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SUBJECT : ANNUAL AVIATION MECHANIC SAFETY AWARDS PROGRAM

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1. PURPOSE. This advisory circular provides the details of the Annual Aviation Mechanic Safety Awards Program. This program is a joint effort of the Federal Aviation Agency, the Flight Safety Foundation, and the aviation community.
2. CANCELLATION. Advisory Circular 60-2B is canceled.
3. BACKGROUND. The Agency established an Aviation Mechanic Safety Awards Program in 1963 and major segments of the aviation industry have given their cooperative support. The program is now established as an annual event.
4. OBJECTIVE OF AWARDS. The Annual Aviation Mechanic Safety Awards give recognition TO THE AVIATION MECHANICS MAKING THE OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS TO AIR SAFETY BY MAINTENANCE PRACTICES. This national effort enables the public to recognize the importance of the mechanic in aviation safety. It also serves to focus the aviation mechanic's attention on the vital safety role he plays in the practice of aviation maintenance.
5. NUMBER OF AWARDS.
 - a. State Awards. Fifty awards are made on a state level, one in each state for the general aviation winner. If a winner is located in Puerto Rico or the Virgin Islands, additional awards are made. State general aviation mechanic winners become competitively eligible for FAA regional general aviation awards. Air carrier mechanic awards are made on a regional basis only, due to the geographic locations of air carrier headquarters.

- b. Regional Awards. Fifteen regional awards are made consisting of one air carrier and one general aviation award in each of the following seven FAA regions: (1) Eastern, (2) Southern, (3) Southwest, (4) Central, (5) Western, (6) Pacific, and (7) Alaskan. The 15th award will be given in the air carrier category in the Europe, Africa, and Middle East Region. The regional winners are competitively eligible for the national awards.
- c. National Awards. Two national awards are made - one air carrier and one general aviation. The national award winners are selected from the regional winners.

6. DESCRIPTION OF AWARDS.

- a. State Awards. An FAA certificate inscribed with the Agency seal and citation, signed by the Administrator, and permanently mounted.
 - b. Regional Awards. A metal plaque engraved with the Agency seal and citation, signed by the Administrator and Regional Director, and permanently mounted.
 - c. National Awards. A medallion, created for the Agency, and mounted in a presentation and exhibition frame.
 - d. Aviation industry organizations have coordinated a cash award for the general aviation and air carrier national winners. A cash award of \$500 will be given to each national winner, in addition to the FAA awards.
 - e. All winners will be offered a resident or correspondence type (home study) maintenance training course of their choice originating at the FAA Academy in Oklahoma City free of tuition charge. The winner will be permitted to make his selection from a training course list available at each local FAA office. The list will contain dates and courses available (resident and home study) in both the general aviation and air carrier categories.
 - f. In addition, one particular manufacturer (in the industry) will provide metalized replicas of FAA mechanic certificates, wallet size, to regional winners who hold a valid FAA airframe and/or powerplant certificate. The company will also enroll the regional winners in their Aviation Mechanic Club and issue a suitable certificate and lapel pin. This Club has been organized by the company and is exclusively reserved for the regional winners of this awards program. It is possible that other segments of the aviation community will consider similar additional awards for future years.
7. AWARD PRESENTATION. State and regional awards are presented in ceremonies scheduled by the Agency regional offices at state capitals, FAA regional offices, or at other selected locations. National awards are presented in Washington, D.C. Travel arrangements to presentation sites are made by the Agency in conjunction with the aviation industry.

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8. AWARD GUIDELINES. Two guidelines for the selection of winners have been established:
- a. "For the suggestion of a design or 'improvement' to an aircraft or powerplant or any of its components that led to or resulted in increased reliability and/or safety in aviation."
 - b. "For the suggestion or development of a maintenance and/or inspection procedure that contributed significantly to safety in aviation."
9. ELIGIBILITY FOR CONSIDERATION.
- a. Eligible mechanics may submit their own entry forms. In addition, supervisors or other knowledgeable personnel may submit an entry form for an eligible aviation mechanic. Entries should be made on FAA Form 3338, Entry Form - Aviation Mechanic Safety Award, (see Attachment 1, Page 1) and submitted to the FAA district office having jurisdiction over the geographic area in which the mechanic is employed.
 - b. Winners are selected without regard for race, creed, color, sex, or national origin.
 - c. Aviation mechanics employed outside the continental limits of the United States who are foreign nationals employed by a U.S. company and who hold a valid FAA mechanic certificate are eligible.
 - d. Aviation mechanics actively engaged or employed by aircraft, powerplant, or accessory manufacturers as mechanics performing "flight line" aviation mechanic duties are eligible. (See definition, "Aviation Mechanic," 9k.) Repairmen, authorized inspectors (AIs), designated mechanic examiners, and parachute riggers are eligible.
 - e. Aviation mechanics in the Armed Forces are eligible. Their entry should be one that could be applied to civil aviation use.
 - f. Employees of the Federal Aviation Agency and the Flight Safety Foundation are not eligible.
 - g. Contributions developed during the calendar year are eligible for the annual awards. The closing date for the awards will be December 31.
 - h. Patented safety contributions are eligible.
 - i. Qualified suggestions or developments, which previously have received awards from employers, are eligible.
 - j. A contribution developed by the cooperative efforts of more than one person is judged accordingly. In this case, duplicate awards are granted.

- k. An entrant must be working as an active aviation mechanic. For the purpose of this program, the aviation mechanic is defined as an individual who is skilled in the methods, techniques, and practices, necessary for the performance of maintenance, inspection, or alteration of aircraft as a whole or any of the major aircraft subdivisions such as engines, propellers, airframes, and appliances. He uses such skills either as the artisan who works with his hands or directly supervises others who work with their hands. This eliminates the professional engineer or the "mechanic" specifically employed, for example, as a fuel service employee or in similar associated positions, which in certain job descriptions could be titled a "mechanic." The eligible aviation mechanic is not required to hold a valid FAA mechanic certificate in order to participate. (In the case of foreign nationals - item 9c above.)

10. SCREENING AND SELECTION OF ENTRIES.

- a. Screening and selection of entries for state and regional awards are made by committees composed of aviation mechanics, FAA personnel, and civil and military aviation personnel possessing the technical qualifications required to evaluate and judge the entrant's contribution. Committee members are selected from within the geographic boundaries of the particular area. Final screening and selection for the national awards are made by a committee composed of nationally prominent aviation people and FAA personnel. This national committee is established and administered by the Flight Safety Foundation.
- b. The screening and selecting committees thoroughly review all entry forms to assure that the entrant's "outstanding contribution" is within the categories specified under "Award Guidelines" (see item 8). This initial review eliminates entrants not within the specified guidelines. No further review is required. The remaining entries are then audited and verified by FAA inspectors prior to final consideration and selection.
- c. In order to qualify, the contribution must be original and significant.
- d. The contribution should have relatively broad application to the aviation field.
- e. In general, the contribution should be important to civil aviation, or, if it is a military development, it should be one that could be applied to civil aviation.
- f. The contribution should be clearly attributable to the entrant.

- g. The interest of an entrant in aviation safety by maintenance practices is a guiding criterion; i.e., his imagination and initiative in working beyond the requirements of his job to direct his efforts to aviation safety.
- h. An entrant not selected for award may apply for reconsideration by a letter of request within 7 days after the winner is announced. This letter is to be directed to the appropriate FAA regional office and originated by the person submitting the entry form in question.
- i. The official entry form is enclosed in Attachment 1, Page 1, of this circular. Additional copies (FAA Form 3338) may be obtained from the local FAA Office or a reasonable facsimile may be made by the entrant.

11. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS.

July: FAA offices will start to compile and collate entry forms submitted.

State winners will be selected and FS-300 advised in January, and awards will be presented during February.

Regional winners will be selected and FS-300 advised in February, and awards will be presented during March.

National winners will be selected in March, and awards will be presented in April.

Regional offices will schedule the state and regional award events to suit each office within the established schedule.



C. W. Walker
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FEDERAL AVIATION AGENCY ENTRY FOR AVIATION MECHANIC SAFETY AWARD			INSTRUCTIONS: Use a separate form for each entry. Print or type entries. Submit to the nearest civil main- tenance facility or Federal Aviation Agency office.		
1. NAME (If team effort, list names and addresses on reverse side)			2. FAA MECHANIC (A&P) CERTIFICATE NO. (If any)		
3. PRESENT MAILING ADDRESS					
4. PRESENT EMPLOYER		NAME		ADDRESS	
5. EMPLOYMENT LAST CALENDAR YEAR					
6. OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION MADE (Give brief but factual description. Drawings, photographs, or other representations may be included to assist the judging committee.)					
(If additional space is required, use the reverse side or attach additional sheets)					
7. CONTRIBUTION MADE		TO GENERAL AVIATION		DURING (Specify calendar year)	
		TO AIR CARRIER			
ENTRY SUBMITTED BY: (If other than entrant)					
NAME			ADDRESS		
EMPLOYED BY (Name and address)			POSITION HELD		
DATE		SIGNATURE			
FOR FAA USE ONLY			FOR FLIGHT SAFETY FOUNDATION USE ONLY		
INSPECTOR'S COMMENTS					
VERIFIED BY (Inspector's signature)		OFFICE IDENT.			
RECOMMENDATION					
STATE AWARD		REGIONAL AWARD		GRAND NATIONAL AWARD	