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NEWS

FROM THE PRESIDENT

"Where did the year go?"

It's hard to believe that Autumn is upon us and this year of NEHPA activities is coming to a close. The November Membership Meeting will be the last meeting on our calendar for the year, and it will wrap up perhaps one of NEHPA's busiest years ever.

I thought I would take this opportunity to thank some of you who have been so active on behalf of NEHPA, making 1991 a stand-out year.

First of all you can't have a good NEHPA year without a great dinner dance. Thanks to Wendy Moore and Holly Sawyers, you did it again. Ray Todd and his Activities Committee, along with Mike Rhodes, Chris Harrington, John Scanlon and Barry Birmingham, gave new meaning to the word "busy." After taking their traveling road show to about every shopping mall in New Hampshire, they still managed to pull off a great effort for 2 days at the Hanscom Air Show. Great work guys!

Jack Keenan and his ATC group were no slouches either. Bob Braceland, Tom Grassia, Mike Peavey (we will miss you Mike), Gary Rolfe and Linda Bandoni have teamed up to do some real life problem solving. The IFR Committee led by Chuck Spencer, along with Bruce McLeod, Bill Sneed and Dave O'Sullivan, has had meetings with the Eastern Region and F.A.A. in an effort to make IFR in the northeast corridor for helicopters a reality. Special thanks to our NEHPA representatives to the Metropolitan Area Planning Council, Brian Holt and Tom Grassia. Don't forget Art Godjikian (sooner to be Congressman Godjikian) as the new HAI Chairman of the Legislative Advisory Committee. HAI also has LaRay Todd as a member of its Safety Committee.

Let's not forget our Newsletter staff. It's a little hard for me to explain how much work goes into this newsletter behind the scenes. Suffice it to say that this team, led by our Editor, Elberta Hilliard, along with Dave Graham, Chuck Spencer and Kip LaVigne kept this Newsletter coming right on time for the last 2 years. It's a big effort for which they deserve a big "THANKS!"

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NOVEMBER MEETING

BE SURE TO MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

November 7, 1991

**Westford Regency Inn
Westford, MA
6:30-7:30 Social Hour
7:30 Meeting**

Agenda, Massachusetts Aeronautics Commission Chairman, Sherman "Whip" Saltmarsh will be our guest speaker. Chairman Saltmarsh will give a presentation on the goals and objectives of the "new" Massachusetts Aeronautics Commission, how these goals will be carried out, and some background on the people who make up the Commission. His presentation will be followed by questions and answers. The Nominating Committee will present its recommended slate of officers. Nominations for the annual election will be accepted from the floor.

1991 SAFETY AWARD TO JACK KEENAN

It came as a complete surprise to Jack, but not to anyone else in the room, that the Officers of NEHPA selected Jack Keenan to be the 1991 recipient of the NEHPA Safety Award. As President John Burke noted at the meeting, "Jack Keenan makes aviation safety a priority in his life." It certainly is no secret to anyone in NEHPA that Jack's activities on behalf of the association, and aviation safety in general, are simply too long to list.

As a Designated Examiner in the New England area for so long, most of us have had the opportunity to take a check ride with Jack at one time or another. But his commitment and interest in aviation safety go far beyond that, as past president of NEHPA, as chairman of the NEHPA ATC Committee, as an instructor pilot in the Rhode Island National Guard, and on and on.

Jack's name will be added to our permanent trophy which will be on display at the Boston City Heliport.

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We also had some people that did some kind of "special things" during the year even though they might not have been on a committee or served as an officer. For an example, Dave Eldredge went above and beyond the call of duty on the Part 157 problem along with Barry Birmingham and Arlene Feldman. We won't forget that Brian MacGillivray stepped in to be acting Treasurer during Bob Reynolds absence.

Of course, I would like to thank all of the Officers of NEHPA for all they did this year, Ray Todd as First Vice President, Dave Manning as Second Vice President and Bob Reynolds as our Treasurer.

Unfortunately, Dave Graham, will be unable to continue as our Secretary. As we all know, Dave has been the Secretary for NEHPA for as long as I can remember. Dave's contribution and loyalty to NEHPA just simply cannot be measured, nor can we thank him enough.

And finally, thanks to all the members of NEHPA who join each year to support our efforts to promote aviation safety and professionalism.

NEW CORPORATE MEMBERS

Welcome to new corporate members, Technetics, Inc. of Millis, MA. Technetics becomes our 24th corporate member by the submission of its application at this year's Safety Seminar. Technetics, Inc. supplies data base systems for various companies, sells personal computers, and does computer consulting. Regular Member Klaus Mikkelsen is the principal of the company.

Also welcome our 25th Corporate Member, Schweizer Aircraft Corp. of Elmira, New York, manufacturers of the Schweizer 300 C helicopter.

WELCOME ABOARD!

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1991 SAFETY SEMINAR

NEHPA Safety Seminar Committee Chairman Dave Manning and his team put on another great NEHPA Annual Safety Seminar at the Westford Regency Inn on September 7. This year's theme was "Aviation Weather."

Dexter Decker and Jay Viner from the Bridgeport Automated Flight Service Station kicked off the morning with an excellent presentation on weather briefings for helicopter pilots. We received some explanation of the "VFR flight is not recommended" phraseology and an excellent outline on the weather products available for helicopter pilots and how to obtain them. Dex and Jay received a great deal of feedback during the question and answer period and have volunteered to do a special presentation on more specific weather subjects whenever we request.

Next up was Ray Wall, Accident Investigator for the NTSB. Ray, a rated helicopter pilot, has some not so pretty pictures of some weather-related helicopter accidents. His sobering presentation made it clear that a weather briefing is *always* required.

Finally, we had celebrity, humor and plain old good weather forecasting advice from the Dean of New England Weather, Don Kent. This was a perfect finish to our morning.

Make sure you don't miss the 1992 NEHPA Safety Seminar.

BELL MODEL 230 ROLL OUT

by John Burke

I was the recent guest of Bell Helicopter Textron, at their new Model 230 Roll Out at Bell's ultra-modern production facility in Mirabel, Canada. The big ceremony was held on Wednesday, September 11, and thanks to Bell Helicopter's president, Webb Joiner and our own Jeff Warner, I was invited to attend on behalf of the Association (well, somebody had to go).

As many of you may know, the Model 230 utilizes the same airframe and rotor system of the former Bell 222 which is now out of production. The main difference in this aircraft is the changing of the power plants to Allison C30's. Two of the aircraft are now in the flight test stage and Bell hopes to have enough of the certifications done to begin deliveries in the Fall of 1992.

Bell marketing representatives feel strongly that the intermediate twin will be the greatest area of market expansion for producers in the coming years. The 230's proven airframe, handling, and capacity have always been popular with its operators. The new power plants should be the frosting on the cake to make this a very familiar aircraft over the upcoming years.

It looks like Bell has another winner. If you would like any further information on it be sure to contact Jeff Warner at Bell Helicopter.

HELICOPTER ATP WRITTEN GROUND SCHOOL

WHEN: This is a 2 day weekend course beginning on Saturday, January 18, 1992.

WHERE: The course will be conducted in the Blue Conference Room at the Days Inn in Woburn, MA. Class will begin at 8:00 AM both days.

COSTS: Includes the conference room, ground school and the written exam. The cost depends on enrollment.

20 or more—\$295.00 per person

10 to 20 —\$350.00 per person

The written examination will be administered on Sunday night following class. This course will not be conducted without at least 10 participants. All costs must be prepaid.

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REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

At the November meeting we will hear the report of the Nominating Committee, chaired by John Anderson. Chairman Anderson and members George Vincent and Wendy Moore have reached consensus on a recommended slate of officers for 1992. In addition to receiving the Nominating Committee's report, nominations will be received from the floor for any position. At the conclusion of the Nominating Committee's report and receipt of any nominations from the floor, nominations will be closed. Based on these nominations a ballot will be prepared and mailed to all members prior to the January meeting. You may return your ballot by mail or bring it with you to the January meeting where you may submit it. All ballots will be counted at the January meeting at which time the newly elected officers will assume their duties.

OOPS!

Apologies to Steve Pearce and Atlantic Helicopters of North Hampton, New Hampshire. We listed all of the corporate members on the front page of our September, 1991 Newsletter, but accidentally omitted Atlantic Helicopters. We wanted to make sure that this oversight is rectified and let everybody know that Atlantic Helicopters was one of the *first* corporate members of NEHPA. Sorry for the omission.

COMMUNITY UP-DATE

Manning Helicopters of Norwood, MA welcomes aboard Hank Walter as our new Flight Instructor. Hank comes to Manning Helicopters with much Robinson flight training experience.

Dave has been extremely busy between preparing for the NEHPA Safety Seminar plus flying out to the Robinson Helicopter Company in California to ferry back a brand new black and white R-22 Mariner. The Mariner was purchased by Don Heap, a student at Manning Helicopters. The trip took 5 days and 36 hours. Dave's getting pretty good at this as this was his sixth trip from Robinson Helicopter Company.

The following is a list of Manning Students with new ratings:
Manuel Dawid—Private Min Lee—Solo
Joe Gallagher—Private Kevin Roche—Solo
Also, Manning Helicopters offers a 10% discount on all R22 maintenance and inspections to all NEHPA members.

DAVID G. PLASCH AVIATION SCHOLARSHIP FUND

On August 3, 1990, David Plasch received his wings and warrant officer bars during a ceremony held at the Army's Helicopter Flight School, Fort Rucker, Alabama. It was also another special day for Dave, for it was his 23rd birthday. It's hard to believe, but just a short 6 months from this day all Dave's dreams and aspirations of becoming a career pilot would come to a sudden end when his Blackhawk helicopter was shot down over Iraq while participating in Operation Desert Storm.

The greater Portsmouth Community Foundation has established an aviation scholarship fund in David's name. This fund has been established to provide scholarship assistance to Rockingham and Strafford County New Hampshire residents who are pursuing flight training or other aviation careers.

If you are interested in making a donation, the foundation is requesting contributions of \$19.91 to commemorate the year in which Dave gave his life to help others to be free (all amounts, however, are deeply appreciated). Contributions can be made to the David G. Plasch Aviation Scholarship Fund, P.O. Box 1190, Portsmouth, New Hampshire 03802.

GODJIKIAN FOR CONGRESS!

No, it's not a rumor, it's true! Our own Arthur Godjikian, Chairman of the HAI Legislative Committee has decided to throw his hat into the ring and run for a Congressional seat from his native New Hampshire in 1992. Art informs us that his name will appear on the ballot for a primary election in the summer of 1992 but he is out kissing babies, slapping backs and shaking hands already. If you would like to help Art out call him at 603-878-3459 or write to him at Depot Road, Mason, NH 03048. Good luck Art!!

DUES

Secretary Dave Graham wants to remind everyone that soon you will be receiving your notice for NEHPA 1992 dues. Please respond promptly by renewing your membership. Late renewals cause lots of extra work for Dave, and as a non-profit organization we rely heavily on your prompt payment of these due to fund all of the types of activities that NEHPA provides to all of us. Many thanks.

HELICOPTER SAFETY SEMINAR

Friday—November 15, 1991

6:30 pm—10:00 pm

Northeast Helicopters Inc.
Hangar Two, Ellington Airpark
Rt. 83, Ellington, Connecticut

FAA Pilot Proficiency Program

Fly Neighborly—FAR 157 Review · Off Airport Operations

How to take a Check Ride—Panel Discussion

Accident Review · Tail Rotor Failures

This comprehensive seminar is intended for all helicopter pilots. Speakers will include FAA Flight Standards personnel, FAA Designated Pilot Examiners, and Experts from the local helicopter community. Rich Magner from Lifestar Helicopters will give the featured presentation "Off Airport Operations." Rich has much to share with helicopter pilots of all backgrounds and experience. Bring your questions to this valuable learning session.

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ACCIDENT PREVENTION PROGRAM

Aviation Safety—Education Seminar

Tuesday, November 26 @ 7 pm

**Sponsored by:
Boston Heliport; Jack Keenan, FAA Designated Examiner;
Dave Manning, FAA Accident Prevention Counselor.**

Co-sponsored by: NEHPA

**The Seminar will be held at Boston Heliport.
Manning Helicopter's Dave Manning will be Master of Ceremonies.**

**The subject will be:
Helicopter Operations, Boston T.C.A. and Communications.**

**For further information call:
Dave Manning, 617-769-6757 or Brian MacGillivray, 617-482-4501**

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