express your concern, please contact the Secretary of Transportation, the FAA Administrator, your Senator and your Representative. Congressional addresses and telephone numbers are available by contacting Capitol Hill Assistance and Information at 202-224-3121. The FAA can be contacted at 1-800-FAA-SURE.

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text-based briefing information. Pilots will specifically find ZFX's real-time weather radar images helpful as we enter thunderstorm season in the Northeast. All products are updated continuously and are delivered within minutes of request. Or, they can be pre-scheduled to arrive at either a later time or at regular intervals for routine, scheduled operations. For more information, or to sign up for ZFX, please call Yolanda Cosenza at Alden Electronics, 1-800-876-1232, extension 303, Monday through Friday, between 8:00am to 5:00pm, EDT. Callers at all other times may leave a message for a return call during business hours. Members must mention their NEHPA affiliation when they call to take advantage of this special offer.

NEHPA Newsletter

Deadline Dates—There will be six issues of the NEHPA Newsletter published during 1993. The deadlines for each issue are identified below. You are encouraged to submit material for publication. Please mail any newsletter material to NEHPA, Att: Newsletter, P.O. Box 88, Bedford, MA 01730.

Issue	Month	To the Editor
6	June	6/3/93
8	August	8/5/93
10	October	10/7/93
12	December	12/9/93

1993 CALENDAR

Scheduled Meetings

All scheduled membership meetings to be held at the Westford Regency Inn, Westford, MA.

Date	Topic
May 6, '93	New Airspace—Rol Morrow
Nov. 4, '93	Cockpit Resources Management—TBA

Safety Seminar

The Annual New England Helicopter Pilots Association Safety Seminar will be held at the New Hampshire Technical College in Nashua, New Hampshire. September 18, 1993

Directors' Meetings

All Directors' Meetings to be held at the Offices of Grassia and Associates in Natick, MA at 5:00 PM.

March 4, 93	April 1, 93	May 6, 93
June 3, 93	July 1, 93	August 5, 93
September 2, 93	October 7, 93	
November 4, 93	December 2, 93	

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The committee Chairmen have been selected for the upcoming year. If you would like to participate on any of the committees please contact the Chairman to express your interest.

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HAI NEWS

In a continuing effort to promote the Fly Neighborly Program, the HAI is currently trying to identify an individual from our Association who would be willing to serve as a regional Fly Neighborly liaison/representative. This arrangement is intended to help advance the Fly Neighborly Program by providing a constant point of contact in our region who would receive and disseminate Fly Neighborly information, offer our input for program improvement and facilitate Fly Neighborly presentations and workshops. If you are interested in being the NEHPA Fly Neighborly representative please call Greg Harville at 603-926-4949 for more information.

HAI INSURANCE ALERT 93-1

HAI has over recent months, circulated to its members repeated warnings that premiums for hull and liability insurance would soon be dramatically increased and that adequate coverage would be increasingly difficult to obtain. We have just received further evidence of the immediacy and magnitude of the insurance problems; the following is a quotation, in full, of a press release just received: "The Directors of English & American Insurance Company Ltd. met on Tuesday, 16th March 1993 to consider the 1992 final quarter's underwriting results, together with a careful assessment of the Company's updated reserve requirements as at 31st December 1992.

It was apparent that the position had deteriorated very significantly since the 23rd November when the Company announced it was ceasing underwriting and the conclusion of the Board was that the Company would be unable to meet, in full, its current and future liabilities. With great regret, the company will, therefore, cease all further payments with immediate effect.

In consequence, the Directors are making an application to the court for the appointment of a provisional liquidator."

Since this company had insured in the helicopter market, HAI members are encouraged to contact their insurance broker or agent without delay to find out if this company's cessation of payments affects their coverage.

Frank L. Jensen, Jr. President The preceding article is a quotation, in full, of a letter written by Frank L. Jensen and is reprinted herein with his permission.

HELIEXPO '93

NEHPAs representative at the 1993 HAI Expo was none other than John Anderson. The following article is John's report on his participation in the Rotorcraft Roundtable.

"The meeting was chaired jointly by Bob McNab, HAI Chairman, and Don Mitchell, Helicopter Association of Florida.

Bob McNab opened by reporting on the recent CEO workshop attended by the majority of the helicopter industry CEOs, and focusing on issues related to the health of the helicopter industry. He reported that the attendees, although competitors, have agreed to work together on issues of common interest.

Mr. Carl Shellenberg, FAA, spoke next. He reported that the Clinton Administration is strongly supportive of aviation issues and that he anticipates programs to assist our industry. For example, he reports that the military tilt-rotor is safe and that promotion of a civil tilt-rotor program will be supported as part of the administration's commitment to improve our nation's transportation system.

He then went on to discuss the recent outcry of complaints in Hawaii over tour operations, but reported that "all is well". The operators have joined together and formulated a "self regulating" code of conduct for flight operations, complete with a system to review and resolve complaints. This has apparently satisfied the local populace. He suggests that more of this kind of self discipline is needed around the country and will result in less regulation by the FAA.

(Editorial comment: This is the kind of activity that NEHPA was founded on.)

Mr. Shellenberg then briefed the group on the status of satellite navigation equipment certification, the first of which is expected to be completed this year. He stated that the FAA understands the unique value of this equipment to the helicopter community.

Mr. William Wallace, FAA Safety, discussed the issue of excess military aircraft being released into the civilian community. When asked a question regarding public service operations for hire he responded that any public service pilot who accepts compensation will have certificate action initiated against him.

Several people raised the issue of non-standard policy interpretation among the various FAA regions. Mr. Shellenberg reminded the group of the last time the FAA undertook an effort to be standard, which

resulted in the now famous policy of "guidelines" for certificate action against violators. He suggested that pressing the FAA into too much standardization will result in inflexible policies and that operators would be best served by working hard at developing a working relationship with their local FAA.

Questions were raised about the upcoming attempt by the FAA to put sight-seeing operations under Part 135. It appears that this will happen soon and that we will see an NPRM shortly. Most attendees agreed that this was an appropriate action.

Next, Mr. Robert Cook who is currently the FAA representative to ICAO briefed the group on current ICAO activity. He read a letter from the President of ICAO, addressed to the Roundtable, which essentially said that ICAO knows what's best for us, and that we should stop fighting the system.

Next, Mr. Paul Powers, Bell Helicopter, and ICAO expert, spoke up vigorously about the issues, and suggested that we need to tell ICAO to stick to its charter purpose, i.e. to regulate International Air Travel, but no one expects that to happen.

Don Mitchell, Helicopter Association of Florida, briefed the group on helicopter activity during hurricane Andrew.

Once again, the helicopter saved countless lives and ameliorated potential disaster for hundreds of people. It also generated a lot of revenue for helicopter operators.

Finally, a representative from Agusta Helicopter presented a proposal to get some action going on the establishment of public use heliports. They proposed a two part program.

First, the development of a professional video tape that presents the value of helicopters to society.

Second, an offer to communities to provide all of the resources necessary to plan and build a basic heliport.

Agusta offered a percentage of all of their aircraft sales to fund the project, and challenged other manufacturers to join them. A steering committee has been formed to start the ball rolling, on which yours truly has volunteered to serve.

In closing, the meeting was as interesting and active as normal and all felt that the time was well spent."

DID YOU KNOW?

That on September 14, 1939, Igor Sikorsky first flew the VS-300. This was the first helicopter to fly with a single main rotor and a small vertical tail rotor. This basic design has been continually modified but is the basis for almost all of today's helicopters.

That the current world record for altitude in a helicopter was set by Jean Boulet, of France, on June 21, 1972. He flew to an altitude of 40,820 feet in an Alouette SA 315-001 Lama. The highest flying Robinson reached an altitude of 19,480 feet. This feat was accomplished by Wayne Mulgrew in a Robinson R22HP in Redding, California on March 11, 1989.

ADVISORY CIRCULAR

Are you familiar with the AVIATION SAFETY REPORTING PROGRAM? This is a program established by the FAA which utilizes the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) as a third party to receive and analyze Aviation Safety Reports (ASRPs). The information which is obtained from this program helps to remedy defects or deficiencies in the National Aviation System. In order to obtain a free and unobstructed flow of information the FAA provides certain benefits to pilots who participate in the program. If a pilot files an ASRP with NASA reporting an incident or occurrence involving a violation of Federal Aviation Regulations, neither civil penalties nor certificate suspension will be imposed if certain conditions are met. Briefly stated, the violation had to be inadvertent and not deliberate and could not have involved a criminal offense, accident, or a lack of qualification or competency. There are other specific requirements for participation in this program. For complete information about the Aviation Safety Reporting Program refer to Advisory Circular AC 00-46C.

BAD WEATHER NOTIFICATION

During the middle of this past winter we discovered that there was no established procedure to notify the membership of cancellation of a membership meeting. We have made arrangements with WBZ radio to broadcast NEHPA cancellation information.

WHERE ARE YOU?

There are at least two members of our Association who are not receiving any of their NEHPA correspondence. If anyone has contact with Jean C. Maccariello or Henkie N. Rivers, please ask them to contact one of the NEHPA officers. If you are not receiving your NEHPA correspondence at your current address please send a change of address notification to: NEHPA, Change of Address, P.O. Box 88, Bedford, MA 01730.

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