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## IT'S ALMOST TIME

#### THE CAPE COD CLASSIC IS COMING SOON!

Summer is coming to an end way too fast, but that also means our Cape Cod Classic 2015 is approaching and we will all be together soon! I'm so excited for you all to see some brilliant changes and upgrades to this event. The Events Planning committee has been hard at work to continue to listen to your feedback and make it a better experience for you year over year. For the first time ever, I'm excited to offer event attendees merchandise for purchase with our new brand look. We will be offering a special 25th anniversary mug, cell phone case, and embroidered polo. While the NGPA does not currently have the structure to support year-round merchandise and the capability of shipping to individual members, we are working on a solution for this, and we're excited to offer these opportunities for purchase for members attending our events.

Our debut at OBAP is in just under two

weeks and I'm excited for us to be a part of this other well-established aviation organization. Please show your support and stop by our booth in D.C. If you would like to spend some time talking to people and working our booth, please email michelle.yates@ngpa.org.

> COME TO THE NGPA CAPE COD CLASSIC TO GET YOUR NEW MERCHANDISE!

The Industry Expo vendor and exhibitor registration is set to open this month. For the first time, airlines, aviation business, flight schools, vendors etc., will have the opportunity to plan well in advance. We already have several airlines and businesses confirmed for our Industry Expo in January in Palm Springs. If you own a company or you want your company to showcase at our Expo, email brian.gambino@ ngpa.org and he will help get the information you need.

Our Fall edition of the NGPA NEWS should be arriving this month in your mailbox. Thank you to all involved in the masterpiece magazine we have created.

Be sure to register for our Cape Cod Classic 2015 ASAP! Space is limited and we don't want you to miss out on this final 2015 event for the NGPA.

Enjoy the rest of your summer!

David Pettet NGPA Executive Director





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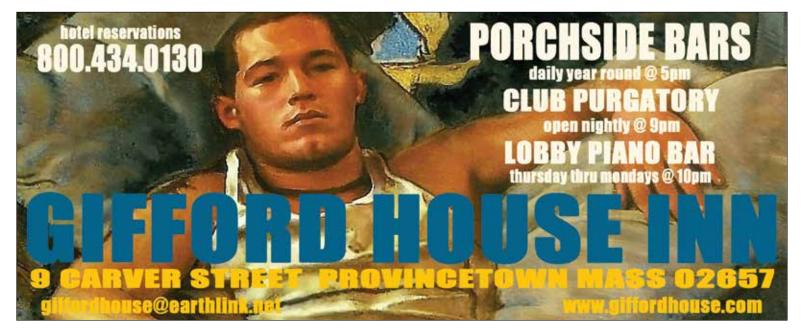
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These are all great qualities of a leader, and everybody leads in their own way. The NGPA has many opportunities to grow as a leader, and bring your experience to a committee, a program, or even our board of directors.

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".



#### SAVE THE DATE!



SUNDAY, JANUARY 24 | 9AM-6PM THE RENAISSANCE PALM SPRINGS HOTEL PALM SPRINGS, CA

### GENERAL AVIATION AIRLINE RECRUITING FLIGHT SCHOOLS

The National Gay Pilots Association is pleased to announce the 2016 NGPA Industry Expo, which will be held at the Renaissance Palm Springs Hotel. In 2015, we had a recordbreaking number of qualified aviation applicants and ATP-qualified industry professionals, and we expect 2016 to be bigger and better than ever.

Guest speakers and educational seminars for both commercial and general aviation pilots are in the lineup of events. Leading airlines will be interviewing and hiring on-site. General aviation products and services will be on showcase and display. This is the premier January industry event—mark your calendars!

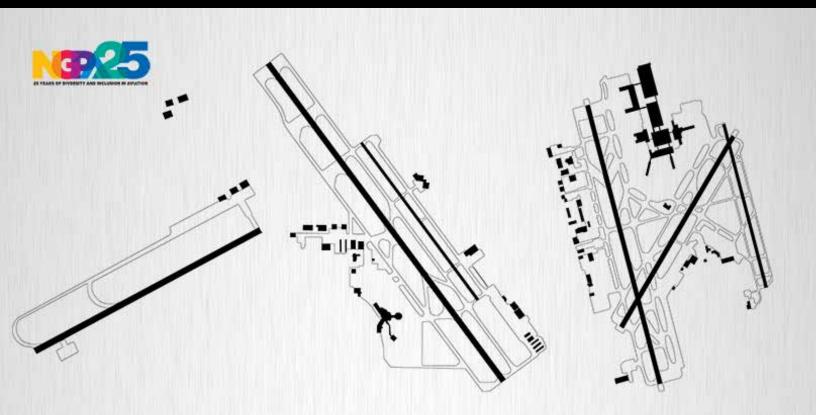




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Brian Samuelson (one of NGPA's co-founders) and his partner loe and would like to extend an invitation to NGPA members for an evening harbor cruise on their trawler located at Newport Marina, 500 Washington Ave., Jersey City, NJ on August 16 at 6:00 pm. Up to 16 guests will be able to meet and network with local tri-state members, and to see if there is any interest in forming a local group. RSVP required, contact Brian Samuelson at 732 996 6664 or email rainbowlandings@cs.com.

### CANADIAN AVIATION PRIDE

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.* Vist us online for more information at *canadianaviationpride.org* and "like" us on Facebook at *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



NEW NYC GROUP INVITATION

## LOCAL GROUPS

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* 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, or email John Burdick at john.burdick@me.com.

#### CASCADE FLYERS

SEATTLE AREA

 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.
The Orcas Island Fly In is scheduled for the weekend of July 24th - 26th,
Contact *russborgnin@gmail.com*.

### MILE HIGH FLYERS

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!

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

#### 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, reconnecting with old friends and forming new ones. For more information or to receive emails about upcoming events, email *stickandrudderngpa@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 flyins. 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 meetups. 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 Prechtl at Red911forme@ gmail.com or find the group on Facebook at "OutOnTheRunway."



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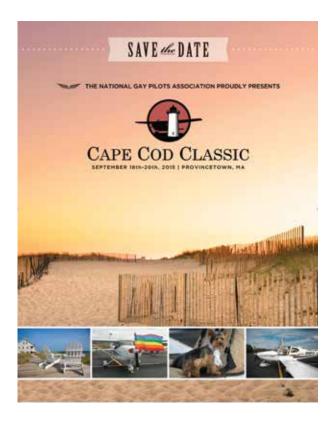
OBAP 2015 WASHINGTON DC AUGUST 12 - 14, 2015

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## EMAIL BETTY!

#### Send me your juiciest questions!

Now, I know the world hasn't suddenly turned into a gayfriendly 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!



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