



FAA Production Studio News

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National Meeting of RSPM's Held at Studio

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The first week of February the FAA Production Studios was pleased to be the host location for the "2004 National Meeting of Regional Safety Program Managers."

Hosting this meeting availed the Studio the opportunity to share with Regional Safety Program Managers all the technological amenities the studio has to offer to further our shared goals of the Safer Skies agenda.

RSPM's arrived throughout the day on Monday and settled in with a welcoming reception. On Tuesday morning, after breakfast, they arrived at the studio and were greeted by some of our Production Crew members, picked up materials and information and started their first full day of planning meetings.

Mid-morning Ben hosted a live uplink for the group and we took the opportunity to demonstrate the type's of presentations the studio has to offer and the volunteers that make our programs happen. Mayor Buddy Fletcher, City of Lakeland, welcomed our guests to Lakeland and invited them to take advantage of all the City had to offer.

Cheryl DeFilippo recapped the work that has been done on



behalf of Public Relations to promote the studio and it's events as well as the studio publications and web site. Hugh Hardy gave a presentation of our streaming video and the future goals for the studio and it's streaming video web library. Ernie Strange, President of the Florida Aviation Safety Foundation, finished off the live presentation discussing studio goals and expectations for the future. He noted we will be moving forward on many projects and are readying the studio for the upcoming Sun 'n Fun week.

As the week moved on and the group continued on with their meetings Obie took some time to give studio tours of the facility. For those who were visiting the studio for the first time the tour was extremely informative and evoked many questions about the facility and the volunteers.

Many thanks to Mr. Kevin Clover, National Safety Program Manager, for holding his National meeting at the FAA Production Studios. It was a great experience for everyone involved.

Thanks also to Sun 'n Fun for providing catered lunches for the group as well as Kermit Weeks at "Fantasy of Flight" for holding a social at his facility.

The studio staff and volunteers were pleased to have each of you at the facility and hope you will visit with us again.

SEAPLANE SEMINAR

We finished a very busy week with the "Annual Seaplane Seminar" hosted by Jon Brown from Jack Brown's Seaplane Base. Friday evening kicked off with a BBQ at Jon's Seaplane Base and Saturday morning we were up early and ready for another great program. Jon never disappoints... his speakers were excellent and the material covered was expansive.

SOARING SEMINAR

On February 14th Wayne Garner put together, yet another, terrific gathering of presenters for the "Annual Soaring Seminar." It was a great day for the production crew as well as our guests that attended. We received many accolades on the event and are looking forward to what Wayne will put together for next year.

BALLOON SEMINAR

February 28th was the "Annual Balloon Seminar" hosted by Dee and Ron Davis. As usual they attracted a great crowd of attendees and always put together a great program. Many thanks to Ron and Dee for another great event!!!!