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BIG EVENTS, HUGE ACCOMPLISHMENTS, AND NOW A 501c3!

Just when we thought that our 25th Anniversary couldn't get any better, IT DID! In Provincetown, we shared with the Cape Cod Classic attendees first that we have been 501c3 approved with the NGPA. Historically, the NGPA has been a 501c7, with only our Education Fund being a 501c3. This change opens the doors to opportunities far beyond what some thought to be impossible, but now has become a reality.

As a 501c3, your donations to the NGPA and the Education Fund are eligible as a tax write-off. As always, we recommend you consult your tax advisor. Many employers also will match your personal contribution to the 501c3 charity you have chosen to give a gift to. We also now have the opportunity to compete for foundation grants and

donations, as well as participate in federal giving programs.

The NGPA has evolved over the past couple years to having a charitable mission through our advocacy work, educational, mentorship, and the Industry Expo we host. The change was effective of our application date of June 2015. If you donated to the NGPA, you will soon receive a letter from us to reflect your donation for tax purposes.

Come see us on the west coast and the east coast in October! We will be attending and debuting our beautiful new booth at the FLYING Magazine expo in Palm Springs, CA on October 15-17. You should come see us! We will also be in Orlando pride, so come stand behind our banner and walk the streets to show central Florida who we are!

VOLUNTEER!

KEEP READING THIS
ISSUE OF NAVEGAYTOR
TO FIND WAYS TO
GET INVOLVED IN THE
NGPA!

Provincetown was full of announcements, and the NGPA is finally stretching beyond the ADIZ! We are flying north next June 2016, in a co-sponsored event with Canadian Aviation Pride. Details regarding the event will be released later in the year.

Continue to follow up on social media, and in our publications. Palm Springs will be here before you know it, so start making room in your schedule to be there. Check out our guest speaker and entertainment in the Navegaytor! Rod Machado and Lesli Jordan will be coming to see us!

David Pettet
NGPA Executive Director

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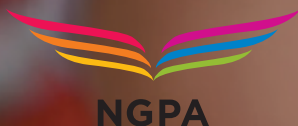


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2015 NGPA Education Fund Scholarship Recipients

Each year the National Gay Pilots Association Education Fund awards scholarships to individuals pursuing careers as professional pilots and those who have demonstrated community involvement, including support of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) community. More than \$232,000 has been awarded since 1998.

An independent selection committee reviews candidate applications and ranks them according to criteria including demonstrated excellence in:

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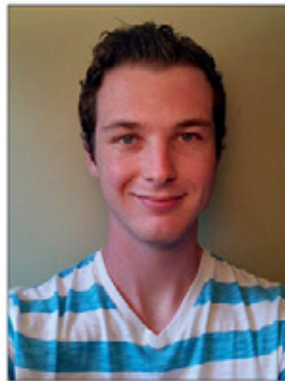
On behalf of the NGPA, congratulations!



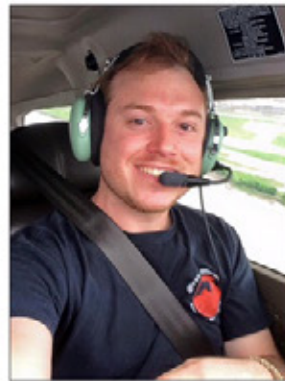
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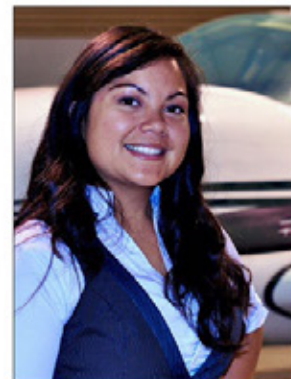
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Peter Lynde



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BIG NEWS

NORTHERN ESCAPE

We are very happy to announce the premier of a joint event between the NGPA and Canadian Aviation Pride!



Mark your calendars for June 4th-5th 2016!!! NORTHERN ESCAPE - Toronto 2016. This event will be the first of its kind in Canada and will make the history books. You can look forward to an aviation expo, cocktail social, brunch, fly-in, and much more. Stay tuned for details.

VOLUNTEER!

Less than two weeks remain to submit your Statement of Interest (SOI) to join the NGPA Education Fund board of directors. In addition to board of director

positions, we have plenty of opportunities for you to volunteer on a committee or for an event. Visit our website homepage and click on "Volunteer" to sign up today. The SOI application may be found on the homepage, as well.

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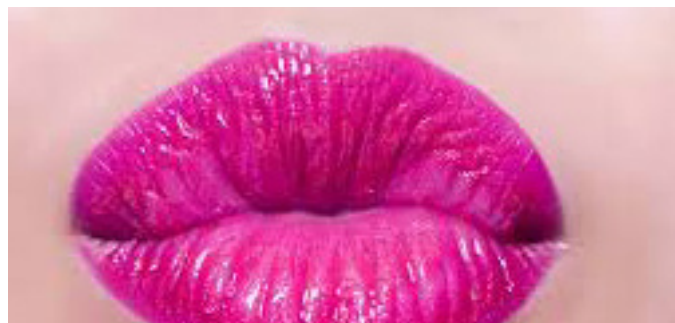
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JANUARY 21 - 24, 2016

WOMEN IN AVIATION CONFERENCE

NASHVILLE, TN

MARCH 10 - 12, 2016



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!

Instructor Position Announcement

Aviation Institute, School of Public Administration University of Nebraska at Omaha

The Aviation Institute at the University of Nebraska at Omaha is currently seeking applications for an Instructor level position as **Flight Training Coordinator**. This position is a non-tenure track position. The successful candidate will oversee the operations of the flight training program including all flight lab classes and teach two academic classes each semester. The Aviation Institute professional flight program holds a Restricted ATP Letter of Authorization from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and FAR Part 141 Ground Certificates for the Instrument and Commercial ground theory courses. A successful candidate would hold a Master's degree in aviation, transportation, public administration, political science or other related field, Commercial Certificate with Instrument rating, Certified Flight Instructor (CFI) and Certified Flight Instructor Instrument (CFII), 2 years experience instructing, and demonstrated administrative experience.

The University of Nebraska at Omaha is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer and participates in E-Verify. The University and the Institute have a strong commitment to achieving diversity among faculty and staff. We are particularly interested in receiving applications from members of under-represented groups and strongly encourage women and persons of color to apply for this position.

The Aviation Institute is located in the School of Public Administration which provides a supportive and collaborative academic culture. The Institute offers a Bachelor of Science in Aviation with concentrations in Air Transport Administration and Professional Flight. It also provides courses at the graduate level for the Master of Public Administration and Doctor of Philosophy in Public Administration both with Aviation concentrations. For more information about the Aviation Institute, visit our web page at <http://www.unomaha.edu/ai/>.

To apply for this position, go to www.unomaha.edu and click on "employment". Current curriculum vita, a cover letter addressing professional experience and qualifications, and the names and contact information for three references must be attached to the electronic application. Applicants are also encouraged to attach evidence of teaching excellence and productive scholarly research. The position will remain open until filled.





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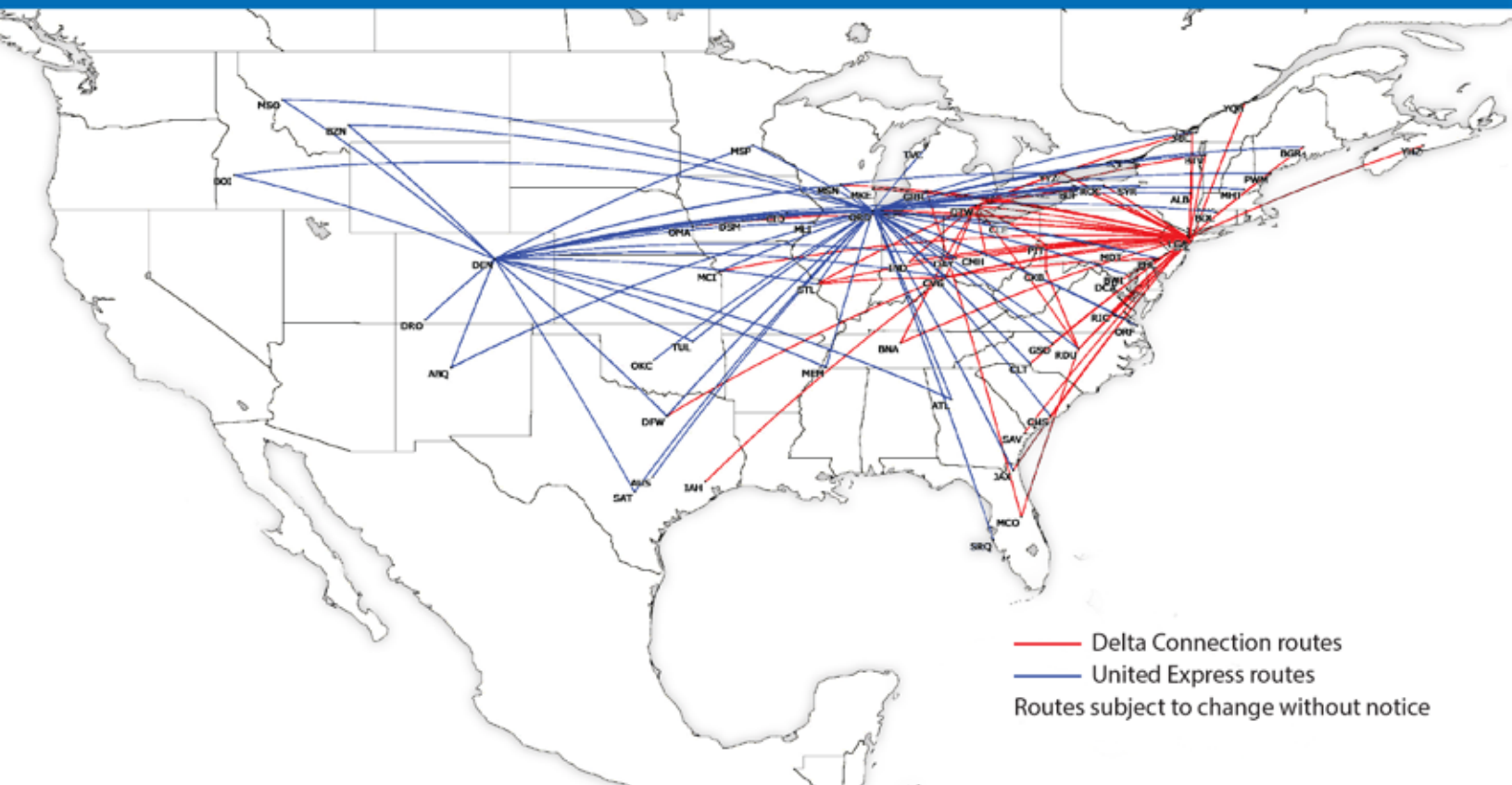
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SAVE THE DATE!

2016 NGPA INDUSTRY EXPO

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



For additional information:

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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 **record-breaking 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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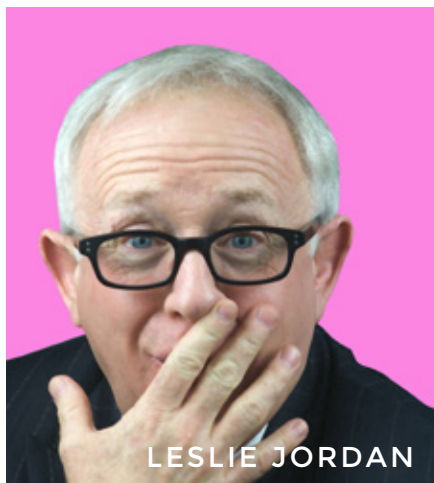
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Leslie Jordan is one of the most consistently recognizable faces in popular entertainment.

His journey towards stardom has provided one of the quirkier, impressive, and varied career trajectories of the past few decades. Through it all, Leslie Jordan has remained constant, relevant, and – above all – funny!

Leslie Jordan was the prestigious Emmy Award winner in 2006 for “Will & Grace”, and was a supporting presence in one of Hollywood’s most prestigious, message-minded films of the last decade, “The Help”. His defining role as Brother Boy in the cult film sensation “Sordid Lives” evolved into a well-received prequel on the Logo Channel.

As the celebrated author and

star of his own HBO Special, “Pink Carpet”, Leslie Jordan remains consistently sought after as a guest star on every imaginable form of episodic, comedic television. He enjoyed a star turn in the third season of FX’s instant classic “American Horror Story” opposite Hollywood heavyweights Jessica Lange, Kathy Bates, Angela Bassett, Sarah Paulson, and Francis Conroy.

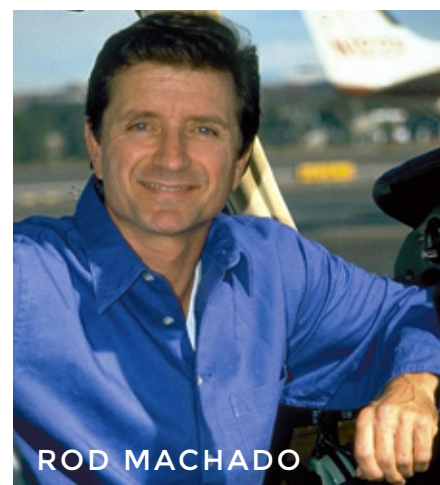
Leslie Jordan has conquered the international stage with sold out runs in Mexico, Canada, and the U.K., and remains an in-demand mainstay as a stage/TV/film performer, voice-over artist, fund raiser, spokesperson, out artist, equal rights activist, and all-around Southern Baptist celebutante.

ROD MACHADO

Legendary pilot and author Rod Machado has taught millions the basics of flying through flight lessons, simulation, and training materials. He started flying at age 16, and is a ATP-rated pilot with all fixed wing Flight Instructor ratings. Since 1973, he has been teaching pilots

throughout the U.S. and Europe his unique way of simplifying the complex and making bland topics interesting and educating with humor. Besides a degree in Aviation Science, Rod holds degrees in Psychology, is AOPA’s National Flight Instructor Spokesman, and a FAA-appointed National Accident Prevention Counselor. Because of his vast CFI experience and unique style, he was chosen to write the flight lessons and be the CFI voice on Microsoft’s Flight Simulator.

Rod is a columnist for AOPA Pilot and Flight Training magazines and his 10 book titles include Rod Machado’s Instrument Pilots Handbook, a must for those working in the IFR system, and Rod Machado’s How to Fly an Airplane, a must-have for CFIs and students.



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ATL STICK AND RUDDER ATLANTA AREA

In August, over 20 members of the ATL stick and Rudders got together for an evening of fun, food and camaraderie at a local bowling alley in Midtown Atlanta. The Stick and Rudders meet monthly to foster an environment for networking, re-connecting with old friends and forming new ones. For more information or to sign up for emails about upcoming events, email stickandrudderngpa@gmail.com.



ATLANTA

LOCAL GROUPS

CANADIAN AVIATION PRIDE

CANADA

Canadian Aviation Pride has two Year End Parties happening in November, one in Toronto and another in Vancouver. Come celebrate 2015!!!

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TORONTO YEAR END PARTY

Friday November 13
8pm-12am

VANCOUVER YEAR END PARTY

Saturday November 21
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canadianaviationpride.org
or on Facebook at
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CanadianAviationPride](https://facebook.com/CanadianAviationPride)

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 24 - 26, 2015. Contact the Cascade Flyers at russborgnin@gmail.com.

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.

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.

LIBERTY FLYERS

PHILADELPHIA AREA

Liberty Fliers is the Philadelphia area's only gay pilot group. Now meeting 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."

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.

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.

NEW YORK

On Sunday, August 16th, NGPA Member (and founder), Brian Samuelson, along with his partner Joe, hosted a group of fellow New York area NGPA members on their incredible boat based in Jersey City. It was an intimate group with a wide variety of backgrounds, including regional, corporate, and mainline pilots. It was a fantastic opportunity for networking, friendship making, and all around fun. Attendees were treated to dinner, drinks, and a sail around beautiful New York Harbor.

This was the first event in what we hope will be monthly or bi-monthly meetings. There was discussion of a fly in in Belmar-Farmingdale Allaire Airport (BLM), with a day at the beach in Asbury Park, NJ, a burger burn

at a members' home near Sandy Hook, NJ, meet ups in New York City. There is discussion for the future, marching in New York's pride parade next year. If the initial group was any indication, the future is bright for a New York area group. There's a lot of experience from all across the aviation industry. We are looking for ideas, participants and volunteers. If you're interested in keeping up on the happenings of The New York area gay pilots group; please contact us:

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860- 917-3122

Brian Samuelson:

rainbowlandings@cs.com

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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 Prechtl at Red911forme@gmail.com or find their group on Facebook! <http://facebook.com/groups/OutOnTheRunway>
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.

TWIN CITY FLYERS

MINNEAPOLIS - ST. PAUL

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!

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. Just a reminder of the Sunriver, Oregon fly-in scheduled for August 28-30. Here is a link to the sign-up sheet. So far we have 3 airplanes and 11 people confirmed. August is a GREAT time to be in Sunriver and there are lots of activities for everyone to enjoy!

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.

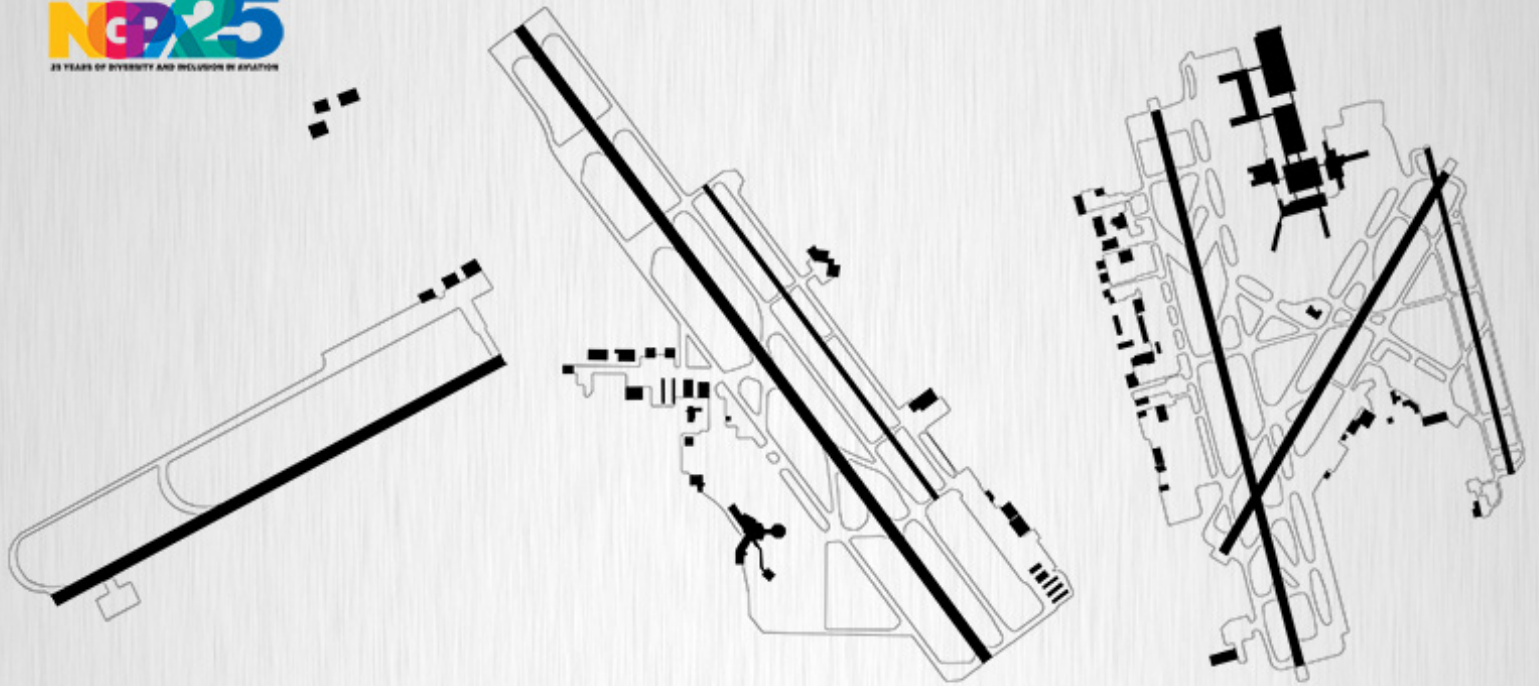


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