



Aircraft Mechanics Fraternal Association

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To: All AMFA Locals and Members

Re: **Safety & Standards Director's Monthly Update for June 2009**

Dear Members:

In June I continued the arduous task of researching lobbying groups that would best represent our members and address the legislative issues that affect our jobs. At this time I intend to present several choices at the next JAC meeting in August.

I was contacted by Mike Baum, a writer for Secure AV, a non-profit organization and the primary resource site for the Aviators Model Code of Conduct. Their codes of conduct can be adapted to suit the needs of various organizations such as Flight Schools, Private Pilot groups and now Aircraft Technicians. They provide written material in PDF at no charge. They asked AMFA to review and comment on their latest addition which is the Aircraft Maintenance Technicians Code of Conduct due to be released soon and which will include a quote from myself indorsing the code along with several aviation experts from the FAA, Military , NASA, and other aviation related groups.

The Secure AV code of conduct mirrors the Technicians Standards referenced in the AMFA constitution as well as the Professional Standards Code of Ethics. And can be modified to further enhance the two. The Secure AV link will be added to the AMFA National web site soon.

During the third week of June I attended the Southwest Airlines LEC meeting in Phoenix. We discussed the budget of the Accident Investigation Team and their role. While there was some debate over the role of the team it was agreed that language did need to be established and presented to SWA to assure that the team would be recognized and therefore called upon by SWA and permit team members the time off required to assist the NTSB in an accident investigation.

I have also been researching courses and books that would enhance the skills of our professional standards committees.

I sent an e-mail to all of the LECs requesting that their ASAP representatives attend the next JAC meeting to discuss the ASAP representatives election process and terms of office.

Sincerely,

Fred Digne
National Safety & Standards Director