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Dont Miss Dr. Tony Kern

Dr. Kern to Keynote CABA Summer Membership Meeting

Please join CABA at our Summer Membership Meeting as we welcome Dr. Tony Kern with Convergent Performance. Dr. Kern is one of the world's leading authorities on human performance and the author of five books on the subject, including *Redefining Airmanship*, *Flight Discipline*, and *Darker Shades of Blue: The Rogue Pilot*. He also recently published his newest book, *Blue Threat: Why to Err is Inhuman*. Dr. Kern is an internationally recognized expert in the field of applied human factors and performance improvement, and has lectured on the subjects around the globe for nearly two decades.

Registration is REQUIRED: [To register or find out more](#)

Legislative Alert - Amendments 60 & 61

Detrimental Legislation Impacts Airports in Major Ways

CABA wants to alert our membership to two potentially detrimental legislative proposals for the November 2, 2010 State ballot.

Amendment 60 provides, in part, for enterprises and authorities to pay property taxes. If property taxes are assessed against Colorado's airport authorities, they have two choices, 1) pass-through the tax to airport tenants as part of their lease obligation; 2) retain the tax burden resulting in the loss of funds available for operations, maintenance and improvements.

Amendment 61 provides, in part, for voter approval of future borrowing by local government entities. If such a restriction were applied to airport authorities, the authorities could be unable to obtain loans, certificates of participation, lease-purchase agreements and revenue bonds. Delays in receiving voter approval could affect efficient purchase of equipment, improvements to the airport, real property and maintenance. CABA encourages its membership to educate themselves concerning the issues and potential impacts of Amendments 60 and 61 and their impact on our airports, tenants and users.

CABA feels that these amendments are damaging to our airport and aviation community and urges you to educate yourself on them in great detail, share your knowledge of them, and help keep them from being passed this November. The Coloradoans for Responsible Reform have created a website dedicated to stopping these harmful pieces of legislation, you can find it at www.donthurtcolorado.com.

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CABA Mission Statement

"To foster and promote aviation and related business at and near Centennial Airport; to collectively address and

Recent vote confirms positive growth

CABA was formed to advocate on behalf of business and general aviation businesses to provide legislative support, educational opportunities, community outreach, and networking opportunities to individuals and businesses in the aviation industry. With our recent name change and revised scope, we are making it our mission to advocate throughout the entire state of Colorado through various committees like legislative action, education, industry groups, and regional groups. Visit our website and join us today as we work to foster a hearty and healthy Colorado Aviation Community.

respond to issues impacting Centennial Airport, including safety and operational effectiveness; to educate the general public about all aviation activities at the airport, and to preserve the airport and related businesses as valuable economic assets to the community at large."

DOT Announces Future of Aviation Committee

Committee of Stakeholders to Form Recommendations

Secretary of Transportation Ray LaHood has announced the newly formed Future of Aviation Advisory Committee that may help form changes in the country's aviation policies. The committee, which was put together in March, will have its first public meeting on May 25, in Washington . It is made up of representatives from the airlines, airports, general aviation, manufacturers and labor, but also includes environmental, academic and financial experts. And it seeks to provide recommendations to the Secretary that will ensure the competitiveness of the U.S. aviation industry. The group's members will focus on America 's competitiveness in aviation with a focus on safety, viability, environmental challenges and solutions, funding for aviation systems and the aviation workforce. The May 25 meeting is open to the public -- providing you've registered in advance.

The May meeting is set to be the first of at least three additional meetings to culminate in delivery of recommendations to LaHood. Participants include Cessna president and CEO Jack Pelton among representatives from JetBlue Airways, Goodrich Corporation, Boeing, and more. The public is welcome to attend but interested parties must register in advance via e-mail. To find at how to attend, click here and scroll to the last two paragraphs on the page. Information on how to find minutes of meetings and related documents is listed on the last line.

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Cessna Chief Concerned About Aviation's Future

Lack of Student Pilots Raises Concerns

All aviation stakeholders must work together to ensure the health of the industry, Cessna chairman, president and CEO Jack Pelton said at an Aero Club of Washington, D.C. function this week. It was this kind of cooperation, he noted, that squelched the negative rhetoric around the general aviation industry since the economic recession began. "This cooperation we've experienced in general aviation must span all areas of aviation," Pelton said, adding that the DOT's Future of Aviation Advisory Committee on which he sits is an "excellent start." He cited key concerns for the aviation industry: the pilot population and environmental issues. Alarmingly, Pelton said the FAA expects the number of student pilots nationwide to fall to a 10-year low of about 69,000 next year. That will equate to a nearly 30-percent decrease during the first decade of this century. "Fewer pilots equates to less business for all of us, and it threatens the strong, sustainable aviation system our nation counts on," he pointed out. "We need legislation that fosters and stimulates our industry." On the environment, Pelton said aviation has established a good track record in reducing its environmental impact, though "there is much more

we must do."

Bonus Depreciation Extension Introduced

A bipartisan bill to extend bonus depreciation on aircraft purchases has been introduced in the Senate and the General Aviation Manufacturers Association is rooting for its passage. The bill was introduced by Senate Finance Committee Chairman Max Baucus, D-Mont., and ranking member Chuck Grassley. Bonus depreciation allows aircraft buyers to depreciate their purchase 50 percent in the first year instead of spreading the depreciation over five years. It was introduced in 2008 as part of the stimulus package and extended through 2009. "Bonus depreciation is a powerful incentive to purchase a GA aircraft and is proven to increase sales during difficult economic conditions," said GAMA CEO Pete Bunce. "It is the one tax provision we have asked Congress to pass to help offset the decline in sales due to the recession and bring back lost jobs." GAMA says the impact of bonus depreciation is significant and one manufacturer calculated that it was a factor in 55 percent of its sales. This isn't a tax cut, however. The accelerated depreciation means write-offs in subsequent years will be less so the long-term impact on government finances is negligible.

Rifle Airport (RIL) Closure Reminder

NBAA's general aviation desk, which is located at the FAA air traffic command headquarters, is reminding aircraft operators that Garfield County Rifle Airport (RIL) will be closed for seven months for runway and taxiway construction. The closure applies to fixed-wing aircraft from 9 a.m. MDT on Monday April 5th through Thursday November 18. Helicopter operations will be permitted during construction.

Job Postings

Please note that we have added a job posting section to the CABA Website. Please send us any aviation jobs you would like to post or go to: <http://mycaba.org/employmentopportunities>.

The CABA Board of Trustees

Updated roles and new board members helping to continue our efforts...

In March we held our annual board member votes and welcomed our newest members. Here is an update on the executive committee and the newest members of our Board of Trustees:

David Purvis, Chairman
Reggie Arsenault, Vice Chairman
Iver Retrum, Membership Director (chairman emeritus)
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Charles "Chic" Myers - Regional Group Committee
Eric Carson - Industry Group Co-Chair

You may find out more about the team on our website: [Board of Trustees](#)

Upcoming Events

Save the Date

Summer Membership Meeting - Featuring Dr. Tony Kern

July 13th, 2010
4:00PM - 7:00 PM
Location TBD

[Click Here for additional information or to RSVP](#)

Flight Instructor Seminar

July 14th, 2010
Location TBD

Porsche Aircraft Experience

August 12th, 2010
10:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Denver Jet Center

[Click here for Additional Information](#)

6th Annual Classic Aircraft and Car Show

August 21st, 2010
Front Range Airport

[Click here for additional information](#)

CABA Needs Your Help

Submit an Article for our Newsletter

Do you have something to say? CABA is looking for some help with the newsletter! We need people that are willing to aid the communications committee in compiling the newsletter and gathering fresh news for our community. If interested please respond to Brittany Davies at bdavies@mycaba.org.

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