



## Going To Oshkosh This Year? Be Sure To Visit Us!

by NBAA President and CEO Ed Bolen

The diversity and importance of aviation are evident every day at AirVenture Oshkosh. As *Twin & Turbine* readers may know, NBAA has had a presence at the event for many years, and every year at Oshkosh, we're thrilled to talk with the many business aviators and other aviation enthusiasts who stop by our big white hospitality tent. When the general aviation community gathers from July 25 to August 1 for this year's event, we'll be right in the thick of the activity once again.

As always, our tent – located right on the flight line, in space #465 – will have a back porch with a front-row seat of all the activity. We'll have plenty of staff members on hand to provide operational information

and to answer questions. And this year, we'll also have new contests, giveaways and surprises for NBAA Members and other visitors.

Additionally, some special guests will discuss topics important to business aviation today, while others will showcase the rich history of business aviation.

For example, we'll hear from two experts about the tax benefits of aircraft ownership for those using a personal airplane for business, and also about the regulations for pilots who wish to get reimbursed for flying others on business or personal trips. Both are topics many Oshkosh-goers might find very pertinent.

But, we'll also have some light-hearted discussions. A presentation on "The DC-3 as a Business Aircraft," is for fun and a bit of aviation nostalgia, like much of the show at Oshkosh. Jim Gabbert of Next Century Aviation, the current owner of Army Air Corps General Hap

Arnold's DC-3 (now N41HQ), will talk about how the venerable DC-3 was the original and most common business aircraft of the 1940s, 50s and 60s, and how some are still in use today delivering cargo and other goods.

Of course, as much as we look forward to Oshkosh, we also hope *Twin & Turbine* readers will join us at NBAA's 63rd Annual Meeting & Convention (NBAA2010) in Atlanta, GA. NBAA2010 will bring together a wide variety of Exhibits at the Georgia World Congress Center, a Static Display of 100 Aircraft on DeKalb Peachtree Airport, over 100 Education Sessions and Maintenance and Operations Sessions (M&Os), and nearly 25,000 business aviation professionals. If you're not able to join us at the Convention, please make plans to visit us when we're near your place of business at one of our NBAA Regional Forums in the coming year. ■

Sincerely,

Ed Bolen  
NBAA President and CEO

## States Across The Country Confirm:

### *'No Plane, No Gain'*

Since NBAA and the General Aviation Manufacturers Association launched the No Plane No Gain advocacy campaign to communicate the value of business aviation, policymakers at all levels of government have stood to be counted in support of the industry.

This support was illustrated at a recent event in Westchester County, New York, in which County Executive Rob Astorino offered a proclamation highlighting the connection between activity at the local airport and the creation of jobs, economic growth and investment.

The airport is home to more than 80 businesses, employs 1,300 people and contributes \$649 million to the local economy. Astorino's proclamation urges local, state and federal officials to "pursue policies that will continue to support our local aviation infrastructure and allow it to prosper."

In presenting the proclamation, Astorino specifically pointed out the importance of business aviation in Westchester county, noting that local companies use business aircraft "to shrink the distance between them and their customers – whether the customers are located out of the state, or out of the country."

Astorino's comments came on the heels of similar decrees issued elsewhere, which highlight the value of general aviation, including business aviation. In recent months, governors in Alaska, Arkansas, Georgia, Kansas, North Dakota, Tennessee, Vermont and Washington State have issued proclamations recognizing business aviation

and often echoing themes articulated through No Plane No Gain advocacy campaign.

No Plane No Gain strives to educate decision-makers and opinion leaders across the country about the value of business aviation. The campaign shows that business aviation employs 1.2 million people, provides an economic and transportation lifeline for small and rural communities and is a key component in humanitarian efforts.

These points have resonated on Capitol Hill, where NBAA and GAMA have supported the formation of GA Caucuses in both the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives. Senators and Representatives formed the caucuses to inform members of Congress and their staff about the value of general aviation (GA) to the nation's economy and transportation system. There are now more than 100 members of the House caucus and 27 in the Senate.

"The continued growth of these caucuses underscores the recognition by Congress that general aviation creates jobs, provides a transportation lifeline to communities across the country, helps businesses succeed and supports people and communities in times of crisis," said NBAA President and CEO Ed Bolen. "We are delighted to work with House and Senate Caucus Members to highlight the essential role that general aviation, including business aviation, plays in every state and Congressional District." ■

Learn more about No Plane No Gain by visiting [www.noplanenogain.org](http://www.noplanenogain.org).



## NBAA To Be Honored With National Award For Industry Advocacy

**T**he summer, the National Aviation Hall of Fame will recognize NBAA for the association's contributions toward the advancement of aviation during an annual enshrinement ceremony in Dayton, OH.

The Hall of Fame will present NBAA with its 2010 Milton Caniff "Spirit of Flight" Award. FAA Administrator Randy Babbitt will present the Association with the annual award.

"NBAA and its Members are honored to be recognized with this award," said NBAA President and CEO Ed Bolen. "As a part of the aviation community, business aviation has a rich history of leadership and innovation that has been critical to the advancement of the entire industry. We thank the National Aviation Hall of Fame, and we are delighted that Randy Babbitt will present the award to the Association at the ceremony."

NAHF's Board of Trustees first announced the organization's intention to bestow the award upon NBAA during the Opening General Session of NBAA's 2009 Annual Meeting & Convention in Orlando, FL. That announcement was formalized on December 17, 2009, at the National Museum of the United States Air Force, as part of an annual celebration of the anniversary of the Wright Brothers' first controlled powered flight.

"Business aviation is a vital part of this nation's economy, and the Hall of Fame is proud to help recognize NBAA, which has done so much to help this industry," said Alan Hoeweler, president and acting chairman of the NAHF Board of Trustees.

The ceremonial event promises to be an evening to remember. As part of the proceedings, a special video will be shown, telling the story of business aviation, and highlighting NBAA's long-standing role in supporting the industry.

Additionally, NBAA will host an all-star panel of aviation leaders who will discuss their views on the industry and NBAA.

Moderated by television news legend and aviator David Hartman, the panel will include: Clay Jones, Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer, Rockwell Collins; Clay Lacy, President, Clay Lacy Aviation; Jeff Lee, Director, Flight Operations, IBM; Joe Lombardo, President, Gulfstream Aerospace; Jack Pelton, CEO, Cessna Aircraft Company; and David Sokol, Chairman, President and CEO NetJets.

For more information about the Milton Caniff Spirit of Flight Award or to learn more about attending the annual enshrinement ceremony, visit the NAHF web site at [www.nationalaviation.org](http://www.nationalaviation.org). ■



## Good News on Business Aviation Safety

**T**he number of accidents involving U.S. operators of business turboprops and jets declined sharply in 2009 – welcome news for an industry hit hard by the recession. With 43 accidents in 2009, compared to 64 in 2008, last year saw a nearly 33 percent decline in accidents involving U.S. operators, according to data compiled and recently made available by Robert E. Breiling Associates of Boca Raton, FL.

The 2009 results for business jets were particularly striking. Business jets were involved in only seven accidents last year and just one fatal crash, which resulted in the death of both pilots. During 2008, that segment of the industry was involved in 23 total accidents and five fatal accidents, which means total business jet accidents declined a staggering 69 percent last year.

The 2008 figures are very close to the average number of business jet accidents and fatal accidents since 1999. Before last year, total accidents ranged from a low of 13 in 2000 to a high of 33 in 2005, with an average of 22.6 accidents annually during the period. The number of fatal business jet accidents has ranged from three in 2005 to a high of eight in 2003, averaging 5.1 annually from 2000 to 2008.

Turboprop operators also posted better numbers in 2009. Total accidents fell from 41 in 2008 to 36 in 2009. The number of fatal accidents involving U.S. business turbo-

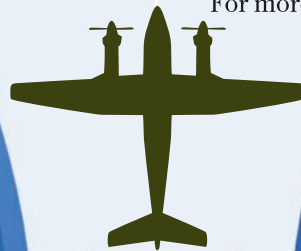
prop operators fell from 18 in 2008 to seven in 2009, a 61 percent decline.

“It was a great year, there’s no denying that,” said James Burin, director of technical programs for the Flight Safety Foundation. Burin noted, however, the difficulty of attempting to draw broad conclusions from a single year’s data, but he said the statistics are encouraging. I think it’s pretty safe to say the [accident] rate is coming down,” Burin said. “To say that’s going to continue, we’ll wait and see what happens this year.”

### NBAA Safety Resources

NBAA provides a number of programs and services to encourage safe flight operations and mitigate risk, ranging from the NBAA Management Guide and the International Standard for Business Aircraft Operations (IS-BAO), to co-sponsorship of Safety Standdown events. These programs help entrepreneurs and businesses using all sizes and types of aircraft to improve their procedures and processes, and they give pilots the ability to more objectively analyze their own levels of performance and professionalism. Learn more at [www.nbaa.org/safety](http://www.nbaa.org/safety).

For more information about Breiling’s Business Turbine Aircraft Accident Review or other safety data, contact Robert E. Breiling Associates, Inc. at (561) 338-6900 or [www.breilinginc.com](http://www.breilinginc.com). ■



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## Talking With Type Clubs

**A**lthough business aviation is a diverse community, there are benefits for everyone when the industry bands together around common causes and interests.

For example, the value of coordinating people and information can be seen in the host of local business aviation groups across the country. With NBAA's support, dozens of local industry associations have formed over the years to help companies and entrepreneurs network, combine resources, establish best practices and effectively advocate for their flight operations with state and local policymakers.

Type clubs provide similar benefits and support for operators and small companies that use a specific airplane. They serve as forums for sharing knowledge about the unique attributes of a given airplane, including considerations that arise in the use of the aircraft for business reasons.

"That's why we're always pleased to spend time with type club members," said Ed Bolen, NBAA president and CEO. "Attending a club's meeting

provides an opportunity for NBAA to hear directly from those using light business airplanes about their specific needs and concerns, and how NBAA can help support their business operations."

This year, several senior NBAA staff members have met with businesspeople operating Cessna Citation Jets and Mustangs, TBMs and Pilatus airplanes. Steve Brown, senior vice president, operations, Doug Carr, vice president, safety, security & regulations, and Scott O'Brien, project manager, have each also met with MU-2 operators at Pilots Review of Proficiency (PROP) events.

"We know that many of the businesspeople in these clubs can't set aside the time to travel to a distant city for a multi-day NBAA event," said Carr, "and these venues provide an opportunity to reach out to club members at their convenience, and explain all the products and services NBAA offers."

Beyond participation in type club meetings, NBAA has other means for supporting operators of light business airplanes. Recently, NBAA partnered with the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association to produce two Light Business Airplane Conferences each year. The two events will be located on opposite sides of the country for ease of access. For those unable to attend these or other NBAA events, the Association also offers online tools and resources specific to light business airplane owners.

"Light business airplane operators are essential to NBAA's membership," said Chris Strong, vice president, marketing & membership. "We are so confident of the value we provide that we offer type club members who aren't currently NBAA Members a discount for joining the Association."

Type club members that would like to hear from NBAA at an upcoming meeting or event can contact NBAA to schedule a meeting. Also, operators should feel free to let the Association know what it can do to best support light business airplane use by contacting NBAA's Operations Service Group at (202) 783-9250 or [info@nbaa.org](mailto:info@nbaa.org). ■



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