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TO: Members American Association of Airport Executives
FROM: The President

SUBJECT: REPORT ON OFFICIAL ACTIVITIES A.A.A.E.

R.W.F. (Bob) Schmidt, Chairman Membership Committee, all Officers, Directors and Members of the American Association of Airport Executives wishes to welcome the following NEW members into AAAE.

CALIFORNIA:

W.C. Hoover, Mgr., San Luis Obispo County Airport,
(San Luis Obispo,
Wilmer Garrett, Sup't., Fresno Air Terminal, Fresno,
Mike L. May, Mgr., La Pessa Airport, Spring Valley,
Wallace D. Timm, Mgr., Whiteman Air Park, Pacoima,
Frank R. Alley, Jr., Mgr., Cranford Airport, Artesia,
Walter W. Fell, Mgr., San Luis Obispo County Airport,
(Paso Robles,
William H. Coffin, Whiteman Air Park, Pacoima,
Henry W. Livermore, Owner Mgr., El Monte Airport, El Monte,
H. Dean Breshears, Sup't. Operations, Stockton Field,
(Stockton,
Edward Nichols, Mgr., Merced Municipal Airport, Merced,

COLORADO:

Stewart V. Wandell, Mgr., Peterson Field, Colorado Springs,

FLORIDA:

O. L. Sands, Mgr., Orlando Municipal Airport #1, Orlando,

ILLINOIS:

Charles W. Scott, Mgr., Greater Rockford Airport, Rockford,

IOWA:

Robert F. Hoffman, Mgr., Dubuque Municipal Airport,
(Dubuque,

KANSAS:

Myron B. Carpenter, Mgr., Great Bend Municipal Airport,
(Great Bend,

MISSOURI:

Robert L. Pike, Mgr., Joplin Municipal Airport, Joplin,

NEVADA:

John J. Novak, Mgr., McCarran Field, Las Vegas,

NEW YORK:

Douglas C. Wolfe, Commissioner, Broome County Airport,
(Binghamton,

NORTH CAROLINA:

Richard E. Mooney, Mgr., Smith-Reynolds Airport,
(Winston-Salem,
Henry E. Boyd, Jr., Mgr., New Hanover County Airport,
(Wilmington,

OHIO:

Harry Clever, Mgr., Municipal Airport, New Philadelphia,
Walter A. Plezia, Mgr., Lima Municipal Airport, Lima,
R. D. Shea, Mgr., Lakefront Municipal Airport, Cleveland,
A. Clayton Tschantz, Mgr., Municipal Airport, Mansfield,

OKLAHOMA:

Wm. O. Coleman, Mgr., Will Rogers Field, Oklahoma City,
Wm. D. Vacin, Mgr., Woodring Field, Enid,

OREGON:

Walter T. McIntyre, Mgr., Klamath Municipal Airport,
(Klamath Falls,

SOUTH CAROLINA:

William M. Shand, Jr., Director of Airports, City of
(Columbia, Columbia,

SOUTH DAKOTA:

Harold O. Chester, Supt., Watertown Municipal Airport,
(Watertown,

TEXAS:

Martin Carl Morgan, Mgr., Andrau Airpark, Inc., Alief,

Mark your calendar NOW, March 22 - 26, 1953, Annual Convention, Kansas City, Missouri. Louie Inwood says this will be the largest gathering of airport executives in American Aviation history.

"Hard as an airline reservation clerk's heart," is a phrase coined by your President due to difficulties encountered in transcontinental airline travel. In five trips from California east in the past year, I have experienced about everything except a crash. Of the five trips, I have never left Bakersfield and returned there on schedule. The billion dollar industry has much room for improvement.

Our last big earthquake (August 22nd) really hurt. The business district of our home-town of Bakersfield lost about 200 buildings. The County lost its courthouse and three-fourths of its hospital. The county government is operating for the most part

from tents. The airport as in the big Tehachapi shake July 21st escaped with trivial damage.

Your President appeared at a hearing in San Francisco on August 20th in behalf of Jim Nissen, Airport Manager, and the City of San Jose, California, vs the City of Santa Clara, California, in re the application of San Jose for Federal Airport Aid funds for its municipal airport. Santa Clara objected to San Jose getting the funds. The CAA hearing officers were George Borsari, DCA, and Richard Puckey, 6th Region, Seattle.

Your President, 1st V-President Bolton, Executive Secretary Betsworth, Treasurer Nuss and Members Louis Inwood, Kansas City, and Major General Don Connally of Baltimore were present at the Conference of National Aviation Organizations in the Mayflower Hotel, DCA, on September 15-16.

The 1st V-President was in Washington on other business and incidentally set-in on the meeting. Inwood and Connally were there representing AOC.

In my last letter I gave you the history of CNAO, the reason for it coming into being. the first on what went on at its meetings that you had ever received. This time I wish to elaborate a little on what the possible future benefits to AAAE may be. In the first place the CNAO consists of the 14 best known and all the largest national aviation organizations. From present indications the participation of AAAE is warranted and important to every individual AAAE member, the good public relations and feeling of cooperation generated on most subjects is admirable. We are setting in a group of representatives of every phase of the civil aviation industry and despite the fact the rules are yet against any official action; due to the fact every conceivable problem is freely discussed and there is always someone present who is acquainted with the proper method and/or people for an attempt at the solution, it can be said there sets a panel of "experts." If there is any such thing.

In the furtherance of the progress of AAAE be assured that contrary to any belief otherwise, that your President, your Executive Secretary and your Treasurer who have been carrying out their duties by appearing in DCA and other cities for AAAE would very much appreciate relief from this strenuous work. We have a lot of members perfectly capable of handling these matters, if you can and will, take the time and want an assignment send me your name.

Of our special committee members, we wish to thank 1st V-President Bolton the Chairman of the ATA Public Relations Committee and, Francis Fox who took time from his busy work to go to DCA to represent AAAE in the CAA Educational Program and to sit in on one of the most important airport meetings ever held in DCA, which in all probability will vitually affect hundreds of our members.

It is anticipated that as a result of the above mentioned meeting, LEGISLATION will be introduced at the next Congress to remove the recapture clause in the transfer of surplus airports, except in case of war.

Wiley Post, Chairman, and Albert Edson and George McSherry our Airport Fire Protection Committee is one of our most important and certainly one of the most efficient. They are functioning 100% and can be depended upon to take care of the American Association of Airport Executives' interests with NFPA.

The CNAO meeting highlights were as follows:

1. Joe Geuting, Chairman, appointed committees as follows:
 - A. Nominating - Betsworth, Chairman AAAE; Northington, NATA; Riddle, ADMA.
 - B. Visual Recall National Defense - Hartranft, Chairman AOPA; A. B. McMullen, NASAO; Nuss, AAAE.
2. Treasurer's Report - Thompson, AOC. Balance \$794.38.
3. Jalonick, ADMA, submits application of Soaring Society of America for membership CNAO. AOC makes motion be approved, AAAE 2nds motion - carried unanimously. CNAO now consists of 15 national aviation organizations.
4. Webster, AIA, reports on Wright Bros. 50th Jubilee Celebration, to be held 1953. AIA will only suggest and implement, furnish ideas, material, etc. December 17, 1952, is kick-off day and it is hoped that a Presidential Proclamation will be forthcoming on that date. A national committee chairman will be appointed (if you have any suggestions shoot them in to me), a state chairman for each state and on down to local chairman.
5. CNAO Executive Committee - Brown, Inwood and Thompson appointed to mull over suggestions on 50th Jubilee Celebration with AIA Committee McBee, Chairman; Litten, Cordon and Heller.
6. Joe Geuting, AIA - Reports that the press has had access to CNAO discussions and that from here on the matters discussed are to be "off the record."
7. Les Barnes, New York NATTC, reported that due to the noise and crash trouble around New York that NATTC had set-up an office in New York to receive complaints about aviation, and they find business very brisk. 2000 phone calls and 557 letters received in first two months. 82% of letters "afraid" and 73% phone calls "fear." AAAE, AOC, AOPA, and CACA, all have representatives on the committee. (To us boys from the wide open spaces, be informed, a great amount of civil flying is concentrated in the New York area, but likewise, a greater percentage of the troubles and headaches are also concentrated there.)
8. Inwood AOC - Delivers paper, status of civil airports. Stated, "CNAO represents the entire civil aviation industry of the United States." "Do we want the Department of Commerce to scuttle the Airport Act?" "There are 550 airports where general aviation and airlines work together." (Mr. Inwood made pertinent statements on the position of AOC and the major airports.)
9. DuBuque CACA - "All the talk about big airports, corporation aircraft owners' association needs a stop put to closing small airports."
10. Flower AIA - Future airport planning for utility planes.
11. AAAE Bolton - "Ohio has 32 mil, 12 mil ready now, but don't ever forget in community expenditures, water works, etc., comes first."

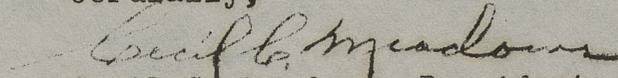
12. Hartranft AOPA - "Pull your facilities back to suit the planes using them, too many airports are real estate poor."
13. Nuss AAAE - "Penna. turnpike takes in two million per year."
14. McCracken NAA - "1938 Act expressly excluded airport building by government - the reason Congress hasn't been sold is because you haven't sold them." "All of us should belong to NAA as NAA can do a job for us."
15. Meadows AAAE - "A good cross section of the nations civil airports are in Kern County, California - after 25 years of operating a system of airports, both large and small at the county level, recent trends; Tax-payers' Association and Grand Jury recommended that some of the 16 airports be closed and abandoned." "Some of the runways built over ten years ago are going to pieces, with no idea in the world where money is to come from in sufficient quantities to replace them."
16. Aerial Applicators, Burke - Paper, on where they stand. (Burke always has some excellent ideas on general aviation and this one was not an exception.)
17. AOC - Portland relieved of recapture clause. Secretary of Air Force is willing to talk with airport owners in specific cases now in re "recapture clauses."

GEN. RAMEY HAS REPLACED GEN. MADDOX.

18. AOPA Hartranft - There are now 35 more civil airports on the block for Air Force recapture. The Air Force will not contact airport managers, instead will go straight to governing bodies and Chamber of Commerce. (Maddox told us this 2 years ago.)
19. Inwood AOC - Reporting on plans for concurrent meeting in Kansas City starting March 22, 1953.
 - A. Already signed contract for huge K.C. auditorium for one dollar.
 - B. K.C. Chamber of Commerce has agreed that no other meetings will be held during that week.
 - C. General exhibit of aviation goods on non-profit basis but funds will be used for entertainment.
 - D. Thursday P.M., general meeting of all organizations at banquet that night.
 - E. All organizations will eat together each day at noon.
 - F. Literature will be ready in next ten days.
 - G. Wishes CNAO to select each luncheon speaker and the banquet speaker.
 - H. The non-profit excludes AAAE which will get some of the surplus, if any is present. Joe Geuting says it is to be understood that one will not support the other and the exhibit will be run by members rather than CNAO.

Long Beach, California, invites you to come out and take a look at your California Airport Manager brethren.

Cordially,



Cecil C. Meadows, President
AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF AIRPORT EXECUTIVES

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FLASH -- (JUST RECEIVED):

At long last the American Association of Airport Executives through collaboration with other aviation organizations has for the first time been afforded an opportunity to sit down with the Secretary of Commerce and talk about our problems. Many efforts in the past have been made for an appointment without success but on October 2, 1952, an audience was granted and a frank discussion was held, particularly about the small amount of Federal Airport Aid which has been requested for the next two years.

The amount now stands at \$11,000,000 each for 1953 and 1954 fiscal years, but, because of Secretary Sawyers interest in our airport problems nationally and his many questions it is now believed and hoped that substantial supplemental appropriations will be requested.

Keep the figure of \$11,000,000 in mind and if a larger sum of money is made available remember your organization, through officers will have been instrumental in obtaining the increase.

Specifically, let's be proud of our Executive Secretary, Walter Betsworth, who had just returned from Washington to Waterloo, when the phone call came. I too, had just returned to California from Washington, so by telephone Walter agreed to return for the meeting and it was he who so ably represented AAAE.

Our thanks to AOC President Louis Inwood of Kansas City, for his excellent cooperation and to the others representing ATA, the Airlines and the Conference of Mayors, we thank you.

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