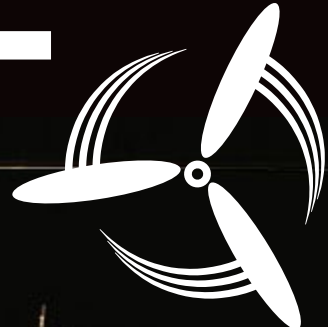


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FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Advocacy and Mentorship continue to be the focus for 2016. With your help we will push to bring necessary issues to light for our membership and improve upon gains already made.



The 2016 NGPA Winter Warm-Up presented by United Airlines and the Industry Expo were a smashing hit and it's all because of YOU! I'm not just talking about those that came, I'm also talking about those who got stuck in weather on the east coast, those who didn't have time off, and those that couldn't afford the trip this time. Each and every NGPA member is important to our continued success.

We had 640 people join us Saturday evening for the dinner program which included entertainment from actor and comedian Leslie Jordan. Throughout the weekend, we heard from many members of the leadership team including Erin Recke, John Burdick, Gregg Smith, Kyle Morgan, and Scott Shatzer. We shared updates regarding advocacy, the website, and our vision for 2016. The Industry Expo grew 4 times larger than last year, and we are well underway with 2017 preparations. The 2017 Industry Expo will be a full day on Thursday and

a half day Friday. A big thank you to the 100+ volunteers that helped lend a hand and be part of history for the NGPA.

As we focus on advocacy and mentorship this year, we continue to raise restricted donations for these specific areas. Our plans include: the pursuit and assistance with the recent announcement from Jessica Taylor regarding medicals for transgender pilots; our ongoing work for HIV+ pilots and their medicals; and partnering with the right people in D.C. to fight for change sooner than later. Additionally, we plan to host a summit for airlines to attend and discuss equality topics for our community including sensitivity training and health benefits. Look for the upcoming launch of the new NGPA website and an optional, anonymous, online form to fill out regarding homophobic/transphobic incidents in the workplace. In order to help improve and articulate scenarios that you have experienced, we need to know about it.

Mentoring starts with both career and non-career pilots. University of North Dakota aviation LGBT students recently became an official student organization on campus and a branch of the NGPA under our direction. NGPA UND President Adelynn Mrosko, along with her officers, has great plans to strengthen awareness for equality at the university that will resonate throughout aviation universities and colleges in the US. We will continue to work with aviation students nationwide to start similar groups that strengthen our presence and guide aviation education and campus life.



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March kicks off our North America NGPA booth tour, starting in Nashville, TN at the 2016 Women in Aviation conference March 10-12. Please stop by and say hi, and pick up some NGPA swag! This is a great place to meet other members and renew your membership too!

Check the NGPA website at ngpa.org to keep up to date with events and plans across the country.

David Pettet
Executive Director

UP...UP...AND HER WAY!

National Air and Space Museum visitors frequently ask, “Where are the women pilots?” The answer is that they are in nearly every gallery.

The Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum’s online *Women in Aviation and Space History* gallery contains all the women (who are or have been included by name, artifact, or photograph) in the Museum’s exhibits. From early pioneers to women in space, there are 107 women in the *Early Flight* gallery with an additional 114 in the *Space Race* gallery.

Although women have flown since 1908, nearly all of them were restricted to general aviation (i.e., private planes or support jobs prior to the 1970s) and Museum exhibits reflect those historical roles. Women have now gained full access to military and commercial cockpits, as well as the Space Shuttle and aerospace technology. Click on the “See More” tab above and enjoy the tour.

Text adapted from the Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum

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ONLINE GALLERY
WOMEN IN AVIATION AND
SPACE HISTORY

1. Helene Dutrieu of Belgium was the first licensed woman pilot (1910) and known as the “girl hawk” of aviation because she was a daring and accomplished pilot.
2. Despite a short career, Harriet Quimby remains a wildly popular pioneer female aviator as the first American woman to earn a pilot’s license and first woman to fly solo across the English Channel.
3. From the open cockpit of a 1929 Travel Air biplane, Suzanne Asbury-Oliver has created thousands of letters 10,000 feet above the earth for Pepsi Cola since 1980, skywriting over 500 messages each year. She remains the only professional female skywriter in the world.
4. In 1967, pilot and instructor Ida Van Smith founded a series of flight training clubs to encourage involvement in aviation and aerospace sciences, exposing thousands of minority children to aviation.
5. Jeana Yeager achieved the record of flying around the world non-stop and non-refueled (with co-pilot Dick Rutan) in 1986. The 9-day flight in the Voyager craft tested physical and mental capabilities.



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CLEARED TO FLY!

**Obtaining your medical certificate
can be more difficult than expected
when you are transgender.**

NGPA members Jessica Taylor and Kelly Leply have been working tirelessly with transgender pilots, the FAA, and others in office in Washington D.C. to work towards a solution to end a long and difficult process for transgender pilots in obtaining their medical certificate.

On Wednesday January 27, 2016, Jessica posted a heartfelt and emotional video announcing this historic breakthrough!

There is much work to be done for the LGBT community, including putting an end to homophobia/transphobia in the workplace, but we are very excited for the continued progress!

The NGPA is taking action to continue moving ahead after this step by raising funds specifically for our advocacy efforts. All donations in the name of advocacy will be used for efforts determined to change and fight for equality.



Click on any button below to view and read more about the current guidelines and issues facing transgender members.

FAA GUIDE FOR TRANSGENDER MEDICALS

FULL JESSICA TAYLOR ARTICLE

JESSICA'S ANNOUNCEMENT VIDEO

**The NGPA is spreading its
wings into cities every month.**

We want to see a local group of the NGPA in your city. If interested, please email david.pettet@ngpa.org to find out how to start a local group today

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WINDY CITY FLYERS, CHICAGO



ATL STICK AND RUDDER

ATL ATLANTA AREA
stickandrudderngpa@gmail.com

The Stick and Rudders meet monthly to foster an environment for networking, re-connecting with old friends and forming new ones. Email us for more information or to sign up for upcoming event alerts.

It was a very successful 2015 for ATL Stick and Rudder re-launch and, hopefully, everyone enjoyed meeting and forming new friendships from bowling night opportunities to Friendsgiving dinner. We plan on building upon 2015's success this year!

CASCADE FLYERS

SEA SEATTLE AREA

Cascade Flyers meets up for dinner on the last Wednesday of the month. Check out our Facebook page (Cascade Flyers) for the location or to get on our private email alerts list.

CITRUS FLYERS

MCO GREATER ORLAND AREA
stephen.gatlin@icloud.com

Serving the central and greater Orlando area. Please contact Rob Neighbour at gp-arob@aol.com or Stephen Gatlin (above).

GOLDEN GATE FLYERS

SFO SAN FRANCISCO AREA
mike.fillman@gmail.com

San Francisco's Golden Gate Flyers 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 meet at 7pm for drinks and socializing, followed by dinner and future event briefings. Guests and prospective members are always welcome. Find us on Facebook (Golden Gate Flyers) for more.

GOTHAM FLYERS

NYC NEW YORK CITY AREA
jesse.elliott@me.com

The New York area NGPA group has decided on a name! The Gotham Flyers have been cleared for takeoff and in full swing. Please reach out to us for the next gathering, we would love to have you. Email Jesse Elliot or call 860-917-3122

HEARTLAND FLYERS

MCI KANSAS CITY AREA
flynba@gmail.com

Heartland Flyers is a new group organized primarily around the greater metropolitan Kansas City area to foster social interaction and regular meet-ups. We welcome all gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender members of the aviation community, including 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. Email or visit our Facebook page for more (Heartland Flyers).

LIBERTY FLYERS

PHL PHILADELPHIA AREA
mark.schmid@ngpa.com

Liberty Fliers is the Philadelphia areas'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 email Mark Schmid (above) or Matt Stevens mastevens2@gmail.com. Also, please check out our Facebook group (Liberty Fliers).

MACH1 FLYERS

FLL SOUTHERN FLORIDA AREA
cale.choi@me.com

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 or look them up on Facebook (Mach1 Flyers).

MILE HIGH FLYERS

DEN DENVER AREA
doug@TeamSecord.com

For more information, please email or see the Mile-High Flyers page on Facebook.

OUT ON THE RUNWAY

DCA WASHINGTON DC AREA
red911forme@gmail.com

Out on the Runway has an activity scheduled every month. We have new members and are looking for new ideas for get-togethers! If you are in the greater DC area and interested in meeting LGBT pilots, email Russ PrechtI (above) or check our Facebook page (Out On The Runway).

RAINBOW FLYERS

DFW DALLAS/FORT WORTH AREA
mel@melandtom.net

The Rainbow Flyers is a group of LGBT aviators, their supporters and aviation enthusiasts in and around the Dallas/Fort Worth Metroplex. Rainbow Flyers meets monthly for social gatherings and fly-ins. Email Mel Rushton for more information or to join the group. You can also find us on Facebook (Rainbow Flyers).

TWIN CITY FLYERS

MSP 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. Send a message through our Facebook page (Twin City Fliers) for more.

UNUSUAL ATTITUDES

SAN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA
unusualattitudes.org

Unusual Attitudes hosts a joint event with the San Diego Chapter of GreatOutdoors on the weekend of April 10-12. We will fly into Agua Caliente Airstrip in Eastern San Diego County and camp with GO at the county park. More info is available on the website.

WINDY CITY FLYERS

ORD CHICAGO AREA

The Windy City Flyers are often meeting up for drinks, potluck dinners, and out making trouble. Chicagoans can get event information by joining their group on Facebook (Windy City Fliers).

JUN 4-5

NORTHERN ESCAPE TORONTO, CANADA

Join our first ever co-sponsored event with Canadian Aviation Pride in this beautiful city. Canadian Airlines, and other aviation vendors, will be setting up shop to join us for the day, ending our evening with fun and entertainment. Registration opens soon!

SEP 15-18

CAPE COD CLASSIC PROVINCETOWN, MA

Finishing touches are being processed now for our annual Cape Cod Classic event in lovely P'town. Great entertainment and guest presenters you won't want to miss! Registration opens this summer.



**start a club or
share events**

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david.pettet@ngpa.org

2016 ALASKA AIRLINES/K&S AVIATION/NGPA B737 TYPE RATING SCHOLARSHIP

In Palm Springs, Alaska Airlines, K & S Aviation and NGPA achieved a long-time goal with the announcement of offering one B737 Type Rating Scholarship in 2016. The application window opens this Spring with the scholarship awarded in the Fall. We are grateful for the continued partnership with Alaska Airlines.



MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

The NGPA provides scholarships to aspiring aviators with the desire to develop professional aviation skills and ratings who:

- ▶ Have demonstrated community involvement, including support of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) community.
- ▶ Have or meet ATP minimum requirements.
- ▶ Have a BA college degree.
- ▶ Be a US Citizen or Permanent Resident.
- ▶ Have a valid US Passport.
- ▶ Have appropriate current or recent employment and/or experience to transition to an airline entry position.
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Upcoming Events

OBAP Conference	August 12-14
Denver Pilot Job Fair	September 25
Fort Lauderdale Job Fair	November 13

Queen and Princess of Fleet happens each year at Winter Warm Up and Cape Cod Classic for those that fly their aircraft into the event and enter the flight line.

See more

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PILOTS: Jim Gabbert and Tim Nueson
DOUGLAS DC3A 1830-94



PRINCESS OF THE FLEET / N8251P

PILOT: Ross DeFranco
1963 PIPER PA-24-250

ALL HAIL!

Winter Warm Up royalty graced attendees with their presence this past January. The Queen and Princess of Fleet travelled from Oakland, CA and Las Vegas respectively for the two-day event in Palm Springs.

JOIN THE CREW!

Ready for that upgrade to PIC or to be part of the NGPA Flight Crew?

Join the NGPA Flight Crew and help us at events and show the aviation community your NGPA pride. Contact David Pettet at david.pettet@ngpa.org or Tom Morin at tom.morin@mgpa.org.

APR 5-10	Sun 'n Fun (FL)
JUN 11	D.C. Pride (DC)
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American Airlines joins the NGPA's Diamond Level sponsorship.

In Palm Springs, American Airlines announced they will join
NGPA's Diamond Level sponsorship, with up to \$20,000 of that
used to help further students in their aviation education. Later in
2016, the NGPA Education Fund will have a second cycle which will
make up all airline sponsored scholarships.

Captain Kathi Durst and First Officer Jan Anderson broke the
news on January 22, 2016 at the Palm Springs Air Museum. A
big thank you to American Airlines and it's employees for their
support of the NGPA.



American Airlines pilots and NGPA members Captain Kathi Durst and First Officer
Jan Anderson announce the second Diamond Level sponsorship by the airline.



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Stay tuned for details.

In 2015, NGPA committed to fulfilling its mission of expanding beyond the U.S. and our first step was just going a little further north to our friends in Canada. Together, we have designed a smashing weekend in June that will be new to some, and familiar to others. Whether you have attended an NGPA event before or not, this event will be like home, and the people will become like family. Come support Canadian Aviation Pride, and the NGPA by joining us in Toronto, June 2016!

For questions, please email Dean Sela at dean.sela@ngpa.org or David Pettet at david.pettet@ngpa.org

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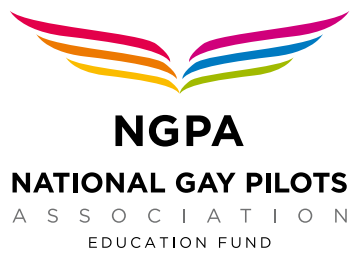


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- Demonstration of personal motivation, teamwork, attitude, and leadership
- Involvement in volunteer and LGBT activities.

Scholarship winners will be announced during the summer, with financial awards distributed following the announcement.

WILL THE SCHOLARSHIPS BE AWARDED BASED ON AN INDIVIDUAL'S SEXUAL ORIENTATION?

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