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COMMISSION APPOINTS NEW DIRECTOR



JOHN W. HAMILTON

Yardry D. Ramseur, Jr., Chairman of the South Carolina Aeronautics Commission, has announced the appointment of John W. Hamilton as Director of the Commission. Mr. Hamilton, who assumed his duties on July 1, replaces G. C. Merchant, Jr., who has served as Director of the Commission since 1957.

Mr. Hamilton comes to the Aeronautics Commission from the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division where he has served as Lieutenant. His duties included flying the Helio Courier in law enforcement activities. John is a native of Columbia and a graduate of Columbia High School, the Citadel and the New York University School of Business Administration. He

graduated from the FBI school in 1962.

Jerry Merchant, who retired as Director is currently serving as a consultant with the Plans and Grants Division of the Office of Administration.

The Aeronautics Commission personnel will remain the same under Mr. Hamilton's direction. Personnel in the Columbia office include: J. F. Barry, Deputy Director; Mrs. Max W. Tyler, Secretary; D. M. Fraley, General Aviation Supervisor; Charles B. Smoak, General Aviation Safety Officer; Jay R. Anderson, Pilot; James D. Sheorn, Pilot; Mrs. Leland M. Dickert, Office Manager; Miss Calla F. Maxey, Secretary; Grover C. Collins, Airport Supervisor; Robert Gates, Electrician; S. G. Shealy, Shop Foreman; Lester L. Smith, Machine Operator; Louis Cochran, Mechanic.

Field office personnel are: Anderson, S.C., John L. Tate, Supervisor; Johnnie Witcher; James Lomax. Walterboro, S.C., Daniel F. Reeves, Supervisor. Florence, S.C., S. J. Howard, Supervisor; Carlisle Floyd, Machine Operator; Frank Johnson, Operator. Myrtle Beach, S.C., Jessie Green, Jr., Custodian.

GAMA SAFE PILOT SWEEPSTAKES

Pilots who attend FAA Pilot Educational Seminars or Clinics are eligible to enter the GAMA Safe Pilot Sweepstakes. First prize is the winner's choice of one of a variety of well-equipped airplanes, manufactured by GAMA member companies, with a retail value of up to \$30,000. Second prize is a \$1,000 retail gift certificate redeemable for such items as flight time, aircraft maintenance, equipment or supplies. One hundred third-prize winners each will receive a weather band radio.

In addition, non-pilots who attend FAA Pilot Educational Seminars or Clinics are eligible to win up to \$1,500 tuition toward a private pilot rating including flight time, instructor fees and ground school costs.

Participants' names may be entered in the GAMA Safe Pilot Sweepstakes for each seminar or clinic attended. The contest will run from June 1, 1972, through May 31, 1973, and winners will be selected in a drawing. Entry cards distributed at FAA Pilot Educational Seminars and Clinics carry complete sweepstakes rules. The General Aviation Manufacturers Association is sole sponsor of the Safe Pilot Sweepstakes.

The entire thrust of GAMA's Safe Pilot Program is aimed at supporting the FAA Accident Prevention Program. Its success depends almost entirely upon the country's 750,000 general aviation pilots and their voluntary, personal commitment to improving general aviation safety. Many have already made this commitment. Have you?

AVIATION EDUCATION WORKSHOP



TEACHERS AT SANTEE

On July 31, Governor John C. West awarded certificates to 30 teachers who completed the Aviation Education Workshop. The Workshop was held at the University of South Carolina, School of Education, and was sponsored by the S.C. Aeronautics Commission and the Civil Air Patrol.

Scholarships for the course were awarded by the Aeronautics Commission.

The course, which was directed by John F. Barry, Assistant Director of the Aeronautics Commission is designed to give the teachers an orientation in all phases of aviation and carries three semester hours credit at the University.

Three field trips were conducted during the three week workshop. The first was a visit to Wings & Wheels Museum at Santee, where the teachers got a first-hand picture of the history of aviation. Aircraft for the flight to Santee were provided by Eagle Aviation, Miller Aviation, Midlands, T.I. Weston, Coy Derrick, the S.C. Wildlife Department, and the S.C. Aeronautics Commission.

The final field trip was a tour of the Marine Corps Air Station at Beaufort, South Carolina, where they were briefed on the mission of the Marine Corps Air Wing. On Wednesday July 19, the group visited the Aero Space Facilities at Cape Kennedy, Florida. This trip was furnished through the cooperation of the USAF and the CAP. The workshop members were also given an orientation ride in the UH-1 Helicopter by Fort Jackson personnel.

The following teachers were awarded certificates: Mrs. Geraldine

Addison, Mrs. Ann Barry, Mrs. Sarah Brandt, Mrs. Patsy Brotherton, Mrs. GERALYN Burch, Mrs. Norma Castles, Mrs. Louise R. Chapman, Mrs. Sandra Cheatham, Mrs. Eleanor Coffey, Mrs. Paulette Smith, Mrs. Lucille Ferguson, Mrs. Joan Frahn, Mrs. Lee Gravely, Mrs. Sarah Greene, Mrs. Helen Jones, Mrs. Nancy Jones, Miss Lucy Merritt, Mr. James Morris, Mrs. Virginia Morris, Mrs. Sara Neeley, Mrs. Sheila Roche, Mrs. Esther Sample, Mrs. Sara Smith, Mrs. Sally Sweeny, Miss Mary Thornal, Mrs. Dorothy Tucker, Mrs. Judith Wilkie, Mrs. Louise Wilson, Mrs. Martha Wolff, and Mrs. Judy Bedenbaugh.

Speakers for the three week course were: Mrs. Betty McNabb, Albany, Georgia; Fred Brown, Delta Air Lines; Miss Frances Miller, Miller Aviation; Jack K. Barker, FAA, Atlanta, Georgia; James Smith, Columbia Metropolitan Airport; Chief Warrant Officer Brown, Fort Jackson; John Purvis, Weather Bureau; A. D. Yawn, Southern Airways; Phillip Geary, TWA; L. F. Hembel, S.C. Helicopters and Captain W. W. Owen, Eastern Air Lines.

The teachers were presented certificates of completion by Governor John C. West at a luncheon at Dobb's House, Columbia Metropolitan Airport.



BOARDING FLIGHT FOR CAPE KENNEDY

LEGISLATURE PASSES REGISTRATION BILL

**An Act To Provide For The Registration Of Aircraft By The
Carolina Aeronautics Commission.**

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina :

SECTION 1. It shall be unlawful for any person to operate or cause to be operated within this State, thirty days after entry into this State, any civil aircraft based in this State unless such aircraft has an appropriate, effective license, certificate or permit issued by the United States of America, Department of Transportation, Federal Aviation Administration, which has been registered with the South Carolina Aeronautics Commission and such registration is in full force and effect. *Provided*, however, this registration does not apply to any public aircraft used exclusively in any governmental service or any scheduled air carrier that has been issued a certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity by the United States Civil Aeronautics Board or by any irregular air carrier granted Letter of Registration by the United States Civil Aeronautics Board and does not apply to the aircraft exempted under Section 9.

As used in this act, an aircraft shall be considered based in the State of South Carolina :

(a) If the aircraft is situate or operated within the State for a period exceeding thirty days; or

(b) If the owner's, principal place of business or residence is within the State and the aircraft operates from that location.

SECTION 2. The person desiring registration shall annually file in the office of the South Carolina Aeronautics Commission an application for registration on the form required and supplied by the commission, along with a fee of twenty-five dollars and a policy of liability insurance on the aircraft providing at least one hundred thousand dollars of combined single limit liability bodily injury and property damage coverage, including passengers, and the commission may upon receipt of a proper application register such aircraft and issue a certificate of registration and assign it a registration number and also such stamp, decalomania or sticker as it deems practicable, which shall be placed on the aircraft in a readily visible and readable location during its effective period.

SECTION 2A. The annual registration fee for a commercial operator of aircraft who operates aircraft for hire or stocks aircraft for sale shall be two hundred dollars which will authorize registration of all aircraft owned by him or under his direct control.

Each such commercial operator shall furnish evidence to the commission that he has acquired liability insurance for the period of registration meeting the following minimum requirements:

(a) Seventy-five thousand dollars death or bodily injury protection for each individual passenger plus seventy-five thousand dollars of such protection multiplied by three-fourths of the seating capacity of each aircraft per damage occurrence, and

(b) Seventy-five thousand dollars death or bodily injury protection for each individual who is not a passenger plus three hundred thousand dollars protection for nonpassengers per damage occurrence, and

(c) One hundred thousand dollars property damage protection per damage occurrence.

SECTION 3. The certificate of registration must be presented for inspection upon the request of any authorized officer or employee of the commission or upon the reasonable demand of any other person.

SECTION 4. The commission shall not grant a certificate of registration to any person who has not complied with this regulation and the commission may revoke any such certificate which has been obtained by false or fraudulent representation and any certificate issued by the commission shall be surrendered to it on demand.

SECTION 5. The certificate of registration shall expire on December thirty-first of each year. The registration shall be renewed annually January first in the same manner as provided for in the original registration. In the event of loss or destruction of a certificate of registration or the stamp or other evidence thereof, a duplicate may be obtained from the commission upon the filing of an affidavit explaining the loss.

SECTION 6. Within ten days after the date of sale or transfer of title of a registered aircraft, the purchaser shall make application to the commission in writing for registration of such aircraft in his name; *provided*, that in the event of the sale of an aircraft to a person without the State, the seller shall so notify the commission of such sale within ten days. Failure to give notification of purchase or sale of an aircraft within the prescribed time shall subject the purchaser or seller to a penalty of five dollars.

SECTION 7. There shall be no fees or charges, other than as provided in Section 2, made for the application or the issue or reissue

of any certificate of registration or any stamp, decalcomania or sticker issued under this act; except that any civil aircraft based or operating within the State for thirty days or more on January first of the current year and not registered with the commission within sixty days shall be subject to a five dollar late registration penalty. Any civil aircraft brought into the State to be based or operated within the State for thirty days or more on or after January first of the current year shall be registered with the commission within sixty days or be subject to a five dollar late registration penalty.

SECTION 8. Upon the total destruction of any aircraft registered under this act by accident, fire, or other means, the person in whose name the aircraft is registered shall give written notice of such destruction to the commission within ten days after such aircraft was destroyed.

SECTION 9. The provisions of this act shall not apply to:

(1) Any public aircraft, scheduled air carrier, or any large irregular air carrier.

(2) Any aircraft registered under the laws of a foreign country which grants similar exemption for aircraft of United States registry in its territory.

(3) Any aircraft which is within this State for the purpose of repair or overhaul.

(4) Gliders, sailplanes and hot air balloons.

SECTION 10. Any applicant for registration certificate, if such registration is denied or revoked by the South Carolina Aeronautics Commission, shall have the right to a hearing before the Commission.

SECTION 11. This act shall take effect upon approval by the Governor.

In the Senate House the 28th day of June

In the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-Two.

EARLE E. MORRIS, JR.,
President of the Senate.

SOLOMON BLATT,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Approved the 1st day of July, 1972.

JOHN C. WEST,
Governor.

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BREAKFAST CLUB NEWS

Listed below are the Breakfast Club Meetings that are schedules as of this date:

- August 6 - Timmons ville
- August 20 - Wings and Wheels (REDUCED rates in
Museum)
- September 3 - Open
- September 17 - Bennettsville (Aviation Day)
- October 1 - Isle of Palms

As you see, we have one open meeting date. Any F.B.O., Community, or Chamber of Commerce that would like to show off its' facilities, town, or community to a State-wide group, should get in touch with Earle Kirkwood, President, or attend the Meeting at Wings and Wheels, Santee.

The July 9 meeting at Chester was well attended (as all free Breakfasts are) by 40 airplanes and 112 people. This was a well-prepared meeting by this Community.

The July 23 meeting at Lumberton, North Carolina was not well attended, because of smoke and haze. Fourteen airplanes and 46 people attended this well-planned meeting, but they forgot to include the weather man in their preparations.