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NAA News

Robert J. Collier Trophy Dinner: June 3, 2015

Hangar 7, Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport

Gulfstream to Receive 2014 Robert J. Collier Trophy

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NAA President and CEO, Jonathan Gaffney (left) and the Gulfstream Team

At the Spring Awards Dinner on March 11, 2015, NAA announced that Gulfstream has been named the recipient of the 2014 Robert J. Collier Trophy "For the development of the Gulfstream G650 Business Jet, which strengthened business aviation through significant technological advancements in aircraft performance, cabin comfort, and safety."

The Collier Selection Committee, comprised of 30 individuals from throughout the aviation and aerospace industry, met earlier in the day to listen to presentations from each of the seven nominees.

The Robert J. Collier Trophy is awarded annually "for the greatest achievement in aeronautics or astronautics in America, with respect to improving the performance, efficiency, and safety of air or space vehicles, the value of which has been thoroughly demonstrated by actual use during the preceding year."

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Gulfstream G650

Katherine & Marjorie Stinson Trophy Awarded to Dr. Marina Ruggles-Wrenn

Dr. Marina Ruggles-Wrenn, a Professor of Aerospace Engineering at the Air Force Institute of Technology, received the 2015 Katherine and

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Mary Miller (left) and Paula Hochstetler (center) present Dr. Marina Ruggles-Wrenn (right) with the Stinson Trophy

Marjorie Stinson Trophy for "...dedicating over 27 years of her professional life to advancing the state-of-the-art in aerospace structures, design, and materials."

The Stinson Trophy was created in 1997 by NAA to honor the accomplishments of two sisters - Katherine and Marjorie Stinson. These sisters were among the first 11 American women to be certified as airplane pilots through the Aero Club of America (the predecessor of NAA). Their flying school helped numerous U.S. and foreign pilots to earn their Aero Club licenses, the precursor to FAA pilot certificates.

The trophy recognizes a living person for "...an outstanding and enduring contribution to the role of women in the field of aviation, aeronautics, space, or related sciences."

Two Eagles Complete Record Breaking Flight

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Two Eagles balloon pilots Leonid Tiukhtyaev and Troy Bradley landed safely just outside Baja, Mexico on Saturday, January 31, 2015, after completing their successful attempt to capture the world gas balloon distance and duration records.

The records are pending approval by NAA and FAI, but it appears the Two Eagles team has surpassed both the distance and duration records for gas balloons. The team's distance of 6,646 miles (10,696 km) surpassed the existing record of 5,208 miles (8,383 km), set by Double Eagle V pilots Ben Abruzzo, Larry Newman, Ron Clark, and Rocky Aoki in 1981, by 27%.

The team stayed aloft for 160 hours, 38 minutes (6 days, 16 hours, 38 minutes), besting by 17% the previous record of 137 hours, 5 minutes, 50 seconds set in 1978 by Ben Abruzzo, Maxie Anderson, and Larry Newman aboard the Double Eagle II.

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President's Message

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As you read at the beginning of this newsletter, Gulfstream and the G650 was selected earlier this month as the recipient of the 2014 Robert J. Collier Trophy. All of us at the National Aeronautic Association congratulate them on their great accomplishment and their remarkable aircraft.

Of course, the Trophy - permanently displayed at the Smithsonian's National Air and Space Museum -- will be presented at the Annual Collier Dinner to be held right outside NAA Headquarters - Hangar 7 at DCA - on June 3rd.

But the Collier Trophy dinner is more than just about the recipient. While the

trophy is reflective of "...the greatest achievement in aeronautics or astronautics in America," (and Gulfstream certainly fits the bill) it also reflective of our nation's progress in aviation for over a century.

Robert Collier commissioned the trophy in 1910 with the intent to encourage the American aviation community to strive for excellence and achievement in aeronautic development. But while the Collier Dinner is to honor the recipient, it is also designed to celebrate the relentless progress of our industry.

Please make plans to join us on June 3rd. I promise that you find it a great use of your time.

Jonathan Gaffney

NAA President and CEO

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NAA 2015 Luncheon Series

January Luncheon

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Richard Aboulafia, Vice President, Analysis for the Teal Group, gave

"Aviation's State of the Union" at the January 30th luncheon. He provided an outlook for the aviation industry for 2015.

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Air Sport Organization News

Four United States Adventurers to Compete in the 2015 Red Bull X-Alps

Four Team USA entries will compete in the 2015 Red Bull X-Alps. Known as the World's Toughest Adventure Race, participants will make their way from Salzburg, Austria to a beach in Monaco, traveling the length of the Alps only by paraglider or on foot.

The United States joins Austria, France, Germany, and Switzerland fielding teams of four athletes. Honza Rejmanek (Team USA1) returns for his fifth race; his best finish to date was third place in 2009. Gavin McClurg (Team USA2) has completed several similar routes, including traversing the Sierra Nevada and the Canadian Rockies, which resulted in his co-nomination for National Geographic Adventurer of the Year. Dawn Westrum (Team USA3) is only the fourth woman ever to compete in the X-Alps; this is her first race of this type, but she has an extensive background in ultra-marathon and adventure racing. Dave Turner (Team USA4) is one of two wild-card participants; his specialty has been solo "vol-bivouc" (fly-camp) adventures.

The seventh edition of the biennial race starts July 5, 2015 and will be covered live on the internet. Complete profiles and interviews with the competitors are available by [clicking here <http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001xT5yTUf9SDaklffUaeh2j5CA08ax7eIQmgesMyMk0aNsaP3BV-C2eljTH2gzYdl5nSHjZGB8QC_UKNKUXWQJ5Xy2pmriDt44z0opp3cqmbneqBNyRNADMg2_s32vlgidGhkr5DYi1w1jMlleY2wKiTxo0y0P10Rb18XHUe6Yh417hXzIXBDCuA=&c=NWALOEsaK8ANs81kwf0esw1Q9q7eOSCEJQJcPXeWBLljW_WxDiNvg==&ch=ElxxY8RSz0N5YAodWDm7Q85O6IMaEluMd6BBxD5QHIEfk-2gZEI9_Q==>](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001xT5yTUf9SDaklffUaeh2j5CA08ax7eIQmgesMyMk0aNsaP3BV-C2eljTH2gzYdl5nSHjZGB8QC_UKNKUXWQJ5Xy2pmriDt44z0opp3cqmbneqBNyRNADMg2_s32vlgidGhkr5DYi1w1jMlleY2wKiTxo0y0P10Rb18XHUe6Yh417hXzIXBDCuA=&c=NWALOEsaK8ANs81kwf0esw1Q9q7eOSCEJQJcPXeWBLljW_WxDiNvg==&ch=ElxxY8RSz0N5YAodWDm7Q85O6IMaEluMd6BBxD5QHIEfk-2gZEI9_Q==>).

Skydiving Hits Record High Numbers

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Photo by Niklas Daniel

For the third year in a row, the U.S. Parachute Association (USPA) is reporting record-high growth, indicating that more and more people are not only jumping for the first time, but are taking up the sport as a hobby and a passion.

Throughout 2014, USPA membership continued to set record highs, ending the year with 36,770 members, the highest in the association's 68-year history.

Last year, more than a half million people experienced the thrill of a lifetime, taking the leap for the first time. These first-timers and USPA members combined to make roughly 3.2 million skydives at more than 240 USPA-affiliated skydiving schools and centers across the country.

USPA also welcomed nearly 8,000 new members, the most ever added in a single year, and issued more than 4,100 basic skydiving licenses. These record-high numbers prove that more first-timers are coming back to pursue the sport