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AIRWORTHINESS NEWSLETTER

For Inspection Authorization Holders, A&Ps and Repairmen

Clint Wease, Manager

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There have been a few changes at FSDO-01 since our last newsletter one year ago. First, is our new location. We left the old office at the airport terminal and moved into our new facility located next to DHL on Airport Way in February 2006 (**note address change above**). The new facility has more space and abundant parking for visitors and employees alike.

Since that time there have been many changes. Several Fairbanks FAA employees have moved on to bigger and better things within the FAA. Jim Tupper joined the Alaskan Region 230 Technical Standards Branch where he has been working on some major projects that will help benefit the aviation community. He has been deeply involved in the rollout of the new electronic 337 program working to get the bugs out of the new system and providing training to inspectors and airmen throughout the nation.

Jim Watson joined the Alaskan Region 240 System Safety Analysis Branch. Jim is also involved in some cutting edge projects as well leading the regional CFI/DPE Initiative, and serving as a TapRoot® lead. TapRoot® provides a methodology to lead an inspector through the technique/steps used to perform an in-depth investigation of an accident's/incident's root causes to pro-actively improve human performance. Fortunately for us, both of these gentlemen will still continue to make their home at FSDO-01 working as remotely-sited inspectors.

Blayne Camp accepted a position at the FAA Academy in Oklahoma City. Blayne is very excited about his new job and we wish him well. It also looks like Blayne took some of our winter weather with him to Oklahoma City making our winter a little milder. Thanks Blayne!

John Sims became a Unit Supervisor last spring, and was joined in the fall by David Karalunas and Ken A. Thomas. We have reorganized the unit structure in the office into "multi-discipline" units comprised of Operations, Maintenance, and Avionics specialties. There are no longer discipline-specific units.

We also had to adjust our staffing to meet the demands of a new system of surveillance that was implemented for our Part 121 carriers in 2006. The Air Transportation Oversight System (ATOS) is very resource demanding, causing us to re-align our staffing to meet our surveillance needs and continue to provide a high level of customer service.

Additionally in 2006, we implemented the ISO-9000 Quality Management System. It focuses on continuous improvement of the FAA system and products we provide to the aviation community. In other words, this quality assurance system is the program that we hold ourselves accountable to and, is similar in concept to an air carrier's quality assurance program. This system focuses on feedback from you, the customer, to help the FAA improve its processes and products to provide faster service and standardization. To assist the public in providing this feedback you will notice that we have been providing a web link on our correspondence, or you can contact any of our inspectors, supervisors, or me, to provide feedback so we can get it into our system.

Finally, I would like to welcome a new member to our FSDO family, Douglas Peterson. Doug was hired this fall and comes to us from Tatonduk Outfitters. He brings with him a vast amount of technical experience and customer focus. Doug's specialty is Avionics and, as Doug completes his training, you will see more of him in the field.

As you can see, in addition to the day-to-day work a lot has gone on this last year. I am looking forward to this year and another IA renewal seminar that is as good, or better, as the one last year—although last year's will be hard to beat.

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Change in Filing of FAA Form 337

There was a recent change to FAR Part 43, Appendix B, Recording of Major Repairs and Major Alterations, paragraphs (a) 3 & (c) 2. The FAA copy of the completed Form 337 is now to be sent **directly** to Oklahoma City instead of the FSDO office. Mail it to Federal Aviation Administration, Aircraft Registration Branch, PO Box 25082, Oklahoma City, OK 73125.

Online 337 Filing Option: Online filing of 337's will soon be available. Information on this new option will be presented at each of the FAA-sponsored IA renewal seminars held in Alaska this year. FAA-sponsored seminars are scheduled for Anchorage, Fairbanks, Juneau, and Ketchikan.

IA Renewal

IA's—Remember to Renew in the Month of March!

Enclosed with this Newsletter is FAA Form 8610-1, Mechanic's Application for Inspection Authorization. If you plan to renew by mail, include FAA Forms 8610-1 and 8310-5 (your IA Certificate), and mail to the address above. Please print "IA Renewal" on the outside of the envelope.

Fairbanks Seminar: March 22, Princess Hotel Jade Room, 8:00 a.m.
Contact: Doug Peterson, Fairbanks FSDO (907) 474-0276

Juneau Seminar: February 7, TEMSCO Helicopters, 8 a.m.
Contact: Gregg Horrell, Juneau FSDO (907) 790-7307
or (800) 478-2231

Ketchikan Seminar: February 9, Cape Fox Lodge, 8 a.m.
Contact: Gregg Horrell, Juneau FSDO (907) 790-7307
or (800) 478-2231

Anchorage Seminar: March 9, University of Alaska Anchorage, 8 a.m.
Contact: Anchorage FSDO (907) 271-2000

Online: *Aircraft Maintenance Technology* at <http://www.amtonline.com> and *Gleim* at <http://www.gleim.com/aviation/inspection/online/index.php> offers online renewal seminars. We would be interested in hearing a review from anyone who has taken one of these courses.

Aviation and Electronic Schools of America: 800-345-2742, <http://www.aesa.com>
As of January 17, they have no classes confirmed in Alaska. If enough interest is generated, they will come to Alaska and hold a class. They are holding classes in Portland, Oregon, on February 17 and Seattle, Washington on February 19, 2007. Call them for other locations and dates nationwide.

Planning to travel “Outside” during the next two months? Do a Google search for “IA renewal,” or do a search in SPANS at www.faa.gov for the same. Seminars can be found nationwide ranging from free and up.

Inspectors

Here is the current lineup of Fairbanks Airworthiness and Avionics Inspectors: They may be reached at (907) 474-0276, or email by using the following addresses:

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In our continuing effort to improve customer service, we would appreciate any comments you may have about our services and how to improve them. You may submit your comments at:

http://www.faa.gov/about/office_org/headquarters_offices/avs/offices/afs/qms/

‘Til Next Time...

Keep ‘em Flying—Safely!