

December 2011

# TENNESSEE AVIATION



Tennessee Aviation Conference Highlights

First Tennessee Airport Health Clinic

NASAO Convention and Trade Show in Nashville

Camden Airport Manager Can Do It All

# AVIATION VITAL TO PROGRESS, Message to Tennessee Airports Conference Attendees

With the state and federal budget woes and an economy in recession, the message at the 26th annual Tennessee Airports Conference was that aviation is a vital part of growth and progress in America.

Tennessee Department of Transportation Commissioner John Schroer welcomed the crowd on August 18 at the Airport Marriott in Nashville, and said, "The smaller airport is the important part of economic development and recruitment."

Schroer addressed the importance of recruiting industry to communities. He said jobs are the number one priority for the Governor and Commissioner of Transportation.

Henry Ogrodzinski, president and CEO of NASAO, discussed the cons of politics and pros of aviation but expressed his belief that "the 21st century will be the new golden age of aviation...a rebirth of aviation." He reminded everyone, "Don't forget, we are Americans. We are the only superpower in this world, and the airplane is one of the reasons for that."



*TDOT Commissioner John C. Schroer emphasized the importance of general aviation to our economic growth.*

sessions included Airport Management Workshops which provided financial and operational information to new managers.

Attendees received tips on marketing their airports and heard reports from various airports on how they accomplished that.

Award winners for best decorated vendor booths were: Most Creative, L. I. Smith; Steering Committee's Choice, Loomacres Wildlife Management and Chairman's Choice, R. W. Armstrong.

Word got around about the "Roaring 20s" banquet, and some infamous gangsters showed up with their "dolls." Flappers were putting on the ritz, along with local zoot-suiters.



*(L to R) NASAO President & CEO Henry Ogrodzinski, TAC Chairman Fred Detwiller and Aeronautics Division Director Bob Woods initiate the exhibit hall ribbon cutting and vendor reception.*

New this year was the exhibit hall ribbon-cutting to kick off the conference and welcome the 34 exhibitors as well as conference attendees. The keynote address was given by retired Maj. Gen. John F. Miller, Jr., who fascinated the crowd with a description of his time in the "black world" of secrecy when the F-117 stealth aircraft was being developed and flown in Area 51.

Seventy-nine airports were represented at the conference with 330 people attending the Awards of Excellence Banquet. The



# 2011 TAC AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE RECIPIENTS



**Airport Management of the Year**  
John Black and Lois Vallance  
**Airport of the Year**  
Smyrna Airport

**Career Contributions to Aviation**  
Lt. Col. Herbert William Powley  
USAF (ret.)



**Governing Body of the Year**  
Everett-Stewart Regional  
Airport Board



**Most Improved Airport**  
New Tazewell Municipal Airport



## Legendary Pilot Celebrates 102 Years

Aviation Pioneer Evelyn Bryan Johnson celebrated her 102nd birthday on November 4. She still goes to her office everyday at Moore-Murrell Field in Morristown.



**Bill Orellana, Director**

It is my pleasure to serve the citizens of Tennessee as the Director of the Tennessee Aeronautics Division. As a long-time member of the aviation community — Air Force pilot, aeronautics program manager and private aircraft owner and operator — I have seen or touched most aspects of what makes up the total aviation experience.

Our Tennessee Aeronautics Division staff has broad knowledge of what it takes to continue improvements to our state airports. I look forward to working with them and with the experts and interested citizens across the state to keep aviation a viable part of economic growth.

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# 2011 RED CARPET ACHIEVEMENT AWARD RECIPIENTS



◀ Tennessee Regional Service Airport  
Smyrna Airport



Tennessee Community Service Airport  
Springfield-Robertson County Airport ▶



◀ Tennessee Community Business Airport  
Everett-Stewart Regional Airport

## RED CARPET ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

This year a special award was initiated to recognize those airports who excel in operation and management, the Red Carpet Achievement Award. Only one airport was chosen for the three categories: regional service, community business and community service.

Airport evaluation criteria include:

- Exterior appearance and cleanliness of airport, terminal and public area
- Airport customer service plan and activities
- Maintenance and operation of the airport
- Local airport unique programs or activities

### Honor Flight for WW II Veterans



About 100 World War II veterans from Tennessee were honored with a free US Airways flight and day trip to Washington, D.C. They visited the WW II Memorial and other memorials.

The veterans were welcomed with a send-off ceremony at BNA On October 12 hosted by Metropolitan Nashville Airport Authority and HMSHost. "The Airport Authority is proud to partner with the Music City Honor Flight and show appreciation to our veterans for their unforgettable service," said Raul Regalado, president and CEO of the Metropolitan Nashville Airport Authority.

### Golf-Ball Sized Hail Damages Aircraft



Golf-ball sized hail damaged aircraft and interrupted the National Intercollegiate Flying Association (NIFA) Safe-Com at the Murfreesboro Municipal Airport in October.

Fortunately, no one was hurt. Murfreesboro Airport Manager Chad Gehrke said, "We were very lucky as one flight of competition aircraft had just landed as the storm hit, some students were in their aircraft or were under the cover of wings."

Aircraft that were on the ramp sustained various degrees of

damage. MTSU grounded their planes six to ten days pending safety inspections. Ground events continued as scheduled.

# CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS



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# State's First Airport Health Clinic at BNA +



Ernie Clevenger (mid L), CareHere president and co-founder, and Raul Regalado (mid R), president and CEO of Nashville International Airport, cut the ribbon on the new airport healthcare clinic and wellness store.

Nashville International Airport recently opened the doors to the first healthcare clinic and wellness store at a Tennessee airport.

CareHere, the Brentwood-based company that has helped pioneer the retail healthcare clinic industry nationwide, opened the health facility to travelers and onsite employees. Ernie Clevenger, CareHere president and co-founder, said, "This clinic will cater to people who might have a medical issue and not a lot of time to address it. That includes travelers having a medical issue, diabetics needing to monitor their insulin levels or flyers who simply forgot to pack their medications."



The clinic has three exam rooms and a retail store that offers healthy drinks, snacks and over-the-counter health products.

The gamut of services include flu shots, breathing treatments, pregnancy test, skin tag removal, physicals, EKG and more. In addition, the retail store at the clinic will offer healthy drinks, snacks and over-the-counter health products.

The 1,100-square foot clinic has three exam rooms. If patients need more critical care than the clinic can provide, the airport's emergency medical services team will be available. It will be open Sunday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

## Airport Extravaganza in Union City



Photos submitted by Kerry Speer.



## Planes and Gliders, Centerville's Fly-In



Photos submitted by Woody Woodruff.

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# 2011 NASAO Convention and Trade Show Celebrated 80th Anniversary in Nashville

The 80th NASAO Convention and Trade Show in Nashville was described by many as one of the best in years. Aviation officials from 33 states experienced southern hospitality and culture and were enlightened on Tennessee's aviation history.

The aviation leaders discussed issues facing state aviation. Ed Bolen, president and CEO of the National Business Aviation Association (NBAA), said organizations at the state, regional and airport level are important as they affect decisions made in Washington D.C. The conference was hosted by the Tennessee Department of Transportation, Aeronautics Division, at the Airport Marriott. Aeronautics Director Bob Woods and his wife, Wanda, assisted in coordinating the conference and special events.

Kim Stevens, editor and publisher of the State Aviation Journal, agreed that the conference was one of the best. "I attribute that to a well-planned, well-thought out conference with great activities that showcased Nashville and the great state of Tennessee, an agenda that included relevant speakers on topics of great interest for state aviation officials and a Tennessee and NASAO staff that were professional, competent and friendly," he said.

Stevens added, "Bob and Wanda's enthusiasm and passion for aviation and for the state of Tennessee and the warmth exhibited made them the consummate hosts."



*(L-R) Outgoing NASAO Chairman Randy Burdette (Virginia) and incoming chairman Joe Pestka (Missouri) toured the Country Music Hall of Fame. (Photo submitted by Kim Stevens.)*

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