

AirWaves



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AAP Officer Logbook

A Message from the President



I've recently returned from the International Military Airworthiness Regulation Conference (IMARC) hosted in Melbourne Australia by the Royal Australian Air Force. The inaugural conference was attended by over 600 persons from 25 countries. Attendance was over 4 times what was originally expected.

Speakers from the militaries of Australia, Canada, France, Italy, Germany, Japan, the Netherlands, the United States, and New Zealand were among the speakers. In addition, companies including Banes Simmons, Northrop-Grumman, Boeing, Airbus, BAE Systems, and Rolls Royce presented to the gathered audience. Primary attention was given the development of the European Military Airworthiness Regulations (EMARS) and how those regulations, developed from the EASA Regulations were transforming airworthiness practices of militaries around the world.

Some countries are more advanced in their use of EMARS based systems to assure airworthiness, others are just beginning. With the institution of common airworthiness regulations for both initial and continuing airworthiness, the possibility of cost and process efficiencies in certification, supply chain, maintenance, scheduling, and product acceptance was to benefit all collaborating militaries.

I urge you to visit the IMARC website.
<http://www.defence.gov.au/DASP/IMARC/default.asp>

Presentations will be posted soon. Familiarize yourself with an international trend in airworthiness that will be more and more prevalent as we move into the future. Better yet, help me devise the AAP strategy to play a significant role in International Military Airworthiness and as an organization expand to include international members.

Fostering Innovation and Excellence in Airworthiness... Together.

Hope you had a wonderful Thanksgiving.

Don

Member Focus

CALL FOR OFFICERS

The AAP Elections Committee will provide the results of the election at the upcoming Dec meeting. Next year, think about becoming an officer!

December

- The Committee collectively certifies the ballots
- The Committee Chairman notifies Board of Directors of new officers and BoD confirms election results
- The Committee notifies members of new officers

January

- Installation of the new officers is conducted at the first member meeting at the beginning of the New Year.
- The oath of office is delivered
- New President conducts the first member meeting of the year.

AAP Membership Drive

The AAP Membership drive was released as a Special Edition Newsletter on 10 Oct 2016. If you know of any interested professionals, please feel free to pass along the newsletter. You can find it at the following link: [membership drive or \(http://www.awprofessionals.org/home.aspx\)](http://www.awprofessionals.org/home.aspx).

Renewals

Also remember with the new year, we will be sending out a notification for renewal of your membership. There is no action required now, just want everyone to be aware.

Aircraft Airworthiness and Sustainment Conference



The announcement for the 2017 AA&S conference is online.

Note they currently have a call for abstracts. We would love to show off the strength of our membership and play a more significant role in the conference. Maybe you have some ideas about a presentation which you could give. The deadline is 31 January 2017. Here is the link

[AA&S Conference & Abstract Call](#)

or

(http://www.utcd Dayton.com/email/aas2017/EMAIL_1.html)

Member Spotlight

Joel Ligon

Engineering Technical Specialist,

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Mr. Joel M. Ligon is a Program Manager and Mechanical Systems Engineering Technical Specialist from the FAA Military Certification Office.

Mr. Ligon has 34 years of experience in design, airworthiness certification, and support for military commercial derivative and special mission aircraft. He began as a systems design engineer at an aircraft manufacturer for 18 years, working principally on converting commercial aircraft in to military and special mission platforms for various US military, foreign military, and government customers. And then joined the FAA at the Wichita Aircraft Certification Office in 1997, and his duties have included serving the past 15 years as FAA Program Manager for military projects at the Boeing Wichita Maintenance and Modification facility.

He has supported military commercial derivative aircraft certification programs for all the Armed Services, including the VC-25A, C-32, C-40 Series, E-4B, T-1A, C-37, C-20, T-6A, and KC-10 among others. Joel helped establish the FAA Military Certification Office (MCO) in 2004, and is the author of the policy and guidance material issued by the FAA for military projects, including FAA Order 8110.101 "Type Certification Procedures for Military Commercial Derivative Aircraft" and FAA Advisory Circular AC20-169 "Guidance for Certification of Military and Special Mission Modifications and Equipment for Commercial Derivative Aircraft (CDA)". Joel is the FAA MCO point of contact for the USAF, serves as Technical Advisor to the USAF, and is currently the FAA Program Manager for the USAF KC-46 Tanker Certification Team.

Mr Ligon received his engineering degree from Wichita State University; and is the newest board member of AAP

Call to Order

AAP Chapter Meeting Held on 1 November 2016

The November AAP Chapter Meeting was opened by the President. Don Roberts welcomed all.

The committees provided updates on status and there was a small discussion about the elections. Had we had more nominations, the meeting would have allowed all candidates to speak. It concluded early as the elections were uncontested.



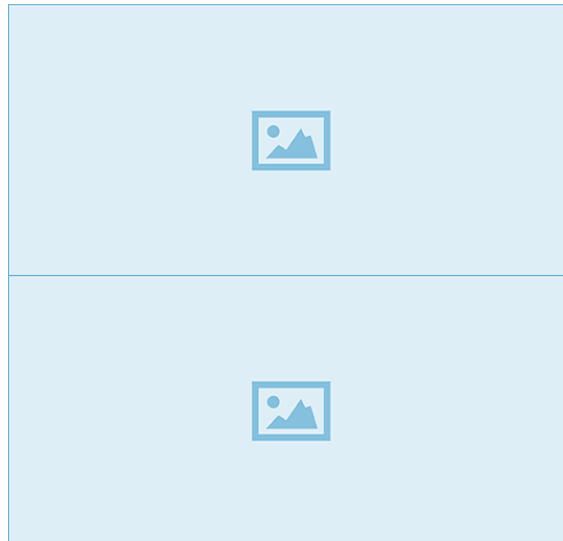
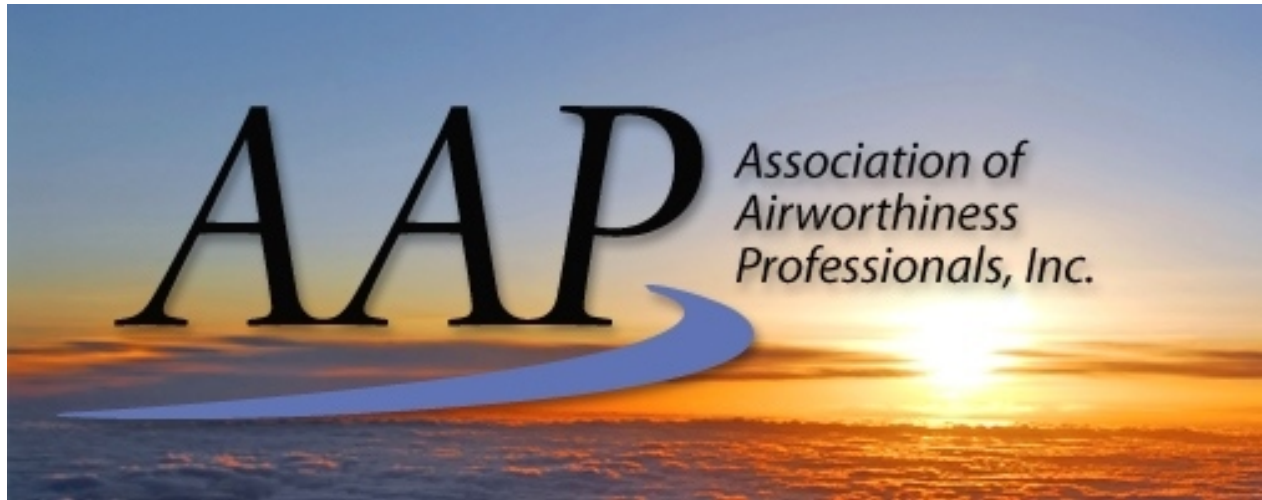
The minutes and presentation can be found at [AAP Website](#).

The next AAP meeting will be held on Tuesday, 6 December 2016 at 8PM EST

Board of Directors Meeting

A Meeting of the Board of Directors was held to address the budget for 2017 and provide a year in review for AAP, which really highlighted all of the progress which the organization has made in one small year. This will be discussed at the Dec meeting.

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