



# FAA Production Studio News

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## Sun 'n Fun 2003

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The excitement of Sun 'n Fun has come to a close. Months of preparation to the studio, scheduling of programs and speakers, and training of the production crew all came together to validate that the FAA Production Studios is "in fact" "the place" to attend outstanding educational aviation presentations.

Presented for the first time at the Studio was "Who Wants To Be An Aire-Man." A game show format modeled around "Who Wants To Be A Millionaire." This program was conceived by the Fort Lauderdale FSDO Aviation Safety Program Managers, Cary Mendelsohn and Randy Williams. It is a unique seminar for pilots and aviation maintenance technicians. Obie Young and the Production Crew worked in concert with Cary and Randy to produce and promo this production to Sun 'n Fun attendees. The presentation was viewed live in the studio, broadcast via our satellite network connection across the country and on a jumbotron on the Sun 'n Fun Grounds.

Ben Coleman, host of "Plane Time", and Beeler Gausz interviewed air show greats such as Patty Wagstaff and Bob Hoover along with many other aviation celebrities on the roof top of the Production Studio. The view was spectacular and the interviews of these living legends are captured on great video.

We were pleased to have Mark Grady with us for the week from AOPA Air Safety Foundation with his many fine presentations. He is always a pleasure to have at the studio.

Our very own Diego Alfonso from the FAA Production Studios Speakers Bureau gave a great presentation to a full house on "Engine Failure & Survival in 10 Easy Steps."

Many thanks to all our fine speakers and especially to our Production Crew Members who gave their time and great effort to make every one of our presentations a quality and professional production. Without each of you we would not be able to make it happen!

We also had a special guest visit with the crew during Sun 'n Fun. Sam Kouvaris, Sports Director/Managing Editor for WJXT TV 4 Jacksonville spent two days filming and interviewing Production Crew members to get a "birds eye" view of a day in the life of a volunteer.

Sam was a special guest of Ernie Strange, FASF President. The video will be used as a special promo for the Florida Aviation Safety Foundation.





