

NAVEGAYTOR



Celebrating INDEPENDENCE

AND MAJOR SUCCESSES FOR LGBT AND THE NGPA!

Be a leader! Join us
to help create change
while we grow!

Old name. The new cool.

The first name in aviation is now
the first name in aviation fashion.

The Wright Brothers brand inspires each
of us to be the master of our own identity,
by invoking the spirit of innovation,
persistence and the relentless pursuit
of perfection exhibited by the Wright
brothers themselves. Visit our official
online store today and *Invent yourself.*

The
WRIGHT
BROTHERS™
Invent yourself.

TheWrightBrothersStore.com/ngpa/

The Wright Brothers and other marks™ & © by
The Wright Brothers Family Foundation, LLC, used
under license through The Wright Brothers USA, LLC.

Royalties earned pursuant to this license benefit
The Wright Brothers Family Foundation, LLC, and its
mission of preserving the legacy of the Wright brothers.





CELEBRATING FREEDOM!

Happy birthday to the United States of America this month, and also to the NGPA, as we continue to remember and celebrate our 25 years of existence. Reflecting back on the U.S. history of how far aviation and equal rights to the LGBT community have come, I'm so thankful I've lived to see so many of these milestones. I recall just after high school, many people within the LGBT community stated we would never see equal marriage laws passed, or open military service men and women in our lifetime. When I started flight training, I still needed to do NDB approaches to complete my check ride. Glass cockpits didn't exist in flight training. Today, flight schools have all-glass cockpit fleets, and commercial airliners can fly from Dallas non-stop to Sydney, recording the longest non-stop flight on the world's largest passenger aircraft. In my very short life of 28 years, I've seen the don't ask don't tell policy implemented and repealed. I've stood in the capital in St. Paul, MN and Honolulu, HI, when both states passed equal marriage laws. I've now seen the NGPA grow nearly 150% in just 12-18 months. We have gone from one airline

recruiting at an event to 22 airlines and growing for 2016. We signed our first University flight school sponsorship in 2015 and we're already renewing it for 2016. We have also recorded our largest corporate sponsorship support to date.

There are so many LGBT aviation pilots, mechanics, flight attendants, customer service reps, etc., looking for a place to call home. As most of us call the U.S.A home, and even more, the NGPA, reach out a hand, and invite them to join the NGPA today.

Our membership committee kicked off in June with our membership drive. You have an opportunity to win some great prizes for your hard work towards building the NGPA.

Our Cape Cod Classic is right around the corner, so be sure to watch for updates on the website, FB, Twitter and emails. Registration is set to be open at the end of the month, so don't delay in registering once it's open. We have made some magnificent changes to our Provincetown event, some which allow a little more capacity due to our recent event sell outs. Space is limited for the event, so be sure to

register as soon as possible. Also, don't forget to make your accommodations. Lodging tends to fill up fast too!

The 2016 NGPA Industry Expo is well underway and airlines are already confirming their place in Palm Springs. I'm pleased to announce NGPA member and First Officer Brian Gambino, as the Director of Industry Expo. My vision and leadership techniques are to create new ideas and strengthen old ones. Once a project or idea gets off the ground with momentum, I believe it is in the best interest of the organization that I find a suitable person to "PIC" that, so I may refocus on the next goal. Brian's experience ranges from airline

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO
THE UNITED STATES
OF AMERICA THIS
MONTH, AND ALSO
TO THE NGPA,

customer service, to airline pilot, along with a passion to serve the NGPA and its members. His leadership and organization will ensure the integrity, professionalism and success of our Industry Expo. Look for emails and posts from Brian regarding the Expo as it approaches. He will be seeking volunteers for that day, so be sure to let him know if you can help! (brian.gambino@ngpa.org)

I hope you enjoy your Independence Day celebrations with your friends and family, or your layover crew. Watching the firework on the evening of Fourth of July from 38,000 feet is site worth not missing!

David Pettet
NGPA Executive Director

UNITED



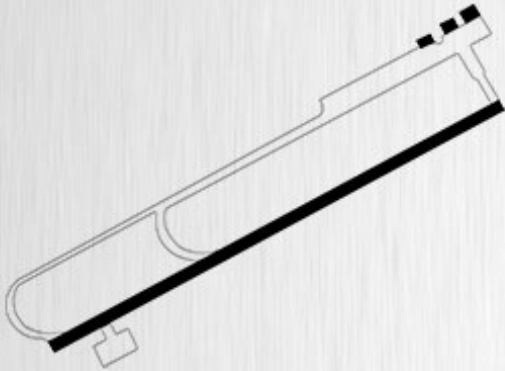
A STAR ALLIANCE MEMBER 

all aboard • friendly

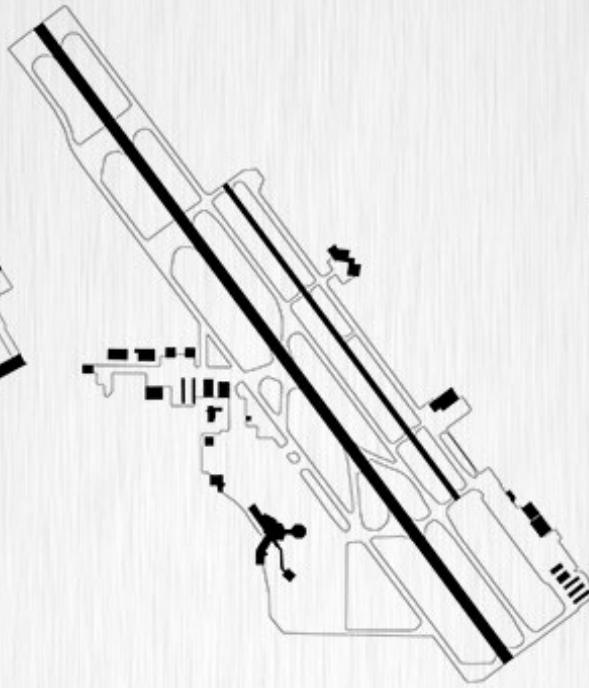


*Proud to sponsor the
National Gay Pilots Association.*
fly the friendly skies™

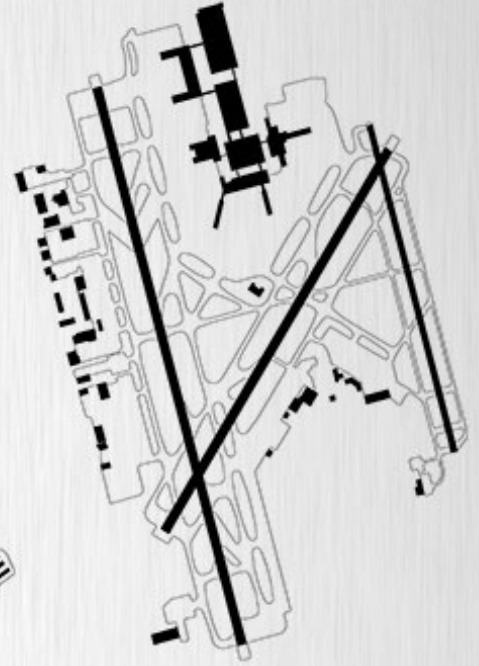




PVC
PROVINCETOWN, MA



PSP
PALM SPRINGS, CA



FLL
FORT LAUDERDALE, FL

MADE EXCLUSIVELY FOR THE NGPA WINTER
WARM UP 2015 IN HONOR OF
STEVEN MOORE

15% of all sales will be donated to the NGPA.

ORDER YOURS TODAY BY VISITING 08LEFT.COM/NGPA



WHERE UNIVERSITY MEETS THE SKY

EMBRY-RIDDLE
Aeronautical University
FLORIDA | ARIZONA | WORLDWIDE

2015 FLIGHT DECK

I would like to take this month, as we are halfway through 2015, to say thank you to our Flight Deck members at the NGPA. This special core group of people is the fuel behind the execution of our mission. Our Flight Deck members contribute a minimum of \$300 a year

to the NGPA to help support our programs, events, advocacy and outreach, and much more. Our success today would not have been possible with out our Flight Deck members.

As we go into the second half of a very strong year for us, please consider joining

our group of Flight Deck members. Please contact me, or anyone on the board of directors on how to join today.

Thank you again Flight Deck Members for being a part of our 25th Anniversary history this year.

CHIEF PILOT LEVEL (\$2400 DONATION)

TOM BISHOP
TIM BRALY
JIM GABBERT & TIM NOUSEN

CURTIS HAWKES & DAVID BARTLEY
SCOTT SHATZER
GREGG SMITH

TOM WARD
CHANDLER WONDERLY & MIKE FILLMAN

CAPTAIN LEVEL (\$1200 DONATION)

BRIAN BROWN
TOM BUTTGENBACH & SEAN LEFFERS

PATRICK KEYS
BRYAN STEVENS
BRIAN STRAUB

KIT WARFIELD
BROOKS WILKERSON

FIRST OFFICER LEVEL (\$600 DONATION)

TOM BRUMLICK
MARC CHAMPION AND PATRICK POWELL
DAVID CHINICK & ANDRES DIAZ
CALEN CHRZAN
SEAN COOPER & MIKE CHURCH
BILL GRAY
CHRIS HOSS
FRANK KING

CHAD R. MEDUNA
STEVEN MOORE AND NATHAN SAMEK
KYLE MORGAN
TOM MORIN
DARREN MURPHY & PAUL GAMEZ
DAVID PETTET & BRANDON RICHARDS
CHUCK PHELAN & STEVE MCINTYRE
GREGG POPOVEC
DAN REYNOLDS

JASON SEIDER AND STEVEN SHANKS
PHIL SMITH & RICK NYE
JOHN SPANNAGEL
KEVIN SPERLING & TYLER SCHEELER
RAND SNELL
MICHAEL STEWART
KYLE SZARY
JIM TAVENNER

FLIGHT ENGINEER LEVEL (\$300 DONATION)

CAPT. TOMMY BARRAZA & ROB MARIN
RUSSEL BORGNIN
JOHN BORMES
ERIC BROWN
JEFF BUCHMAN & KEN HEARN
SEAN CRAWFORD & ROB QUIRK
SCOTT DALE
RON DAVIS
MATTHEW DEUTSCH
STEVE DUNN & NEIL PURCELL
DANNY ESCOLA
DALE FIALA
DAVID FRENCH
DOUG FROST

TOM FROST AND JOHN MARCHILDON
ROBERT FUCHS
DAVE GOSNELL & JOHN KOTALIK
PAUL HART
BRANDON HOWARD
RON JONES
MIKE LINCOLN
CRANE MCCUNE
ROBERT MOYER
ROBERT E NEIGHBOUR
MIKE NICHOLS
THOMAS W. NIKOLAI & BRIAN BUCKELY
DAVE PENGELLY
DAVID PETTET & BRANDON RICHARDS
ROB POSTE

HERBERT PUNZ
SEAN O'DONNELL
GARY OKUM
STEVEN REYNOLDS
JOSHUA RODRIGUEZ
RICHARD SCHOBER
DAY SURLES
BRAD THUROW
TYLER TENBRINK
BRIAN VOOGD
DAVID WILLIAMS
MICHAEL WEYMER
MICHELLE & LAUREL WILEY-YATES
LUCAS, ZARLENGO

THANK YOU, NGPA MEMBERS

TO BECOME A MEMBER OF THE 2015 FLIGHT DECK, GO TO NGPA.COM AND CLICK "DONATE."

VICTORY!

Today we celebrate marriage, equality, and most importantly, **love.**



**NATIONAL GAY PILOTS
ASSOCIATION**

June 26, 2015 #lovewins #ngpa25

CALLING ALL LEADERS!

What does being a leader mean to you? Encouraging young aviators to succeed in their training? Running a safe flight with your crew? Doing the work? Giving intent to those you supervise to start thinking like leaders?

These are all great qualities of a leader, and everybody leads in their own way. The NGPA has many opportunities to grow as a leader, and bring your experience to a committee, a program, or even our board of directors.

The NGPA Board of Directors and the Education Fund Board, is seeking statements of interest (SOI) to join us in continuing to grow a stronger NGPA.

Please submit your SOI no later than October 15, 2015. You may find the form on our homepage of the website under "Latest News".



READY FOR LANDING.

Pilots and their aficionados,
Save 20% off your stay
all through September.



PROVINCETOWN
508-487-5900

RAINBOW FLYERS DALLAS/FT. 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.



THE RAINBOW FLYERS, DALLAS/FT. WORTH

LOCAL GROUPS

CANADIAN AVIATION PRIDE CANADA

Calling all NGPAers to the "great white north" - Canada! Well, it's not that white up here any more. In fact, it gets sizzling HOT at the end of June - right in time for Pride Toronto!!! We are inviting YOU to kick off Pride at our Summer Social on Friday June 26th @ 8PM in Toronto. RSVP by emailing 1046@travelplus.ca. Visit us online for more information at canadianaviationpride.org and "like" us on Facebook at [facebook.com/CanadianAviationPride](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 greetings and drinks at the bar around 7 p.m., then move to the private dining room at 7:30 p.m. for dinner and briefings on upcoming events. Guests and prospective members are always welcome. Find us on Facebook at [facebook.com/groups/GoldenGateFlyers](https://www.facebook.com/groups/GoldenGateFlyers) or email wildblue@goldengateflyers.org for more information.

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: Join their group on Facebook at [facebook.com/groups/chicagongpa](https://www.facebook.com/groups/chicagongpa), or 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 scheduled for the weekend of July 24th - 26th, 2015. Contact russborgnin@gmail.com.

MILE HIGH FLYERS DENVER AREA

Hey Denver aviators!!! 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, 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

More info is available on the Unusual Attitudes website at unusualattitudes.org.

LIBERTY FLYERS

PHILADELPHIA AREA

Liberty Fliers is the Philadelphia area's only gay pilot group. We meet weekly for cocktail hours, dinner and events. Join us at the local watering hole in the Gayborhood, or out flying at a PHL area airport. For more information please contact Mark Schmid mark.schmid@ngpa.org or Matt Stevens mastevens2@gmail.com for more information. Also, please check out our Facebook group, "Liberty Fliers"

TWIN CITY FLYERS

MINNEAPOLIS - ST. PAUL 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 us 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.

ATL STICK AND RUDDER

ATLANTA AREA

The newly revitalized Stick and Rudder chapter meet for an evening of dinning and socializing against the beautiful backdrop of the PDK airport. Stick and Rudder's goal is to provide an environment for networking, re-connecting with old friends and forming new ones. For more information or to receive emails about upcoming events, email stickandruderngpa@gmail.com.

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 GLBT members of the aviation community, including commercial and general aviation pilots, people from all aspects of the industry, and aviation enthusiasts. The group meets monthly for brunches, dinners, special events and fly-ins. For more information, contact Ron Davis at flynba@gmail.com or visit our 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 interested in meeting LGBT pilots, contact Russ Prechtel at Red911forme@gmail.com or find the group on Facebook at "OutOnTheRunway."

SHARE YOUR CLUB
EVENTS! EMAIL US:
DAVID.PETTET@NGPA.ORG





Do your dreams have Wings?

PROUD SPONSOR OF THE NGPA

You work hard for your money. You deserve a partner like Wings Financial Credit Union, who'll help you protect it with money-saving financial services:

- Free checking with cash-back rewards
- One low GreatRate on most vehicles – even aircraft
- Flexible mortgage lending in all 50 states
- Affordable, low-rate credit cards

Take your dreams to the next level: reality. Join today!

Membership open to all air transportation employees, anyone living or working in the MSP or SEA-TAC metro areas, and individuals who join via the Wings Financial Foundation, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.

wingsfinancial.com | 1 800 692-2274

Federally insured by NCUA.



Wings
FINANCIAL
CREDIT UNION

SAVE THE DATES

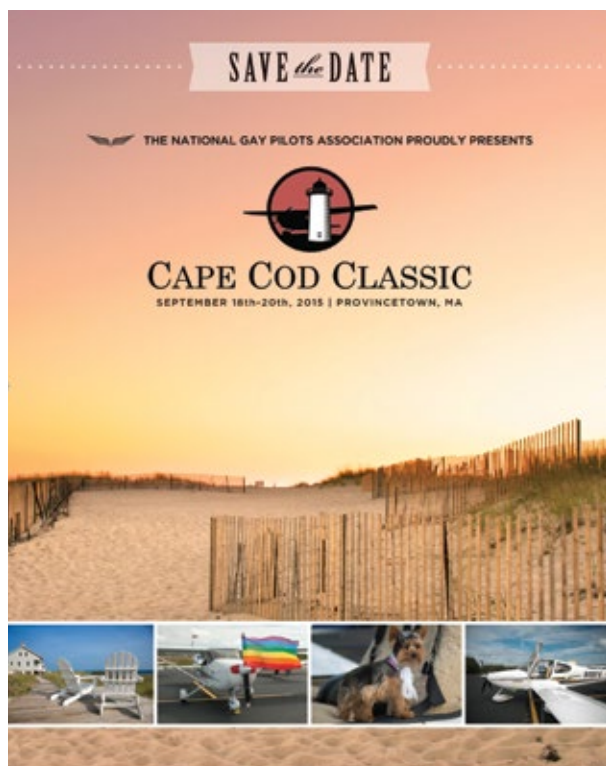
ORCAS ISLAND FLY IN
SEATTLE, WA
JULY 24 - 26, 2015

OBAP 2015
WASHINGTON DC
AUGUST 12 - 14, 2015

NGPA CAPE COD CLASSIC 2015
PROVINCETOWN, MA
SEPTEMBER 18 - 20, 2015

NGPA WINTER WARM-UP
PALM SPRINGS, CA
JANUARY 21 - 24, 2016

WOMEN IN AVIATION CONFERENCE
NASHVILLE, TN
MARCH 10 - 12, 2016



ASK BETTY

EMAIL BETTY!

Send me your juiciest questions!

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!



CELEBRATIONS

*We love our amazing members!
Give us something to brag about!*

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



Exceptional crew members need quality gear.

Crew Outfitters carries the best luggage and uniforms with comfort and ergonomics built into every detail to keep you looking crisp. With multiple convenient airport locations, we'll make sure you're always ready for success.

ONE STOP. EVERYTHING YOU NEED.

— 866 481 9547 | CREWOUTFITTERS.COM —

ATLANTA | DALLAS | HOUSTON | CINCINNATI
ST. PAUL-MINNEAPOLIS | DETROIT | MIAMI

IN LOVE WITH A FOREIGNER?



Texas Jacobson Aviation



We want to help our wounded troops recover faster by bringing their families closer.

Our mission is to provide **FREE** air transportation for ambulatory military and their families to, from or within Texas supporting those in need of medical attention, emotional support, and honoring the brave men and women who have served our country.

Each and every day we are able to make a difference in someone's life, while doing what we love most, flying!



texasjacobsonaviation.com



Do you know someone who could use our help?
Have them give us a call at 818.864.6378.



Fly with the industry's finest.

GoJetSM
AIRLINES

Flying the Bombardier CRJ700

\$5,000 Signing Bonus
for qualified applicants

Contact: pilotjobs@gojetairlines.com
Apply online at airlineapps.com