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The NGPA Spring Fling is April 24-26, 2015
at B Ocean Resort in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida!

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**This year, the NGPA
Fort Lauderdale Spring Fling
is going to be more fun than ever.**



B Ocean Fort Lauderdale Beach Resort | April 24-26, 2015
Registration opens soon at www.ngpa.org



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FORT LAUDERDALE BEACH





LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Spring Growth

es and welcomed 15 new members to the NGPA.

As an active paid member of the NGPA, you should have received your copy of the first NGPA News magazine of 2015. Have an airplane or story you want to

share? We would love for you to have a member or aircraft profile for an upcoming magazine. Email our editor-in-chief, Ahmet Ismailoglu, at Ahmet.Ismailoglu@ngpa.org.

The board of directors strategic planning session will be held in Philadelphia, PA on Saturday May 9, 2015. The board will be traveling on their own time and dime to spend an entire day coming together to evaluate ourselves, the organization, the vision, and come up with a plan of goals and ideas to work from the next three years. The last strategic plan was created in 2012 and covered three years. Every year since then, the board has met in the spring to evaluate those goals. This year will be slightly different, as we will be creating our next three-year plan. I'm excited and thankful to have NGPA member and professional fundraiser, Brian Straub, as a guest to our meeting. Look for an update in June's Navegaytor about this meeting.

We have partnered with Crew Outfitters and we're currently creating NGPA logo merchandise available for purchase to our members. In the past, this has been a struggle to offer membership because of resources, shipping capability and tax complications.

We are just weeks away from our second event of the year! If you missed Palm Springs, you won't want to miss Fort Lauderdale and Provincetown. In celebration of our 25th anniversary, you will receive a gift of a pin that you can proudly wear.

I'm sure we are all following the news regarding the states signing a bill into law that allows businesses to refuse service to the LGBT community. Even though many of us don't live in these states, we have many members



who do. As a traveling organization, many of our members are on layovers in these states or doing business. I encourage our members to stand for what you believe in and support our brothers in sisters in these states. Check your local LGBT centers and HRC.org for ways to help put a stop to this.

Did you see the NGPA booth at the Women in Aviation conference in Dallas, Texas? The hard work of the PIC, Beth Blankenship, and many NGPA members paid off, as we sold out of nearly all our airplane bead necklac-

I'm very excited to be offering this service to our membership in the near future. Crew Outfitters/Stop-Over-Store is a proud sponsor of the NGPA. For those of you attending the Spring Fling event in FLL in a few weeks, you will be the first

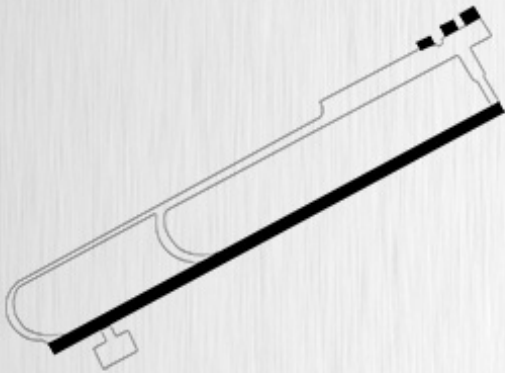


to see the new logo lanyards graciously donated by their company.

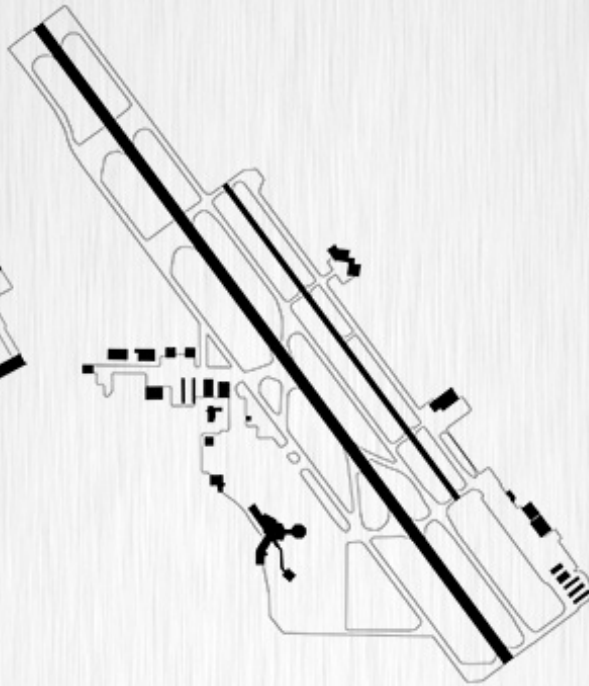
We are in the early development stages of a website facelift. A lot of feedback from members has encouraged us to evaluate this upgrade. Some benefits to members of a new website will be easy, user-friendly event registration and image upgrades. This new website will give us capabilities to acquire increased advertising revenue and increased visibility in the aviation and LGBT community.

See you in a few weeks in Fort Lauderdale at our Spring Fling!

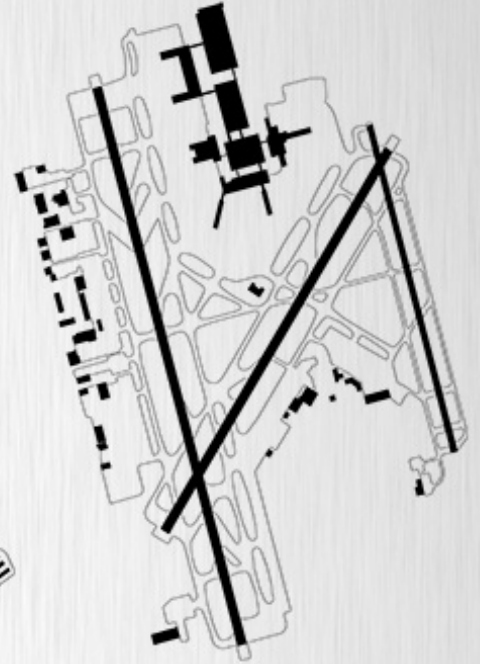
David Pettet,
Executive Director, NGPA



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UPCOMING EVENTS

2015 Pride Events

The National Gay Pilots Association will be celebrating Pride this year in D.C. If you are a local, please reach out to Russ PrechtI at russ.prechtI@gmail.com for more details.

Want the NGPA to come to your local pride event? Send your request to our membership committee chair Mark Schmid at Mark.Schmid@ngpa.org. The committee meets on a monthly basis to discuss future NGPA involvement with Pride events.



CALL FOR ENTRIES

Education Fund

DEADLINE LESS THAN ONE WEEK!

Get your application in the mail today! The Education Fund Board of Directors are working hard and promoting our 30/30 campaign for scholarships this year.

We are looking for 30 qualified applications for plans to award \$30,000. This will be NG-PA's largest amount given in one year's applications. Tell your friends and student pilots you know about our scholarship.

Deadline is April 15, 2015, and the details and application is available online at www.ngpa.org.



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 SPRING FLING

FORT LAUDERDALE, FL

APRIL 24 - 26, 2015

NGPA CAPE COD CLASSIC 2015

PROVINCETOWN, MA

SEPTEMBER 18 - 20, 2015

DC PRIDE

WASHINGTON DC

JUNE 12 - 14, 2015

CHICAGO PRIDE

CHICAGO, IL

JUNE 28, 2015

OBAP 2015

WASHINGTON DC

AUGUST 12 - 14, 2015

NGPA WINTER WARM-UP

PALM SPRINGS, CA

JANUARY 21 - 24, 2016



GOT NEWS?

Celebrations

We love to brag about all of you! Did you get a new rating? New job? Engaged? We want to hear about it. Email celebrations@ngpa.org so we can celebrate with you! Were you hired or asked to interview as a result of the Industry Expo in January? We want to hear about that too!



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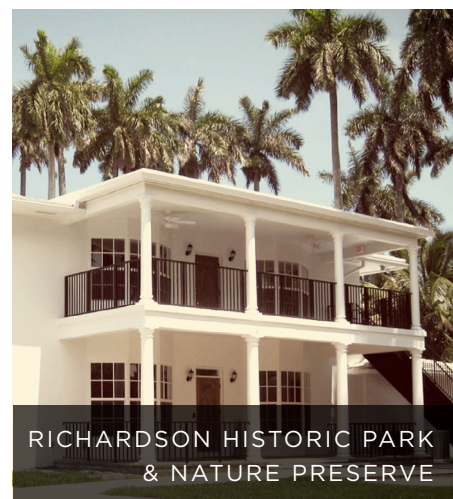
Ask me anything!

Helloooo darlings! My mailbox is empty! Now, I know the world hasn't suddenly turned into a gay-friendly utopia, I'm out there slinging metal across the sky right with y'all. Please, send Betty@ngpa.org your issues! If your colleagues are asking questions or making comments that leave you tongue-tied, fuming or frustrated, you know who to tell! Let's develop dialogues to use when you encounter the clueless, the ignorant, or the offensive!





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PACK YOUR BAGS!

Time for a Spring Fling!

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CHAIRMAN, EVENTS PLANNING COMMITTEE

Just a few days remain to register for the 2015 NGPA Ft. Lauderdale Spring Fling, which is being held **April 24-26 at the B Ocean Ft. Lauderdale**. The last day to register online is **Friday, April 17**.

The weekend will begin on Friday at **Richardson Historic Park and Nature Preserve in Wilton Manors**. NGPA-ers Tom Frost and John Marchildon will host a plantation-style cocktail party with music, an open bar, and hors d'oeuvres.

On Saturday morning, the NGPA is excited to announce that the **Greater Fort Lauderdale**

Convention & Visitors Bureau has provided free bus transportation from the B Ocean to **Banyan Air Service at FXE**. The shuttle will depart at 10:15 a.m. from the front of the hotel, and return service will depart Banyan at 1 p.m. sharp.

On Sunday (funday!) we're taking over the private beachfront of the B Ocean for a **BBQ lunch** and the first-ever **Spring Fling swimsuit contest** hosted by our very own NGPA-er Tom Morin. Strip down to your swimming suit and walk down the NGPA runway as we judge the best of the best. The winning participant will be

rewarded with a \$50 gift card, so this is an event you won't want to miss!

If you're still looking for a place to stay, there is a room share list at www.ngpa.org. Also, if you're planning to cancel your room at the B Ocean for any reason please email steve.shanks@ngpa.org so we may repurpose it to another NGPA member.

The Events Planning Committee is excited about Ft. Lauderdale, and I'm personally excited to get away from the New England cold with my NGPA friends. See you on the beach!

Registration is open, so don't delay! Visit www.ngpa.org to register!



OUT ON THE RUNWAY, WASHINGTON, DC

EAT, SLEEP, NGPA

Local Groups

Canada Aviation Pride Group

Calling all NGPAers to the “great white north” - Canada! For those of you overnighiting, 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

April:

April 12 - Sunday Brunch

June 26 - YYZ PRIDE SOCIAL

Vancouver YVR

April 18 - Wine Tour

Aug 2nd - YVR PRIDE

Please visit us online for more information @ www.canadianaviationpride.org AND “like” us on Facebook @ <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](https://www.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](https://www.facebook.com/groups/chicagongpa). You can also email John Burdick at john.burdick@me.com.

Cascade Flyers

Seattle Area

1. Cascade Flyers meets up for dinner the last Wednesday of the month. Check out the Cascade Flyers Facebook page for the location, or ask to be on our groups private email list.
2. The Orcas Island Fly In is schedule for the weekend of July 24th - 26th, 2015. 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

Local Groups, continued

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 joint event with the San Diego Chapter of GreatOutdoors on the weekend of April 10-12. We will be flying in to Agua Caliente Airstrip in Eastern San Diego County and camping with GO at the county park. More info is available on the Unusual Attitudes website, www.unusualattitudes.org.

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.

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!

