

READ IT AND WEEP

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF AIRPORT EXECUTIVES

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ATTACHED HERETO IS A COPY OF THE PROGRAM FOR YOUR FORTHCOMING CONVENTION TO BE HELD IN TUCSON APRIL 16-20, AS PRESENTLY CONCEIVED. YOU WILL ALSO FIND ENCLOSED AN EASEL PLACARD INVITING ONE AND ALL TO COME TO OUR CONVENTION, WHICH WE HOPE WILL BE GIVEN A PLACE OF PROMINENT DISPLAY SO OTHERS WHO MIGHT BE INCLINED TO COME TO OUR MEETING CAN SEE IT. AS WE GO TO PRESS WE HAVE ALREADY SOLD ALL OF THE ADVERTISING IN THE PROGRAM AS WE ORIGINALLY MADE PROVISION FOR IN THE 32 PAGE DUMMY. HOWEVER, IT APPEARS THAT WE MAY SECURE SOME ADDITIONAL ADVERTISING, AND IF WE DO WE WILL PUT OUT A 40 PAGE BOOKLET CONTAINING THE ADDITIONAL ADVERTISING AND MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE ASSOCIATION. WE PRESENTLY HAVE 16 EXHIBITORS SIGNED UP, AND, OF COURSE, WE CAN ACCEPT MORE UNTIL AT LEAST MARCH 31ST. MORE THAN 250 HOTEL RESERVATIONS HAVE ALREADY BEEN RECEIVED, AND ALL IN ALL WE BELIEVE THAT THE TUCSON CONVENTION WILL BE THE BEST ATTENDED IN THE HISTORY OF AAAE.

MEMBERSHIP CARDS AND PLAQUES - THE RESPONSE TO OUR NEW METHOD OF BILLING WAS SO OVERWHELMING THAT OUR PRODUCTION IN GETTING OUT THE MEMBERSHIP CERTIFICATES WHICH REQUIRE LETTERING, PLACEMENT IN THE HOLDER, PACKING FOR MAILING, ET CETERA, AND PREPARING THE MEMBERSHIP CARDS THEMSELVES, HAS LAGGED. HOWEVER, WE ASSURE YOU THAT ALL MEMBERS WHO HAVE PAID THEIR DUES PRIOR TO FEBRUARY 28 WILL HAVE THEIR MEMBERSHIP CARDS AND PLAQUES IN HAND BEFORE THE TUCSON CONVENTION. THOSE WHO PAY AFTER MARCH 1ST MAY PICK UP THEIRS AT THE CONVENTION, IF WE HAVE RECEIVED THEIR RESERVATIONS; OTHERWISE, THEY ALSO WILL BE MAILED IN DUE COURSE.

PIPED-IN MUSIC - IN RESPONSE TO OUR REQUEST FOR INFORMATION BY ONE OF THE MEMBERS ABOUT PIPED-IN MUSIC, DON SHAY, ASSISTANT MANAGER AT SEATTLE-TACOMA AND FRED McELWAIN, SUPERINTENDENT AT OAKLAND, BOTH CAME THROUGH WITH COMPREHENSIVE REPLIES WHICH WERE FORWARDED TO THE INQUIRER. HOW ABOUT A FEW MORE OF YOU WHO HAVE HAD EXPERIENCE ALONG THIS LINE SENDING IN YOUR VIEWS?

SITUATIONS WANTED - AL SHERMAN WHO HAS BEEN OPERATOR-MANAGER OF THE HYANNIS AIRPORT, HYANNIS, MASSACHUSETTS, WHOSE PRESENT ADDRESS IS BAY LANE, CENTERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS -- AN AAE -- IS LOOKING FOR A CONNECTION. HE HAS BEEN AN ACTIVE PILOT AND OPERATOR FOR 25 YEARS, HOLDS A COMMERCIAL LICENSE, IS A CAA FLIGHT EXAMINER, AND IS QUALIFIED ON SINGLE AND MULTI ENGINE LAND AND SEA AIRCRAFT. HE IS NOT ESPECIALLY INTERESTED IN A FLYING JOB BUT HE HAS 30 YEARS OF AERONAUTICAL KNOWLEDGE WHICH HE FEELS SHOULD BE VALUABLE TO SOMEONE IN AIRPORT MANAGEMENT AND RELATED OPERATION ACTIVITY.

NFPA REPORT - THE ANNUAL EXECUTIVE AND SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE N.F.P.A., HELD IN NEW YORK ON JANUARY 25-27, WAS ATTENDED BY JOHN STEPHAN OF MERCER COUNTY AIRPORT, TRENTON, N. J., COL. A. EDSON OF LOGAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, BOSTON, WILEY POST, ALLENTOWN, AND DOUG WOLFE OF BROOME COUNTY AIRPORT, N. Y. DOUG WOLFE WRITES THAT THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE COMPRISED THE COMMITTEE ON AVIATION AND AIRPORT FIRE PROTECTION AND INCLUDED REPRESENTATIVES FROM AIRLINES, AIRPORTS, FIRE EQUIPMENT MANUFACTURERS, INSURANCE COMPANIES, THE MILITARY AND GOVERNMENT. AMONG THE BROAD SCOPE OF ITEMS ON THE AGENDA WAS A REGULATION READ TO THE COMMITTEE BY GEORGE TRYON, SECRETARY OF THE COMMITTEE, PUT OUT BY THE STATE OF WASHINGTON REQUIRING A PAID FIRE DEPARTMENT ON ALL AIRPORTS OF A CERTAIN CLASS. IT ALSO FIXED THE RESPONSIBILITY OF FIRE PROTECTION ON THE AIRPORT MANAGEMENT. DOUG WRITES: "TO ME THIS IS MOST IMPORTANT TO THE SMALL AIRPORT OPERATOR WHO CANNOT ECONOMICALLY JUSTIFY AN EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT OR EQUIPMENT. IT WAS NOT WRITTEN INTO THE MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING, HOWEVER, I WAS ADVISED THAT THE RESPONSIBILITY TO PROVIDE ADEQUATE PROTECTION HAS NOT BEEN ESTABLISHED."

"ARTICLE 105 STATES: 'AIRCRAFT RESCUE AND FIRE FIGHTING ON THE MOVEMENT AREA OF AN AIRPORT SHOULD BE UNDER THE ADMINISTRATIVE CONTROL OF AIRPORT MANAGEMENT, WHETHER A GOVERNMENTAL AGENCY, A PRIVATE CORPORATION, OR AN INDIVIDUAL, AND IRRESPECTIVE OF HOW SUCH ACTIVITIES ARE FINANCED AND/OR ORGANIZED.' IT WAS THE CONTENTION OF THIS COMMITTEE THAT THIS ESTABLISHED THE AIRPORT MANAGEMENT ONLY AS THE AGENCY HAVING HAVING ADMINISTRATIVE CONTROL. IT WAS THEIR OPINION THAT ADMINISTRATIVE CONTROL WAS NOT A RESPONSIBILITY OR LIABILITY." DOUG GOES ON TO SAY: "AT THE MEETING OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE COMPRISING A COMPOSITE GROUP OF AVIATION PEOPLE, THERE WAS A SIMILAR DISCUSSION OF ARTICLE 105. THE MAJORITY OF TIME WAS SPENT ON DISCUSSION OF EXTINGUISHING AGENTS. THERE APPEARS TO BE A GENERAL FIGHT AMONG THE MANUFACTURERS AS TO WORDING IN REFERENCE TO EACH TYPE. ALSO, THERE WERE MANY VARIED OPINIONS EXPRESSED AS TO THE COLOR OF EQUIPMENT AND AS SUCH, MY COMMITTEE COULD NOT TAKE A POSITION AS TO COLOR. ANOTHER SUB-COMMITTEE MET THE FOLLOWING DAY TO DISCUSS TRAINING OF CREWS AND METHODS TO BE USED."

DOUG WILL MAKE A DETAILED REPORT OF NFPA ACTIVITY AT THE FORTHCOMING CONVENTION IN APRIL..

BROOME COUNTY ANNUAL REPORT AVAILABLE - DOUG ALSO SENT US A COPY OF HIS 5TH ANNUAL REPORT COVERING THE CALENDAR YEAR 1954 WHICH HE WILL MAKE AVAILABLE TO MEMBERS UPON REQUEST.

ANOTHER CONTRIBUTION - BOB KIRMSE DOWN AT CORPUS CHRISTI SENT US AN ADDITIONAL 10 BUCKS TO HELP DEFRAY THE GENERAL EXPENSE OF THE ASSOCIATION THANKS, BOB.

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HOUSTON HAS BEEN SELECTED AS THE 1957 CONVENTION SITE AS A RESULT OF A MAIL VOTE OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS. PHILADELPHIA AND SAN FRANCISCO WERE RUNNERS-UP!

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AIRCRAFT HANGAR STORAGE RATES - HAROLD MESSERSMITH, SUPERINTENDENT OF AIRPORT OPERATIONS, SAN FRANCISCO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, HAS FORWARDED US A COMPILATION OF DATA COLLECTED BY THE AIRPORT DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO WHICH HAROLD THOUGHT MIGHT BE OF VALUE TO SOME OF OUR MEMBERS. THIS INFORMATION CAME TO US ON A DITTOED SHEET TOO LARGE FOR INCORPORATION IN THE NEWSLETTER, BUT WE ARE SURE THAT HAROLD WILL BE GLAD TO FURNISH COPIES FOR MEMBERS WHO MAY ADDRESS HIM. THE COMPILATION COVERS DAILY AND MONTHLY CHARGES FOR SOME ELEVEN TYPES OF AIRCRAFT AT THIRTEEN TERMINAL TYPE AIRPORTS AND CITES THE FACILITIES AND UTILITIES FURNISHED UNDER THE CHARGES.

SEE YOU IN TUCSON APRIL 16-20!

FROM THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY AND MINNIE.