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To: All AMFA Locals

Re: Assistant National Directors Monthly Report for March, 2010

Dear Members,

What a great month March was. In the first week our national director, Louie Key, and I were privileged to attend a Charles Taylor bust dedication at the United States Air Force Academy, in Colorado Springs, Colorado. The Father of Aircraft Maintenance as we know it, was born in the bicycle shop, when "The Boys" as Charles Taylor liked to call Orville and Wilber Wright, asked Charlie to make an engine for their Wright flyer weighing no more than 180 lbs and capable of producing eight to nine horsepower. As with any good mechanic worth his salt, Charlie jumped at the chance to create and put his mechanical knowledge to work. Charles Taylor, in only six weeks, built an engine weighing only 150 lbs and delivering 13 horsepower. That, my friends is truly aircraft maintenance at its finest. This kind of mechanic is what the people of AMFA are all about. It is why we are in the business we are in. We like to create and put our knowledge to work, keeping the aircraft safe and airworthy. No one has to tell us our job is important. We have the pride to always put safety and our integrity in every job we do.

In the second week of March, I participated in the NEC Conference call on Monday. Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday were spent as an observer in the SWA Appearance Technician negotiations. These talks were informative and challenging. Progress was made, and challenges were in abundance (See Region II, Jack Coonrod's update for more information). On Tuesday, I also attended the 3pm, Local 11 membership meeting.

The third week of March I participated in the Monday NEC conference call, and on Thursday, participated in a conference call with all the local SWA ALRs and the full NEC over some important issues.

The fourth week of March, I participated in the Monday NEC conference call. On Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday I attended the SWA Appearance Technician negotiations. Progress was again made on articles 4 and 5. With the committees article 21 proposal being given to SWA at the end

What a great month. Remember to always keep America and her soldiers in your prayers. If not for them, there would be no need for us. God Bless AMFA!!

In Solidarity,

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