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LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Happy Anniversary!

Welcome to 2015 and happy 25th anniversary to the National Gay Pilots Association! It is a new year with lots of new and exciting things happening! We are extremely excited for an already record-breaking event attendance scheduled in Palm Springs at our Winter Warm Up. Don't miss out on this historic event while we celebrate our 25th Anniversary of existence. We have many exciting announcements planned for you in Palm Springs, so don't miss being the first to hear and see what we have in store during this memorable year. If you are not able to attend the Palm Springs event in a few weeks, don't worry; we will be unveiling these announcements shortly after the event for you to know as well.

Be a part of our celebration and history and renew your membership today. Volume speaks numbers and that is one of the reasons that contributed to our great successes recently. When you join NGPA, you become family. I want to invite you, if you haven't already, to join or renew your membership and join our family today!

Did you start any New Year resolutions? I've got one for you to add to the list! Pledge to attend one of NGPA's Silver Anniversary events in 2015! While our event locations may be the same, the events have had incredible changes. Better venues, food, entertainment, and much more! The Events Planning Committee, lead by Kyle Szary and assisted

by Kyle Morgan and John Spannagel, have done a spectacular job raising the bar high! As we celebrate our past 25 years, we are excitedly planning the next 25 years to better serve our membership.

As we start off the New Year strong with our largest membership numbers in our history, we will be capitalizing on that momentum by asking you for your help! With a bigger organization come more work to be done and more people to help. Please check out our volunteer tab on the NGPA website and volunteer where you see fit.

Attention Flight Students! With a new year comes new scholarships. The NGPA will be awarding \$30,000 in scholarships for 2015! Apply for our 2015 NGPA scholarships online at www.ngpa.org. The window to apply for the scholarship is open from January 1, 2015-April 15, 2015. A special thank you so everyone who donated to the education fund in 2014 to make these scholarship awards bigger every year!

Have something to donate for the Palm Springs Winter Warm Up Education Fund auction? Every event we have an auction to raise money for our 501 (c) 3 organization Contact David Lasky (dal747@aol.com) or Greg Sumner (gregorysumner@msn.com) regarding items for the live and silent auction.

Look forward to seeing you all in Palm Springs in just a few weeks!



25 YEARS OF DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION IN AVIATION

▶ You will see this 25 year anniversary image on all of our 2015 documents and publications from the NGPA. This is to reflect and celebrate the past 25 successful years of the NGPA, while looking forward to the next!

David Pettet,
Executive Director, NGPA



GOOD TIMES

Christmas Party Recaps

The Mile-High Flyers of Colorado held their annual Holiday party in Denver on December 7th and all who stopped by had a great time! The group enjoyed food, drink, and great conversation as everyone caught up since the last gathering a few months prior. They collected donations for the NGPA Annual Fund as well. Everyone is welcome to join and please look-up Mile High Flyers on Facebook to be sure you don't miss our next event.

Special thank you to David Sosa and Oasis Sanctuary for donating the space, chair massage and readings and to Pepper Asian Bistro for donating loads of catering for the event! Thank you all so much for your support!

Last month, Scott Shatzer hosted the annual Chicago NGPA holiday party on December 17th. For the second consecutive year, NGPA local member Gerard McGuiggan donated the food through the catering company he owns, Occasions Chicago and

to outdo 2014, he threw in a chef who prepared numerous hot hors d'oeuvres during the evening. Of course there was plenty to drink and we were all feeling very merry by the end of the night.

Special announcements were made NGPA's Board Chair Scott Shatzer including: paying re-



spects to and remembering Steven Moore, this month's Palm Springs Winter Warm-up, NGPA's 25th year anniversary year this year, and even a personal holiday greeting from David Pettet;

NGPA's Executive Director.

Scott also reached out to Nate Samek and arranged for the group to have a Skype call with Nate. As luck would have it, Steven Reynolds happened to also be in Denver on a layover so they both joined the video call, an inspirational and a special touch to the evening. Nate shared some insight on the Steven Moore Foundation which is up and running and can be visited by going to <http://www.stevenmoorefoundation.com/>.

We also had 6 new or renewing members update their memberships on-site at the party and a generous \$20 gift certificate was made available by Lora and Richard who own the ORD local pilot shop, Aviation Universe which can be found at www.aviationuniverse.com.

Finally, a nice group picture was captured to include all of the 30+ who were able to attend this year's gathering.

Written by: Jeffrey Lee & Scott Shatzer
Photography by: John Burdick & Jeffrey Lee



PALM SPRINGS

NGPA Winter Warm Up Itinerary

As the NGPA prepares to usher in our 25th anniversary year, the National Events Planning Committee couldn't be more excited about what's on the horizon. The Palm Springs Winter Warm-Up, which is our flagship West Coast event, will be held the weekend of Jan. 22-25, 2015. The Renaissance Palm Springs Resort will once again be our host hotel, where overwhelming member excitement has completely sold out the expanded room block contract. The good news is the convention space at the Renaissance is very large, so there is no concern of the event selling out!

FOR A COMPLETE LIST OF ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS AND TO REGISTER ONLINE, GO TO THE NGPA 2015 PALM SPRINGS WINTER WARM-UP PAGE AT [HTTP://WWW.NGPA.ORG](http://www.ngpa.org).



 THE NGPA PSP INDUSTRY EXPO
 Sunday, January 25, 2015 | 9 a.m.-5 p.m.  The Renaissance Palm Springs Resort

ROOM RESERVATIONS

To help meet overflow demand, the Hilton Palm Springs has offered a room block for NGPA members, and a \$155 nightly rate will be honored Jan. 22-26.

The rate includes complimentary parking, guest room internet, shuttle service, fitness center access, local calls, and a 15-20 percent discount at Elements Spa. Call the Hilton directly at 760.320.6868, and mention you are with the NGPA.

THURSDAY, JAN 22

Join us on Thursday, January 22nd for a refreshing early cocktail reception at The Savage Gallery and Boutique, where NGPA members will be welcomed with a special aviation-themed setting.

FRIDAY, JAN 23

Due to popular demand, the official welcome party on Friday will once again be held at the world-famous Palm Springs Air Museum.

SATURDAY, JAN 24

On Saturday morning we are pleased to offer an expanded hot breakfast buffet, and afterward the NGPA will welcome guest speaker Kathi Durst to the stage for our keynote address. Ms. Durst was a U.S. Air Force T-38 instructor pilot before she joined American Airlines where she served as an Airbus A300/Boeing 737 Check Airman and Boeing 737 Fleet Manager. In 2014, she was promoted to DFW Chief Pilot, which is American's largest pilot base. Highlights of her life achievements were also featured in the Summer 2014 NGPA News. This is definitely a presentation you won't want to miss!

After breakfast, head to the Palm Springs Airport to bask in the California sun as we admire NGPA member aircraft participating in the Queen of the Fleet contest. Artisanal crafted crew meals will feature freshly made sandwiches and beverages served poolside at our host FBO, Atlantic Aviation.

The flagship event of

COCO PERU



the weekend is the dinner buffet and banquet, which includes fundraiser auctions to benefit the NGPA Education Fund. After dinner we will welcome an exclusive NGPA comedy engagement from the legendary Miss Coco Peru!

Storyteller, monologist, and comedienne Coco Peru has been making audiences laugh for over 20 years with her one-woman shows, and is known for on-screen performances including her role in the 1999 independent film *Trick*, Richard Day's 2003 *Girls Will Be Girls*, as well as various television appearances such as *How I Met Your Mother*, *Arrested Development*, *Twins*, *Will & Grace*, and *New York Undercover*.

WINTER WARM-UP TEES AVAILABLE DURING ONLINE REGISTRATION!

The 2015 NGPA Winter Warm-Up tees are available in small, medium, large and extra-large. These 100% cotton blue Gildan crew-neck tees are printed with the 2015 NGPA Winter Warm-Up logo in the upper left-hand corner. Handmade in Vermont at member Nick Candelier's family apparel shop, the tees will be sold during online registration only through Monday, January 12.



ONLY \$15!

SUNDAY, JAN 25

After Sunday brunch at Lulu California Bistro, head back to the Renaissance for the expanded NGPA Industry Expo. We're excited that both American Airlines and Alaska Airlines/Horizon Air have committed to be on-site recruiting in addition to SkyWest, ExpressJet, and SeaPort Airlines, and we expect many more airlines to join.

Please note the Industry Expo will only be open to NGPA members and Winter Warm-Up registrants, in an effort to add value to members and industry participants alike. The Industry Expo will also be changed to a once-a-year event unique to Palm Springs.

Wrap-up a fun weekend with your fellow NGPA friends Sunday night as we convene at The Tropicale Lounge for drinks, dinner, and goodbyes.

MILITARY APPRECIATION

Sometimes allowing you to board an airplane first, or the words, "thank you" isn't enough. The NGPA would like to recognize our active military men and women a little differently for those in attendance this year in Palm Springs at our Winter Warm Up.

Please join the NGPA as our special guest as we recognize your service for our freedoms here in the United States. It's because of your heroism that we have the freedoms to have an organization like NGPA even exist when so many countries are far behind.

Don't forget to buy raffle tickets at the NGPA Winter Warm-Up!

PLAY FOR NINE CHANCES TO WIN:

1 & 2

TWO \$50 cash cards courtesy of Wings Financial



3

AOPA one-year membership or renewal (\$59 value)



4

\$69 Sporty's Pilot Shop gift certificate



5

Three-bottle red wine sampler shipped to you (\$100 value)



6

Registration for one NGPA event in 2015



7

Two nights at the Hilton Palm Springs



8

One free annual NGPA membership (\$49 value)



9

\$69 Boeing Store gift certificate



Try your luck for only \$5 per ticket or 5 tickets for \$20. Look for our **NGPA raffle volunteers**, who will be selling tickets on Thursday, Friday evening, and all day Saturday. The drawing will be held at the NGPA dinner banquet on Saturday, Jan. 24 at the Renaissance Palm Springs Resort. All proceeds benefit the NGPA Annual Fund.



WIN BIG PRIZES!

Get that cash ready for our raffle! Our leader Tom Morin will be walking around with a few helpers selling raffle tickets at \$5 a ticket or 5 tickets for \$20. Check out the great prizes we have this year! Proceeds for the raffle go toward the 2015 NGPA Annual Fund Campaign.

REGISTER NOW!

Our Winter Warm Up is right around the corner! Register today to receive the early bird pricing until January for the event on our website! If you don't know if you will be able to attend yet, don't fret, we will have onsite registration available. See you soon in Palm Springs!

THE NGPA PSP INDUSTRY EXPO

Sunday, January 25, 2015 | 9 a.m.-5 p.m. | The Renaissance Palm Springs Resort

All events are open to NGPA members and Winter Warm-Up registrants.
NGPA memberships are \$49 and will be available for purchase on-site.

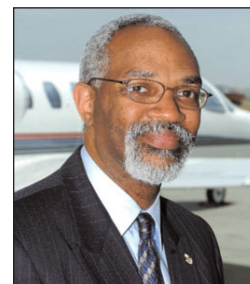
AIRLINE SHOWCASE & RECRUITING

0900-1700: Pack your suit, update your logbook, and print your résumé! Representatives and recruiters from American Airlines, Alaska Airlines/Horizon Air, United Airlines, Delta Air Lines, Air Wisconsin, SkyWest Airlines, ExpressJet Airlines, Allegiant, Endeavor Air, PSA, Mesa Airlines, Frontier Airlines, GoJet Airlines, Envoy, Republic Airways, SeaPort Airlines, CommutAir, and Compass Airlines will be meeting and networking with NGPA members and pilots. Many will also be interviewing qualified applicants on-site, so dress for success and make sure to update your résumé noting you are a proud member of the National Gay Pilots Association! Don't have enough hours yet? Stop by, introduce yourself, and ask about future hiring plans and goals at these leading airlines. This is guaranteed to be the largest industry turnout to date!



FEATURED KEYNOTE PRESENTATION

1300: FAA Safety Inspector Dr. Paul Foster will present "How to Survive a Ramp Check," an NGPA exclusive FAA-accredited Wings program. Dr. Foster is currently assigned as the FAA Safety Team Program Manager and is a member of the National Black Coalition of Federal Aviation Employees (NBCFAE) where he serves as the Los Angeles Chapter President. In addition, he is an Adjunct Professor with Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University teaching graduate and undergraduate courses in aviation safety, management, & aircraft maintenance.



Eligible for FAA Wings Credit!



Industry Expo Q&A

GENERAL Q&A

Where is the NGPA Industry Expo?

All Industry Expo events will be held at the Renaissance Palm Springs Resort, 888 E. Tahquitz Canyon Way.

Do I need to be an active member of the NGPA to attend?

Yes. You may sign up and pay the nominal \$49 member fee at www.ngpa.org, or process your registration or renewal at the registration table during the Industry Expo. Additionally, participants who registered and paid for the Winter Warm-Up weekend are invited to attend (please wear your Winter Warm-Up convention name badge for entry).

NOTE: We expect a very large attendance at the Industry Expo, so to minimize delay it is highly recommended that you process your registration or renewal online beforehand.

Will there be food and beverages during the Industry Expo?

The NGPA will provide coffee, tea, juice, and water in the Catalina Hall until early afternoon. Food will not be provided.

What about parking and transportation?

Parking is available at the Renaissance Palm Springs Resort for a nominal fee. Members who are staying at the hotel as part of the Winter Warm-Up event will receive a 50 percent discount. Transportation is available to and from the airport via the Renaissance concierge as well as local taxis and the ridesharing service Uber.

What if I have additional questions?

If you have questions beyond those covered in this document, contact NGPA Executive Director David Pettet at [david.pettet@ngpa.org].

EXPO AND INTERVIEWING

Where and when will the airlines be in Palm Springs?

Airline and industry participants will be available in the Catalina Hall of the Renaissance Palm Springs Resort from 0900-1700 on Sunday, January 25.

What airlines will be in Palm Springs recruiting?

Delta Air Lines, Frontier Airlines, Endeavor Airlines, Mesa Airlines, GoJet Airlines, Allegiant Airlines, Republic Airlines, Compass Airlines, American Airlines, Alaska Airlines/Horizon Air, United Airlines, SkyWest Airlines, ExpressJet Airlines, SeaPort Airlines, Envoy Airlines, and CommutAir.

Should I wear a suit?

It is recommended that you wear a suit and treat this as if it were an interview at the airlines' headquarters. Be well-groomed, cleanly shaven, and present and overall professional demeanor and appearance.

What else should I bring?

You should bring all of these things with you:

- Copies of your résumé, along with cover letters and letters of recommendation.

NOTE: Airlines have specifically asked that applicants note their affiliation with the NGPA on their résumés along with how many years they have been associated with the NGPA. Additionally, the airlines have emphasized they are coming to our event to recruit our members. That means this is a time for you to shine: be proud of who you are and showcase your accomplishments!

- Copies of all supporting certificates and documents.

- A nice business folio to contain your documents, as well as store a pen and business cards (if necessary).

Industry Expo Q&A, continued

Where and when is the FAA Wings presentation?

The NGPA will present an exclusive FAA-accredited Wings program in the Pueblo Hall of the Renaissance Palm Springs Resort at 1300 on Sunday, January 25. It will last about 1-1.5 hours.

FAA WINGS PRESENTATION

Who is giving the presentation?

Dr. Paul M. Foster works for the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) as an Aviation Safety Inspector (Airworthiness – Maintenance) currently assigned as the FAA Safety Team Program Manager. He is a member of the National Black Coalition of Federal Aviation Employees (NBCFAE); currently serving as the Los Angeles Chapter President. In addition, he is an Adjunct Professor with Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University teaching graduate and undergraduate courses in aviation safety, management, & aircraft maintenance. He holds a Doctorate in Education (Ed.D.) in Organizational

Leadership, Specialist in Education (Ed.S.) degree in General Education Administration, an M.A. in Management, Masters of Aeronautical Science, and Bachelor of Science in Aeronautics from Pepperdine University, Troy State University in Montgomery, Webster University, and Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, respectively. He is a member of several Aviation Advisory Councils and a Board of Director of an Aviation Alumni Organization. Dr. Foster has served on several committees for students completing their dissertations, thesis, and capstone projects.

What is the presentation about?

Dr. Foster's presentation is titled "How to Survive a Ramp Check" and will explore the topic in detail.

What do I need to bring to receive Wings credit?

Dr. Foster has informed the NGPA that attendees will only need to sign in to the lecture with their name, address, and zip code to receive Wings credit.

FLIGHT SCHOOL

FSANA



Right after Palm Springs Winter Warm Up this month, Nick Michaels and I will be presenting the NGPA in San Diego at the Flight School Association of North America (FSANA) on January 28th, 2015. The FSANA is membership-based association, which represents flight schools, firms that provide products or services to the flight training or aviation industry, and supporting partners. They have asked the NGPA to be a part of their panel and we are delighted to be a part of their day. They are going to be opening up a Q&A after the presentation. This is a great step toward NGPA being involved at the beginning stages for a student pursuing their aviation education. We are very excited to be a part of this!

THANK YOU

Alaska Airlines



On behalf of the NGPA, we would like to thank Alaska Airlines for being the **first airline in our history to make a financial contribution to the NGPA Education Fund**. This is a great step toward deepening our professional partnerships with the airlines and yet another example of the how an industry leader supports NGPA, our commitment to help foster aviation careers, and our values. **Thank you, Alaska Airlines!**



AMAZING WOMEN

Women In Aviation Conference

It is rapidly approaching that time of year when we happily flock to our hotel rooms for the first weekend in March. The Women In Aviation conference will be March 5 -7, in Dallas. The deadline for early registration is January 12. Register early and online to save www.wai.org. If you would like to volunteer and receive an exhibit hall only badge for a reduced rate please be sure to contact me by January 12.

When booking your hotel rooms please use the hotels listed for the conference on the website, or from a source you have used before and trust. The conference hotels are the Hilton Anatole with a special rate of \$162.00/night. Reserve your room by calling (214) 748-1200 or online at anatole.hilton.com. Another

option is the Hilton Garden Inn for \$119.00/night. Women In Aviation has already sent out a statement warning about scams with hotel room rates. Make sure your reservations are made directly and mention the women in aviation room block for the special rates. For those looking to share a room for the weekend or a night please post that on the NGPA forum.

Now that you are registered and have a hotel room, lend your services and volunteer at the NGPA booth! As an NGPA member this is an excellent way to meet other members and network at the conference while helping our organization in the process. We need volunteers in the Dallas area to help get the booth products shipped to

the area and delivered to the conference and back to the NGPA offices. Booth volunteers are needed the entire weekend. We also need a brave and talented soul to plan our social events. If you have volunteered before and are able to help again this year it is greatly appreciated. For those who are new to NGPA or the Women In Aviation conference this is a great way to engage and meet new people. If you would like to volunteer for any and/or all of these opportunities please contact me at ngpawomen@gmail.com.

Stay tuned for more updates and information to come as we get closer to the conference. I look forward to seeing all of you there. Thank You,
Beth Blankenship



UPCOMING EVENTS

Save the Dates!

The NGPA will be at the following events in the coming months. Be sure to mark your calendars and come join us!

NGPA WINTER WARM UP

PALM SPRINGS, CA

JANUARY 22-25, 2015

WOMEN IN AVIATION CONFERENCE

DALLAS, TX

MARCH 5-7, 2015

SPRING FLING

FORT LAUDERDALE, FL

APRIL 24-26, 2015

NGPA CAPE COD CLASSIC

PROVINCETOWN, MA

SEPTEMBER 18 - 20, 2015



UPCOMING EVENTS

Join the 2015 Flight Deck

Want to join the Flight Deck for 2015? We say thank you several times a year for your financial contribution that help us grow to be a bigger and better NGPA every year. We recognize you on our website, quarterly magazine, and at our events. Heard of the Flight Deck reception? Join us in Palm Springs or Provincetown, and as a Flight Deck member you join a few drinks and socializing, compliments of the Board of Directors. You are invited to two Flight Deck receptions per year with your yearly donation. Example: You donate in September 1st 2015 prior to our Cape Cod Classic, you will receive an invitation to attend Cape Cod Classic 2015 and Palm Springs 2016. You will remain in our publication of the magazine as a flight deck member through the FALL 2016 magazine. If you donate December 1st, 2015, you will receive an invitation for the flight deck reception for Palm Springs 2016 and Cape Code Classic 2016 and remain in our publications through our WINTER 2016 magazine.



GET SOCIAL

Local Groups

Canada Aviation Pride Group

Calling all NGPAers to the “great white north” - Canada! For those of you overnighing, flying up with your aircraft, or just wanting to come up and say “Hello Eh” ... please keep these dates in mind and join your Canadian neighbours.

Toronto YYZ

Thurs Feb 5th - Village Bar Hop
June 19-28th - YYZ PRIDE

Vancouver YVR

Feb TBA (based on ATC availability) - ATC ACC tour
Aug 2nd - YVR PRIDE

Please visit us online for more information a detailed list of “save the dates” for 2015 at www.canadianaviationpride.org AND “like” us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/CanadianAviationPride>

Golden Gate Flyers, San Francisco area

San Francisco's Golden Gate Flyers club holds monthly dinner meetings on the second Wednesday of each month. The meeting venue alternates between The Sausage Factory Restaurant in the Castro on even numbered months and Don Ramon's Mexican Restaurant in South-of-Market on the odd numbered months. Members and guests enjoy meeting for

drinks and socializing at 7pm, followed by dinner and future event briefings at 7:30pm. Guests and prospective members are always welcome. Find us on Facebook at facebook.com/groups/GoldenGateFlyers or email mike.fillman@gmail.com for more information. Members and guests enjoy meeting for greetings and drinks at the bar around 7:00, then move to the private dining room at 7:30 for dinner and briefings on upcoming events. Guests and prospective members are always welcome. Email: wildblue@goldengateflyers.org.

Windy City Flyers, Chicago NGPA Group

The Windy City Flyers are often meeting up for drinks, potluck dinners, and out making trouble. If you are in Chicago, you can get more information on this group's events in two ways. You can join their group on Facebook. facebook.com/groups/chicagongpa. You can also email John Burdick at john.burdick@me.com.

Cascade Flyers Seattle Area

The Cascade Flyers are based in Seattle and they are a very active group. You can find them on Facebook at www.facebook.com/groups/cascadeflyers. You can also email Russ Borgnin

for information on events. russborgnin@gmail.com.

Mile High Flyers, Denver Area

Hey Denver aviators!!! Find us on Facebook for the local members in the Denver area. Search us out at “Mile High Flyers.” Mile High Flyers is a local group based in Denver. Our purpose is to promote networking and social events within the GLBT aviation community including our supporters and other aviation enthusiasts. We meet monthly. We do fly-ins and other fun social events. For information or to join the group, find us on Facebook and/or email Doug@TeamSecord.com.

Unusual Attitudes, Southern California Area

Unusual Attitudes will be having a full slate of events over the Holiday Season. Dec 6th we will participate in a Toy-for-Tots toy drive at Oceano Airport. We will be having our annual First Flight event at Catalina Airport on January 3rd. This will include a fly-in lunch at Catalina Islands Airport-in-the-Sky, and also a 2.3 mile hike around the airport mountain after lunch. More details and contact info are on the UA web site, Home - Unusual Attitudes Flying Club. Contact David Ford dbford92054@yahoo.com.

Local Groups, continued

Liberty Fliers, **Philadelphia Area**

Philadelphia's only local gay pilot group is for any pilot or aviation enthusiast in the Philadelphia region. Liberty Fliers will start out with monthly social meetings at some of Philly's local hot spots. We are planning to have fly-ins, dinners, and participate in local pride events. Join or "like" us on both our Facebook group and page. For more information, contact Mark Schmid at mark.schmid@ngpa.org or 609-221-6623.

Twin City Flyers, **Minneapolis Area**

The Twin City Fliers is a group representing the Minneapolis-St. Paul gay aviation community within the National Gay Pilots Association. We are working to create a network of people in the area for social functions as well as career networking. We are going to be hosting regular events such as fly-ins, dinners, happy-hours, etc. for meeting and interacting with people in the area. Our Facebook page is accessible at: facebook.com/groups/TwinCityFliers. Feel free to send them a message!

Mach1 Flyers, **Southern Florida Area**

Mach 1 Flyers is a social and networking group for gay and lesbian pilots and aviation professionals in the South Florida area. NGPA membership is encouraged, but not required.

Mach 1 Flyers meets monthly for a social. They also organize fly-ins around the south Florida area! Check them out! Email Cale Choi at cale.choi@me.com or look them up on Facebook at Mach1Flyers.



Rainbow Flyers, **Dallas/Fort Worth Area**

The Rainbow Flyers is a group of GLBT aviators, their supporters and aviation enthusiasts in and around the Dallas/Fort Worth Metroplex. The Rainbow Flyers meets monthly for social gatherings and fly-ins. Contact Mel Rushton at Mel@melandtom.net for more information or to join the group. You can also find us on Facebook by searching for Rainbow Flyers.

Heartland Flyers, **Kansas City Area**

Heartland Flyers is a new group organized primarily around the greater metropolitan Kansas City area for the purpose of fostering social interaction and regular meet-ups. We welcome all gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender members of the aviation community,

including both commercial and general aviation pilots and people from all aspects of the industry, as well as aviation enthusiasts. The group meets monthly for brunches, dinners, special events and fly-ins. For more information about the group and activities, contact Ron Davis at flynba@gmail.com or visit their Facebook page at facebook.com/groups/heartlandflyers.

CaCtuS FLYeRS **Phoenix Area**

The Cactus Flyers have their monthly dinner near the beginning of every month. If you are in the Phoenix area, contact them! E-mail cactusflyers@aol.com or call (602) 540-6241.



Out on the Runway, **Washington DC Area**

Out on the Runway has an activity scheduled every month in the region, we have new members and are looking for new ideas for get-togethers! If you are in the greater Washington DC area and you are interested in meeting LGBT pilots, contact the group's coordinator, Russ Prechtel at Red911forme@gmail.com or find their group on Facebook! <http://facebook.com/groups/OutOnTheRunway>