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SUBJECT : AVIATION MECHANIC SAFETY AWARDS

1. **PURPOSE.** This advisory circular announces the details of the Aviation Mechanic Safety Awards Program. The program is a joint effort of the Federal Aviation Agency, the Flight Safety Foundation, and the aviation industry.
2. **BACKGROUND.** The Administrator of the Federal Aviation Agency has declared the year 1963 as "Maintenance Year". In conjunction with this declaration, the Agency has established an Aviation Mechanic Safety Awards Program beginning this year and to be continued as an annual event. The Agency has received the cooperative approval of major segments of the aviation community, both in the general and air carrier segments.
3. **DETAILS.** The details of this award program follow. Official entry forms are available at the nearest FAA office or at civil aviation maintenance facilities. ("Aviation Mechanic Safety Award Nomination Form")
4. **OBJECTIVE.** The Aviation Mechanic Safety Award will give recognition "TO THE AVIATION MECHANIC MAKING THE OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION TO AIR SAFETY BY MAINTENANCE PRACTICES." This is a national effort on a continuing basis (annually), to provide a means by which he and others may recognize the measure of his achievement. This award will focus attention on the importance of safety in aviation maintenance.
5. **NUMBER OF AWARDS.**
 - a. **State.** There will be a total of 50 awards on a state level with one award in each state for the GENERAL AVIATION MECHANIC winner. If a winner is located in Puerto Rico, an additional award will be made. State general aviation mechanic winners become competitively eligible for the general aviation regional awards. (Air carrier awards will be handled on a regional basis only, due to air carrier headquarters geographical locations.)

- b. Regional. There will be a total of 14 regional awards with two awards, one air carrier and one general aviation, in each of the seven FAA regions. Regional winners become competitively eligible for the national awards.
- c. National. There will be a total of two national awards composed of the grand national winner in each phase (one air carrier and one general aviation). The grand national winners will be selected from the 14 regional winners.

6. TYPE OF AWARDS.

- a. State Winners. State trophy plus trip to State Capital for official presentation.
- b. Regional Winners. Regional trophy plus trip to FAA regional headquarters office for official presentation. General aviation regional winners are selected from state winners.
- c. Grand National Winners. Suitably engraved plaque plus transportation to and from Washington, D. C., for two, plus a 2-day stay, subsistence paid, to include possible visits with their Congressional Representatives, the FAA Administrator, and possibly the President. Grand national winners will be selected from regional winners.
- d. In addition.
 - (1) Each winner will receive a certificate of recognition for his contribution to the promotion of safety and progress in the aviation industry.
 - (2) If the winner holds an FAA mechanic certificate, a gold metalized reproduction, wallet size, of his certificate will be awarded.

7. AWARD OBJECTIVES. Two guidelines (objectives) for the selection of winners have been established:

- a. "For the suggestion of a design or 'improvement' to an aircraft or any of its components, that led to or resulted in increased reliability and/or safety".

- h. A nominee form not selected for award may be reconsidered by a letter of request to the nearest FAA Regional Office made by the person submitting the nominee form in question.

10. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SYSTEM - SCHEDULE OF EVENTS (1963)

July 1 - Nominations open (state-regional).

July - The nominee forms are continually submitted.

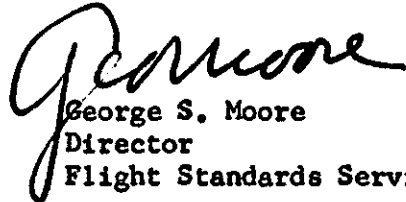
August - FAA offices will collect, compile, collate nominee forms submitted through September 1, the closing date for submission of nominee forms.

September - Selection of state winners by September 30, 1963.

October - State awards presented October 15, 1963. Regional winners will be selected and awarded during October; exact date to be announced.

December - Grand national awards presented; exact date to be announced.

The schedule of events for ensuing years will be issued as a revision to this advisory circular.


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- b. "For the suggestion or development of a maintenance and/or inspection procedure that contributed significantly to safety in aviation".

8. ELIGIBILITY FOR CONSIDERATION.

- a. Nominations for the awards may be made by any person having direct knowledge of the aviation mechanic's contribution to "Air Safety by Maintenance Practices". Nominations should be made on the appropriate form and submitted to the nearest FAA district office having jurisdiction over the area in which the mechanic is employed. Personnel supervisors or other knowledgeable management personnel of the facility where the mechanic is employed may make the nomination.
- b. Winners will be selected without regard for race, creed, color, or sex.
- c. Internationally employed nominees will be eligible if citizens of the United States.
- d. Repairmen, authorized inspectors (AIs), designated mechanic examiners, and parachute riggers are also eligible for nominations. Aviation mechanics actively engaged or employed by aircraft, powerplant, or accessory manufacturers as aviation mechanics performing "flight line" duties are eligible for nomination.
- e. Employees of the Federal Aviation Agency and the Flight Safety Foundation are not eligible to compete.
- f. Contributions developed prior to the year 1962 will not be considered since this is an award program to recognize current development and contributions. Yearly awards will be made for developments and contributions made for the prior calendar year (i.e., calendar year 1963 awards for calendar year 1962 contributions).
- g. In case a mechanic has previously obtained a patent on his safety contribution and is receiving remuneration, he is eligible to be considered if developed within the year acknowledged by the award.
- h. A contribution developed by the cooperative efforts of more than one person will be judged accordingly. Duplicate awards will be granted in this case.

9. SCREENING AND SELECTION OF NOMINEES.

- a. Screening and selection of winners of all awards will be made by a committee of prominent aviation maintenance personnel whose place of business is located within the boundaries of the particular region, together with FAA personnel. This committee shall be composed of aviation mechanics and aviation personnel possessing the technical qualifications required to evaluate and judge the nominee's contribution. All regional winners are eligible for national consideration with the final screening and selection of the grand national winners made by a committee of nationally prominent aviation people with FAA representation. This committee to be established and administered by the Flight Safety Foundation.
- b. The contribution must be an original contribution and must qualify as a significant contribution in order to retain the value of the award.
- c. In general, the contribution should be important to civil aviation, or if a military development, one that could be applied to the civil aviation field.
- d. The contribution should be clearly attributable to the person nominated.
- e. The considerate interest of a nominee to aviation safety by maintenance practices is a guiding criterion, i.e., his imagination and contribution to working beyond the requirements of his job to direct his efforts to safety in aviation on his own initiative.
- f. The contribution should have relatively broad application to the aviation field.
- g. The same screening procedure for nominee forms at all levels (state, regional, grand national) will be followed. The screening and nominating committee will thoroughly review all nominee forms to assure that the nominee's "outstanding contribution" is within the categories specified under "Award Objectives" (See item 7). This initial screening will eliminate the nominees not within the scope of objectives and permit the remaining nominees who are within the objectives to be selected by the committees for final consideration for selection of winners. Only final nominations in all awards and phases selected will be audited and verified.