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Esther M. Kappos Retires

Esther M. Kappos, Secretary to the Massachusetts Aeronautics Commission has recently retired after 43 years of service. Ms. Kappos was honored at the Commission's July 23rd meeting. Nehpa was among the many Massachusetts and Regional organizations offering Esther thanks for all her work and help over the years and best wishes for the future.

Members' Meeting

Thursday, September 5, 1996

Corporate Member - **Bell Helicopter Textron, Inc.** is sponsoring our September meeting and bringing a new **Bell 430** for a Show and Tell evening. Social hour will begin at 6:30 followed by a business meeting at 7:30 and the Bell Textron Presentation at 8:00. The 430 will be on display for the entire evening. We are extremely thankful to Rick Nickerson and the Bell Textron crew for sponsoring and presenting the evening and to Corporate Member **Digital Equipment Corporation** and Digital's Aviation Manager, Henry Wifholm for providing their Hanscom Field facilities for our meeting. For further information or directions to the Digital Hanger, call any Association Officer.

Boston Heliport NOTAM

Manager Mark Arpino has alerted us to the installation of several new telephone poles located approximately 230 feet northwest of the Boston Heliport. The poles, are 27 feet high and support live wires which are marked. Lighting should be in place as of the date of this publication.

New York Downsizing

New York City Planners are seeking to decrease traffic at the East 34th Street Heliport by 47% through reduced operating hours and limited sight-seeing activity. The reductions are driven by resident complaints.

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CALENDAR

5 September, 1996
NEHPA
Bedford, MA
Membership Meeting
508-650-9252

7 September, 1996
Eastern Region Safety Symposium
Helicopter Icing
Teterborough, NJ
201-538-3089

16 - 19 September, 1996
European Rotorcraft Forum
Brighton, U.K.
011-44 (0) 177 499 3515

3 October, 1996
NEHPA Directors Meeting
Natick, MA
508-650-9252

29 - 31 October, 1996
Military Helicopter Technology
Williamsburg, VA
804-878-3272

5 - 7 November, 1996
Heli Asia
011-44 (0) 1628 664075 (Fax)

7 November, 1996
Virtual Manufacturing
Innovative Helicopter Technologies
London, U.K.
01144 (0) 1714993515

7 November, 1996
NEHPA Membership Meeting
508-650-9252

4 January, 1997
NEHPA Annual Safety Seminar
(Tentative Date)
508-650-9252

9 January, 1997
NEHPA Annual Meeting
and
Safety Seminar
508-650-9252

FAA Circulars

The FAA has published a new circular entitled "Reference Materials and Subject Matter Knowledge Codes for Airman Knowledge Testing" available at 703-321-3339. Also available are new METAR/TAF guide books at 202-267-7770.

Marker Ball Alert

A new generation of marker balls is being introduced. The new balls will be installed on the conductors below the static lines. The marker balls will emit a steady or flashing light. **NOTE:** Higher, unmarked wires may exist above these new marker balls. **STAY ALERT!**

NTSB Stats

The NTSB has released their 1995 fatality count. There were 969 aviation related deaths, of these, helicopter accidents accounted for 46 fatalities. Overall aviation deaths decreased by 102. Automobile related accidents which account for more than 90% of all accident fatalities rose to 41,700.

Hazards

Tower, Johnston, Rhode Island	41-48-12.35	71-33-25.22	1,049 MSL
Tower, Nashua, New Hampshire	42-47-41.06	71-30-22.04	427 MSL
Tower, Burlington, Connecticut	41-45-09.35	72-59-38.37	1,285 MSL
Tower, Rockville, Rhode Island	41-29-41.35	71-47-03.24	999 MSL
Tower, Hanson, Massachusetts	42-02-56.36	070-54-00.15	410 MSL
Tower, Machias, Maine	44-42-51.27	67-45-22.99	700 MSL

Organizational Changes to be Discussed

The NEHPA Board of Director's proposal to change the structure of the Association will be discussed at the September meeting. Proposed Articles of Re-organization will be submitted to the members in attendance for their review.

**IN CASE YOU HADN'T NOTICED
WE'RE GETTING OLDER**

According to the FAA, there are 654,088 certificated pilots in the United States. Our average age is 41.9 which is up from 39.5 which was the average in 1985. The new statistics are from year end 1994. The aging process has been accelerating. Between 1985 and 1988 the increase was .2 years annually. In 1991 and '92 it was .3 years, .5 years in '93 and .6 years in '94. The average private pilot is 43.2 years old, the average commercial certificate holder 42.4 and ATPs average 44.4. The largest growing age category is 70 plus.

MCDONALD DOUGLAS NEW NOTAR ST FOR CERTIFICATION

McDonald Douglas Helicopters predicts that their eight (8) passenger 600N Notar will be certified prior to the end of 1996. The 600N has suffered several schedule setbacks including the loss of two (2) prototypes and nearly three (3) months worth of flight time.

KAMAN AEROSPACE MAKES JAPANESE SALE

By adding Japan to its list of countries where certification and sales have been made, Kaman's K-Max is now certified in the United States, Canada, Switzerland and Japan. A total of fifteen (15) K-Max machines have been delivered since the design first entered service.



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