

Dear NATA Member:

To honor those who have contributed so much to our industry, we are once again calling on our members to submit nominations to acknowledge the individuals, offices, and organizations demonstrating excellence in their field and the highest level of customer service to the general aviation community.

Each year, NATA presents seven awards to the exceptional individuals and organizations that have helped to improve the general aviation community. Of these seven awards, five are chosen based upon NATA member-submitted nominations.

These awards cover five categories:

The **Airport Executive Partnership Award** recognizes an airport manager for outstanding efforts to nurture the relationships between aviation businesses and airport operators.

The **Aviation Journalism Award** identifies a journalist, writer, or publication that excels in consumer education or editorial support that is beneficial to the general aviation industry.

The **Excellence In Pilot Training Award** recognizes an individual or organization that has made outstanding contributions in safety, professionalism, leadership, and excellence in the field of pilot training.

The **FAA Customer Service Excellence Award** recognizes a local Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) facility that represents the highest degree of customer service and elevates the quality of interaction between the FAA and aircraft maintenance and repair facilities, Part 135 certificate holders, airport service organizations, and flight schools. (Only FAA safety offices are eligible for this award.)

The **ATP/NATA General Aviation Service Technician Award** acknowledges the exceptional performance of a licensed airframe and power plant mechanic or radio repairman who has practiced his or her craft for a period of 20 or more years.

More details on each of the awards and an award nomination form that can be used to submit your nomination(s) for the awards listed above follow. All nominations for these five awards must be received by NATA no later than **April 1, 2009**.

NATA AWARD FOR ***Airport Executive Partnership***

NATA To Recognize Outstanding Leadership in Airport Relationships

The Airport Executive Partnership Award recognizes an airport manager for his or her outstanding efforts to foster relationships between aviation businesses and airport operators. Recipients of the award must illustrate leadership in the partnership between airport operators and airport tenants.

NATA is extremely pleased to recognize the airport manager who has devoted his or her career to developing a positive relationship between the airport and its tenants.

This year's award winner will join the ranks of outstanding individuals who were past recipients:

- 1995 – Loretta Scott, airport manager, Tyler Pounds Field
- 1996 – Harold “Hall” Wight, A.A.E., manager of airports, Contra Costa (CA) County Airport
- 1997 – Steven G. Whitney, president, Friends of Meigs Field
- 1998 – Kevin T. McNamara, director of general aviation, Greater Orlando Aviation Authority
- 1999 – Brent Shiner, A.A.E., airport manager, City of Hayward, CA
- 2000 – Michael Barth, airport manager, Burke Lakefront Airport, Cleveland, Ohio
- 2001 – Richard R. Baird, airport manager, Friedman Memorial Airport
- 2002 – William Barkhauer, airport director, Morristown Municipal Airport, Morristown, NJ
- 2003 – Robert Olisagers, executive director, Arapahoe County Public Airport Authority
- 2004 – Frederick Krum, director of aviation, Akron-Canton Regional Airport
- 2005 – Edward B. Cooley, Hillsborough County Aviation Authority
- 2006 – Clara Bennett, Fort Lauderdale Executive Airport
- 2007 – Robert L. McDaniel, airport director, St. Louis Downtown Airport
- 2008 – Ray Bishop, airport director, Jackson Hole Airport

NATA AWARD FOR *Aviation Journalism*

NATA To Recognize Aviation Journalism Excellence

NATA is extremely pleased to recognize a journalist, writer or publication that excels in consumer education or editorial support that is beneficial to the general aviation industry.

This year's award winner will join the ranks of outstanding publications and individuals who were past recipients:

- 1988 –Gordon A. Gilbert, senior staff editor, *Business & Commercial Aviation* magazine
- 1988 –Sherman P. Booen, publisher and founder, *The Minnesota Flyer* magazine
- 1989 –Charles E. Spence, reporter and feature Writer, *Western Flyer*
- 1990 –Babette Andre, founder, *Wings West* magazine
- 1990 –J. Sheldon “Torch” Lewis – *Business & Commercial Aviation* magazine
- 1991 –Todd J. Huvad, founder and publisher – *The Southern Aviator*
- 1991 –John Infanger, editorial director – *FBO* magazine
- 1992 –Gary S. Worden, founder and publisher – *Flight Training* magazine
- 1993 –Greg Napert, editor, *Aircraft Technician* magazine
- 1995 –David Collogan, editor, *The Weekly of Business Aviation*
- 1996 –*Aviation Maintenance Technology Magazine*
- 1998 –*Inside FAA*
- 1999 –*Avweb News Wire*
- 2000 –*Professional Pilot*
- 2001 –Chris Sorenson
- 2002 –Richard Aarons, safety editor, *Business & Commercial Aviation*
- 2003 –Edward H. Phillips, Southwest Bureau Chief, *Aviation Week & Space Technology Magazine*
- 2004 –Robert F. Harrison, *The Register-Mail*
- 2005 –Kerry Lynch, *The Weekly of Business Aviation*
- 2006 – David Esler, *Business & Commercial Aviation*
- 2007 – Robert Hager, correspondent, NBC
- 2008 – Matt Thurber, senior editor, *Aviation International News*

NATA AWARD FOR ***Excellence In Pilot Training***

NATA To Recognize Excellence in Pilot Training

NATA is extremely pleased to recognize an individual or organization for outstanding contributions in safety, professionalism, leadership and excellence in the field of pilot training.

This year's award winner will join the ranks of outstanding individuals who were past recipients:

- 1988 –Gary B. Vander Veen, chief pilot, Tulip City Air Service, Inc.
- 1989 –Robert G. Carter, director of flight instructor department, AOPA Air Safety Foundation
- 1990 –Bolivar Aviation International School of Aeronautics
- 1991 –Dawn Aeronautics, Inc.
- 1992 –Albert A. Schnur, chief flight instructor, Chester County Aviation, Inc.
- 1993 –Sierra Academy of Aeronautics
- 1995 –*Flight Training* magazine
- 1996 –Nancy Grazzini-Olson, president, Thunderbird Aviation
- 1997 –Rick Amber, founder of Challenge Air for Kids & Friends
- 1998 –Phil Poyner, manager, Nassau Flyers, Inc.
- 1999 –Gregory (Greg) Brown, aviation consultant and writer
- 2000 –Frasca International, Inc.
- 2001 –Jim Hackman, regional manager, Cessna Pilot Centers
- 2002 –Irvin N. Gleim
- 2003 –Dick Skovgaard, Flight Safety Academy (Vero Beach)
- 2004 –John King, King Schools, Inc.
- 2005 –Dr. Tim Brady, Dean, College of Aviation, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University
- 2006 – Alex Unruh, Cessna Aircraft Company
- 2007 – Michael G. Gaffney, president, Skyline Aeronautics, LLC
- 2008 – Susan Parson, special assistant, General Aviation and Commercial Division, FAA

NATA AWARD FOR *FAA Customer Service Excellence*

NATA To Recognize Superior FAA Customer Service

Over the years, NATA has declared customer service to be the cornerstone of the aviation service industries and, as the representative of the aviation service and on-demand air charter industries, NATA has encouraged the FAA to elevate its customer service.

The association's efforts to promote service to aviation businesses resulted in the NATA Board of Directors approving an NATA customer service award designed to recognize local FAA facilities that have successfully advanced their aviation-business customer interaction. The award is presented annually to the FAA field office demonstrating the highest level of customer service to aviation businesses.

FAA facilities responsible for operating and certification safety oversight will qualify for nomination. Offices will be judged on effective communication, regulatory compliance advising, regulation application and timeliness in administering FAA responsibilities.

NATA is extremely pleased to recognize the FAA office that demonstrates the highest degree of customer service. The association wants to encourage the FAA's efforts to foster industry-government relations and, through this recognition, NATA hopes to assist the FAA in advancing the FAA's customer service.

This year's award winner will join the ranks of outstanding FAA offices that were past recipients:

- 1999 – Farmingdale, New York, Flight Standards District Office
- 2000 – San Diego Flight Standards District Office
- 2001 – Fargo, North Dakota Flight Standards District Office
- 2002 – Air Traffic Control System Command Center (ATCSCO), Herndon, VA
- 2003 – Washington Flight Standards District Office
- 2004 – Atlanta Flight Standards District Office
- 2005 – Teterboro Flight Standards District Office
- 2006 – San Diego Flight Standards District Office
- 2007 – James J. Ballough, director of Flight Standards Service, FAA
- 2008 – Portland, Maine Flight Standards District Office

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NATA AWARD FOR ***General Aviation Service Technician***

NATA To Recognize **Outstanding Performance of a GA Service Technician**

NATA is extremely pleased to recognize the outstanding performance of a licensed airframe and powerplant mechanic or radio repairman who has practiced his or her craft for a period of 20 or more years.

This year's award winner will join the ranks of outstanding individuals who were past recipients:

- 1988 –Howard J. Fuller, co-founder, Aviation Training Academy, Inc.
- 1989 –Jerry L. Hughes, vice president of aircraft maintenance, Atlantic Aero, Inc.
- 1990 –James W. Adams, Montgomery Aviation
- 1991 –Fred E. Hetrick, president, Hetrick Aircraft, Inc.
- 1992 –Irving Kuenzie, senior A & E mechanic and inspector, Hughes Aviation Services
- 1993 –James E. (Jimmy) Anderson, owner, Anderson Aircraft
- 1996 –Henry C. Morgan, Ronson Aviation
- 1998 –Jim Carr, Midcoast Aviation
- 1999 –George W. Townson, aviation consultant
- 2000 –Warren Hartquist, Signature Flight Support
- 2001 –Hugh Gwyn-Williams, maintenance manager, Executive Air Fleet/Jet Aviation
- 2002 –Bartholomew Lalla, director of marketing services, Jet Aviation-West Palm Beach
- 2003 –Ed Boyd, Garrett Aviation
- 2004 –Terry Wagner, National Flight Service
- 2005 – Joseph Babis, Avionics, Inc.
- 2006 – Willard Kelly, SevenBar
- 2007 – Dale Meiler, lead maintenance inspector, Banyan Air Service
- 2008 – Gregg Coile, avionics technician, Business Jet Access



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Award Nomination

Please circle one:

- Airport Executive Partnership Award
- Aviation Journalism Award
- Excellence In Pilot Training Award
- FAA Customer Service Excellence Award
- ATP/NATA General Aviation Service Technician Award

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NOMINEE NAME AND TITLE

COMPANY

TELEPHONE NUMBER

E-MAIL ADDRESS

FAX NUMBER

STREET ADDRESS

CITY, STATE, ZIP

■ Provide a statement that captures the essence of the achievements for which the nominee's name has been submitted. (Please use the back of this form if more space is needed.)

■ Give complete, concise details justifying the award to the nominee with pertinent background information and other relevant information that would assist in the selection process. (Please use the back of this form if more space is needed.)

NAME OF NATA MEMBER COMPANY SUBMITTING NOMINATION

CONTACT PERSON

TELEPHONE NUMBER

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■ Nominations must be received in the MATA office no later than April 1, 2009.