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# Louisiana Airports Economic Impact Study

In Louisiana, airports and aviation provide services that support and stimulate economic activity across the State. *The Louisiana Airports Economic Impact Study* reflects the benefits of Aviation to Louisiana, and the extent to which airports act as economic engines for their communities.

Beyond business and tourism, aviation brings other benefits to Louisiana's residents. Airports facilitate the movement of patients to and from medical centers. Aircraft use Louisiana Airports to apply pesticides to crops. Military aviators use Louisiana airports to hone their flying skills. Search and rescue flights are flown from these airports as well. Airports help to support services which are vital to all citizens of Louisiana.

Airports in Louisiana support the air travel need of Louisiana residents, businesses, and visitors and the state is fortunate to have 69\* public-use airports that support this function, as well as act as economic engines for regional economies. The Louisiana system of airports analyzed in the study consists of seven commercial service airports and 62 general aviation airports.

This study found that the system of 68 public-use airports in Louisiana has a substantial economic impact on the state. The results of the study generated an estimated \$6.7 billion in economic output, \$1.8 billion in annual payroll, and the airports supported approximately 58,900 jobs.

These numbers include expenditures by hundreds of on-airport businesses and millions of visitors, as well as the multiplier effect associated with this spending. In addition, Louisiana residents depend on aviation to support their health, welfare, and safety needs. Nearly 3.6 million visitors use the Louisiana public use airports – both commercial and general aviation – to travel to Louisiana. Commercial airlines conducted more than 210,000 operations at Louisiana's commercial service airports. In contrast, general aviation conducted nearly 1.8 million operations around the state during the year 2011.

**“Airports** in Louisiana are major **economic catalysts** for the state and for the communities they serve. They **support** vital **transportation** services for **all citizens** in Louisiana, whether they use the air transportation system **directly**, or benefit **indirectly** through the delivery of packages and goods, visits from family and friends, or an **improved quality of life.**”

This economic impact analysis has shown that the magnitude of the economic impact that Louisiana receives from its network of airports is significant. In addition to economic benefits, airports link communities to the national air transportation system enabling them to support many health, welfare, and safety services which improve the quality of life for all residents, businesses, and aviators.



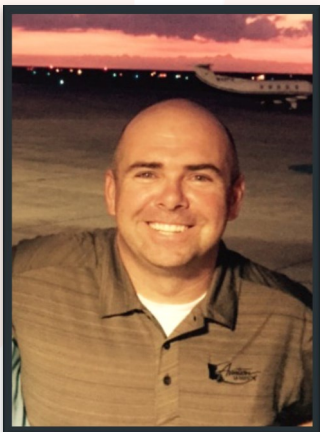
\* The 69th airport in the NPIAS is New Orleans Downtown Heliport (7N0) and was not included in this analysis.

# Welcome New DOTD Employees



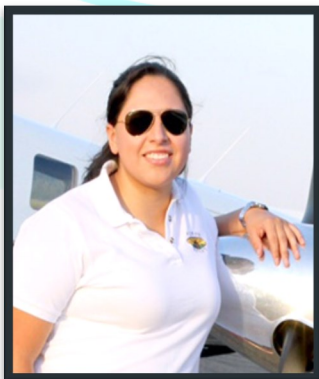
## Welcome LaToya Joseph!

We are proud to have LaToya as our Aviation Administration Assistant for DOTD. LaToya previously worked at LSU as the Administrative Coordinator for the school of Library and Information Science for over 10 years. She was the Admissions and Student Records Coordinator, Webmaster, and LSU Brand Ambassador. LaToya joined DOTD Aviation Section in December of last year. Her role is to assist in administrative duties for our section to help improve our Louisiana State System of Airports.



## Welcome Mike Burrows!

We are proud to have Mike as our Assistant Aviation Director for the DOTD Aviation Section. He joined the Section in February 2015, after nearly 13 years at the Lafayette Regional Airport. Mike has a B.S. in Aviation Management and is a Certified Member of the American Association of Airport Executives. His new role is to assist the Director in all aspects on DOTD Aviation as well as provide Supervision and Program Management of our Louisiana State System of Airports.



## Welcome Heidi Higginbotham!

We are proud to have Heidi as one of our Assistant Aviation Program Managers for the DOTD Aviation Section. Heidi graduated from the University of Louisiana at Monroe with a B.S. in Aviation Management. Heidi is a commercial pilot and volunteer pilot for Pilots for Patients. Heidi joined the DOTD Aviation Section in June 2015. Her roles include being Project Manager of several statewide studies and assessments to gain information needed to help improve our Louisiana State System of Airports.



# New Faces in Louisiana Aviation



## **Welcome Patrick Newcomb, Jena Airport Manager**

Patrick holds an Airline Transport Pilot license, a Certified Flight Instructor license and a Bachelor's degree in Business Finance. He is the Director of Flight Operations and Chief Pilot for Justiss Oil Company, a member of the Domestic Operations Committee for the NBAA, FAA FAAS Team Representative, and an Airport Support Network volunteer for the AOPA. Patrick moved to Jena in 2014 from Jacksonville, FL. He has a loving wife of 16 years and four terrific kids.



## **Welcome Richard "Richie" Artigue, Slidell Airport Manager**

Richie is a veteran of the US Navy. He retired from St. Tammany Parish Sheriff's Office and served a two year term with St. Tammany Parish as a councilman. Richie's experience as a pilot and business owner has the airport optimistic of the possibilities and excited for updates.



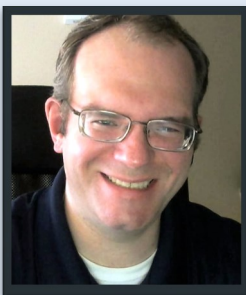
## **Welcome Steven Picou, Lafayette Regional Airport Executive Director**

Steven previously worked at Amarillo International Airport for over 7 years and an additional 7 years for the Albuquerque International Sunport. He worked for the New Orleans International Airport as the Noise Abatement Coordinator, Wildlife Manager and Operations Officer for 5 years. Steven holds a degree in Professional Aviation from Louisiana Tech University, is a commercial pilot, and an accredited member of the American Association of Airport Executives.



## **Welcome Richard Osborne, South Lafourche Airport Manager**

Richard graduated from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University with a B.S. in Professional Aeronautics. Richard's was the Airport Director of a busy general aviation airport located in central Florida where he obtained his private pilot's certificate and became an aircraft owner. He worked in the properties and planning departments of the Greater Orlando Aviation Authority— the agency that oversees the operation of the Orlando International and Orlando Executive airports.

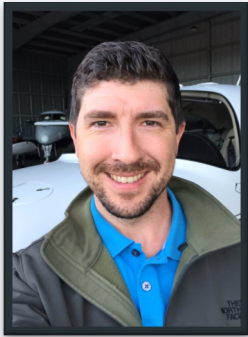


## **Welcome Edward Mathias, Compliance Coordinator Baton Rouge Airport**

Edward graduated from Louisiana Tech University in August 2014 with a Bachelor's degree in Aviation Management. He worked for Priester Aviation in Chicago for 6 months before joining Baton Rouge Metropolitan Airport in airport operation in June 2015. Edward is thrilled to be a part of Baton Rouge Airport and looks forward to learning the operations side of the airport.

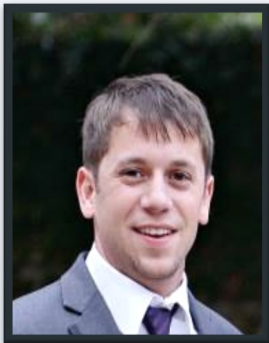


# New Faces in Louisiana Aviation



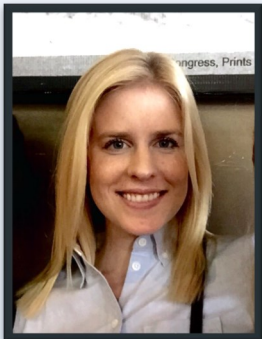
## Welcome Steven Burdeaux, Minden Airport Manager

Steven's love of aviation started when he had his first flight at age 2 in an aircraft piloted by Farley Grantham and Floyd Burdeaux, his Grandpa. He graduated from Louisiana Tech University in 2006 with a Bachelor's Degree in Aviation Management and a minor in Professional Aviation. Steven previously worked as a Compliance Coordinator in the Airport Operations Department at Baton Rouge Metropolitan Airport, the Director of Operations & Security/ASC at Monroe Regional Airport, and as an Operations Supervisor at Gulfport-Biloxi International Airport. While at Monroe, he also earned his ACE-Operations certification from AAEE.



## Welcome Chane Watson, New Orleans Lakefront Airport Assistant Director

Chane has been an aviation enthusiast all of his life, beginning with traveling across the country as a young child with his mother who was a flight attendant for Delta Airlines. He started flight training at 13 years old and received his private pilot's license four years later. After graduating Louisiana Tech University in 2010 with a Bachelor's Degree in Aviation Management, he worked in Airport Operations at the Louis Armstrong New Orleans International Airport for over four years. Currently, he is the Airport Assistant Director at the New Orleans Lakefront Airport, where he began his flight training over 15 years ago.



## Welcome Lauren Broussard, New Orleans Lakefront Airport Landside Operations Manager

Lauren Broussard is originally from Salt Lake City, UT. Her passion for aviation took off as she grew up admiring her dad's work and passion for aeronautics as a mechanical engineer for Moog Aircraft. Lauren attended college at Brigham Young University in Provo, UT and later transferred to Louisiana Tech University in 2011. She recently graduated with a Bachelor's degree in Aviation Management and has a private pilot certificate with an instrument rating. She is now the Terminal Operations Manager at New Orleans Lakefront Airport.



## Welcome Daniel Elsea, Lafayette Regional Airport Deputy Director

Daniel is the new Lafayette Regional Airport Deputy Director, successor to Mr. Michael Burrows. He has been with Lafayette Airport since 2010 as a Project Manager, and as an Operations Specialist. Daniel is a graduate of Mississippi State University and Louisiana Tech University. He is also an Accredited Airport Executive (A.A.E.) with the American Association of Airport Executives. Daniel is originally from Baton Rouge, LA.

LA DOTD Aviation would like to welcome all those who are new to Aviation in Louisiana and those who have moved positions or airports including Ben Morris, New Orleans Lakefront Airport; Joe Wheeler, Houma-Terrebonne Airport; LTC David Lobue, Hammond Northshore Regional Airport; Thad Angellos, Thibodaux Municipal Airport; Desiree Etheredge, Slidell Airport; George Ferrington, Winnsboro Municipal Airport; Louis Martin, Delhi Municipal Airport; and many more.



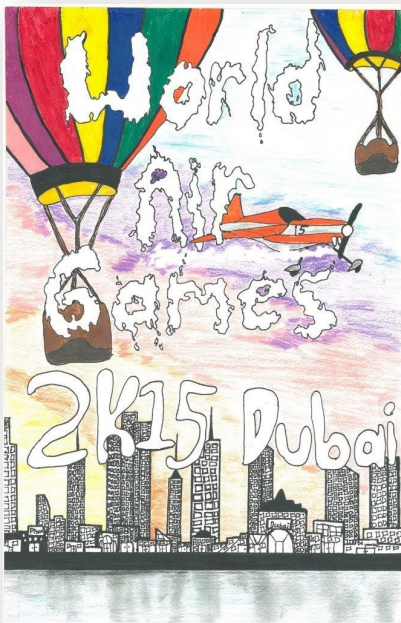
# Congratulations to the 2015 Aviation Art Contest Winners



Ages 6-7 1st PLACE  
**Lola Avery**  
St. John Primary



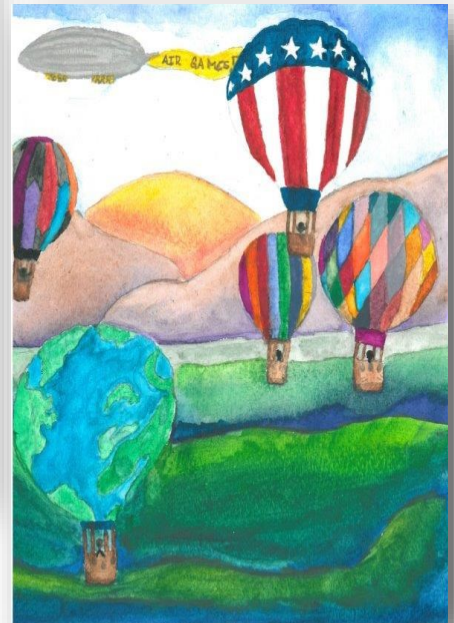
Ages 12-13 1st PLACE  
**Ivy Terrell**  
Live Oak Middle



Ages 14-15 1st PLACE  
**Adam McFatter**  
Grand Lake High School



Ages 8-9 1st PLACE  
**Audrey Soulier**  
St. John Primary



Ages 10-11 1st PLACE  
**Marcela Aguirre**  
T.H. Harris Middle



Ages 16-17 1st PLACE  
**Brianna Millet**  
E.D. White Catholic



# ✈️ 2016 Louisiana ✈️ Aviation Art Contest



## THEME : “Air Sports In Harmony With Nature”

### **Eligibility**

All children in the age groups shown below are encouraged to participate in the contest. Entries will be judged in six classes (determined by age of the entrant on December 31, 2015).

*Class I-Ages 6 to 7 / Class II-Ages 8 to 9 / Class III-Ages 10 to 11 / Class IV-Ages 12 to 13 / Class V-Ages 14 to 15 / Class VI-Ages 16 to 17*

### **Contest Rules**

#### **-Format**

The required format for artwork is 11 x 17 inches or, if this is unobtainable, the nearest possible equivalent.

Artwork must **NOT** be framed or outlined with borders.

#### **-Medium**

All artwork must be done by hand (or, in the case of physically challenged children, by foot or mouth).

**Any of the following media are permitted:** Watercolor, acrylic, oil paint, indelible marker pens, felt-tip pens, soft ball-point pens, indelible ink, Crayola or similar indelible medium.

**The following media are NOT permitted:** Pencil, charcoal or other non-permanent medium; computer generated artwork; collage work involving the use of photocopiers.

#### **-Markings**

The following details should be clearly shown on the back of the art: Title, family name, given name, address, date of birth, parish of residence, name and address of school which child attends, certificate of authenticity.

#### **-Reproduction Rights**

Once received, entries will become and remain the property of the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development, Aviation Section and may be used for a variety of reasons. Those forwarded for national judging become (and remain) the property of the Federation of Aeronatique Internationale (FAI).

### **Contest Deadline**

Entries must be received by **Friday, January 15, 2016.**

Entries must be sent to the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development, Aviation Section at the following address: Questions call: (225) 379-3053

**LA DOTD Aviation Section**  
**Attention: Ms. Tonjia Summerell**  
**P.O. Box 94245**  
**Baton Rouge, LA 70804-9245**





# LOUISIANA ACE CAMP



The Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD), Aviation Section, in its continuing efforts to reach out to young people to introduce them to aviation and flying, is pleased to announce the Louisiana Aviation Career Education (ACE) Camp Program. DOTD Aviation, in partnership with LaAviator.com, Louisiana Airport Managers & Associates (LAMA) and Louisiana Airports, will cosponsor four individual week-long camps that are aimed at high school students between the ages of 15 and 18 considering a career in aviation.

During the course of the week, participants will be introduced to a wide variety of aviation career opportunities, from commercial pilot to airport management. They will participate in hands-on activities related to various aviation topics, such as power plants, flight instruments, airports, flight safety, aeronautical charts, airspace, pilot math, and leadership training. The content of the material presented will focus on four major components: Airplane & Aviator, Airport Environment, Weather Environment, and Airport Design.

Dates and locations for the 2016 Summer ACE Camps are to be determined. For more information on the camps, you can visit [LaAviator.com](http://LaAviator.com).



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# UAS

Flying remains the safest means of travel in the United States regardless if it is the busiest and most complex airspace in the world. In this airspace, Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) are being integrated. The evolution of the integration of UAS must be safe, efficient, and structured.

Most people do not realize the model aircraft bought online or at a local shop for recreational purposes does not have to be registered and approved by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA); however, there are some rules.

## DO NOT:

- ✦ Fly your model aircraft beyond line of sight.
- ✦ Fly near airports or any manned aircraft
- ✦ Fly near people or stadiums
- ✦ Be careless or reckless as you can be fined if you endanger people or other aircraft.
- ✦ Fly anything that weighs more than 55 lbs.
- ✦ Fly your model aircraft above 400 feet AGL (above ground level)
- ✦ Fly model aircraft for payment or commercial purposes
- ✦ Fly within 5 nautical miles of an airport or control tower without prior notice of operation



Model aircraft may not be operated in Temporary Flight Restriction areas (TFRs), Prohibited Areas, Special Flight Rule Areas, or the Washington National Capital Region Flight Restricted Zone without specific authorization. Model aircraft operators should also be observant of Notices to Airmen (NOTAMS) which address operations near locations such as federal facilities, stadiums, power plants, etc.

What if I wish to use my UAS for commercial or business purposes? The FAA must issue a Certificate of Waiver or Authorization (COA) that authorizes public agencies and organizations to operate that specific aircraft for a specific purpose in a specific area.

Please visit [faa.gov/uas](http://faa.gov/uas) and [knowbeforeyoufly.org](http://knowbeforeyoufly.org) for more information.





LA DOTD Aviation representatives were present at the Chennault International Airshow on October 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> in Lake Charles, LA. The Chennault International Airshow, Inc., is a not-for-profit, community-based organization that has contributed to area schools to support aviation programs and the STEM disciplines (science, technology, engineering, math). Our staff participated in the Kids Zone area by providing aviation related games to assist with inspiring the youth, while also providing giveaways to all ages that increased aviation awareness. Other sponsors in the zone provided aviation themed fun jumps and educational activities which we hope inspired new aviators to help the future of aviation grow.

## LA DOTD Aviation’s Safety and Standards Officers at New Orleans Lakefront Airport.



Safety and Standards Officer, Robert Sehon, attended Airport Master Record Seminar in New Orleans November 2-6. The classes were structured toward an in-depth study of the airport data elements that appear on FAA’s Form 5010. On the last day, there was a full-day mock airport inspection at New Orleans Lakefront Airport. Safety and Standards Officer, Curtis Rich, attended the mock inspection at Lakefront and helped welcome all those attending to Louisiana.



# Explore Our Updated Website

See when our next training sessions are.

Visit our Public Outreach page and read some of our airport economic studies.

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### Training Resources and Guides

The following are Training Seminars to be held by the LA-DOTD Aviation Section:

- ▶ **Airport Lighting Maintenance / Safety Training Seminar (BASIC)**
  - ▶ February 16-19 2016
- ▶ **Pavement Condition Index Airport Training**
  - ▶ Tentative for May 2016 Dates TBD

#### Historical Trainings

~ **LA DOTD AVIATION TRAINING WORKSHOP - September 2015**

- \* CIP 101
- \* Grant Administrator
- \* Airport Role Briefing

~ **LA DOTD AVIATION TRAINING WORKSHOP - September 2014**

- \* CIP 101
- \* Real World LED Lighting Test - Program Overview
- \* Federal and Louisiana State Regulations
- \* How to Prepare for Airport Inspections
- \* Non - Prioritized Programs and Grant Administration

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### Public Outreach

The month of March was proclaimed as the Aviation Appreciation Month in the State of Louisiana.

#### Louisiana Aviation System Plan (LASP) Overview

The state's system of 69 airports, consisting of seven commercial service airports and 62 general aviation airports provides reliable access to 93 percent of Louisiana Residents. In 2012, this system of airports accommodated 1.8 million general aviation operations and more than 200,000 commercial airline operations, which explained more than 5 million passengers. Airports support approximately 58,900 jobs, with payroll of nearly \$1.8 billion, and produce \$6.7 billion in economic impact.

The Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD) has developed the Louisiana Aviation System Plan (LASP) for the purpose of guiding the state's airport planning activities. Airports in Louisiana are major economic catalysts for the state and for the communities they serve. They support vital transportation services for all citizens in Louisiana, whether they use the air transportation system directly, or benefit indirectly through the delivery of packages and goods, visits from family and friends, or an improved quality of life.

The LASP is a component of the Louisiana Statewide Transportation Plan which looks back at how the transportation system has evolved and considers, in a broad sense, how the system should evolve to meet changing infrastructure needs for all modes - aviation, port, rail, transit, and navigable waterway - in the years ahead.

LOUISIANA AVIATION SYSTEM PLAN

June 2015 Executive Summary

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### Inspection and Registration Program

**AIRPORT 5010 SAFETY INSPECTIONS**

5010 Inspections PowerPoint

**BLANK ANNUAL INSPECTION REPORT**

Annual Inspection Report

**LOUISIANA AIRPORT INSPECTION REPORT CHECKLIST**

Inspection Report Checklist

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### Forms and Publications

- ▶ Airport Managers Handbook
- ▶ Training Resources and Guides
- ▶ CIP Application
- ▶ GA MX
- ▶ AC MX
- ▶ Sponsor Certifications
- ▶ Payment look up with LAGDV
- ▶ Aviation Request for Reimbursement.xls

# Retirement NOTAM Issued

The Louisiana DOTD Aviation Section has issued a NOTAM effective January 4, 2016 at 4:15 pm that Curtis Rich, Aviation Safety and Compliance Officer, is retiring after nearly 43 years of service to DOTD.

Rich, a native of Baton Rouge and a graduate of Baton Rouge High School, joined the United States Army in 1970 and graduated from the United States Army Aviation School in 1971. Rich soloed on July 23, 1970 in an OH23 Helicopter at Fort Wolters, Texas. He served in the Vietnam War and flew both Army Huey and Jet Ranger helicopters while there. His Huey gunship was shot down during one mission. Rich was awarded the Air Medal for Achievement from the United States Army in 1971 and the Air Medal for Heroism in 1972.

Rich started his career with the Department in April, 1973 as a helicopter pilot and later flew both helicopters and airplanes for the state. He was the Chief Aircraft Pilot from 1980 until 2010. His duties included both aerial photography and executive aircraft transportation for passengers including governors, legislators, DOTD Secretaries, dignitaries, and staff. Additionally he was called into service for special disaster aerial assistance during the sinking of the Luling Ferry in 1976, the Denham Springs Flood of 1983, and Hurricane Katrina in 2005. After the LA DOTD sold their aircraft in 2010, Rich became a Safety and Standards Officer inspecting both public and private airplane and helicopter landing facilities across the state. He is passionate about his work and enjoys helping in the operational safety of flight. Rich has played a key role in guiding and implementing aviation safety practices by representing the DOTD Aviation Section at AOPA, FAAST and Civil Air Patrol meetings, seminars and workshops.

Since becoming a Safety and Compliance Officer, Rich has received a certificate for heliport evaluations from the US Department of Transportation and Safety Institute. He is a member of the Helicopter Safety Advisory Conference (HSAC) which makes recommendations for practices for offshore operations in the Gulf of Mexico and also worldwide. He was a member of HSAC's first Recommended Practices Committee: "New Build" and currently sits on two of HSAC committees: "Legacy Helidecks" and "Management."

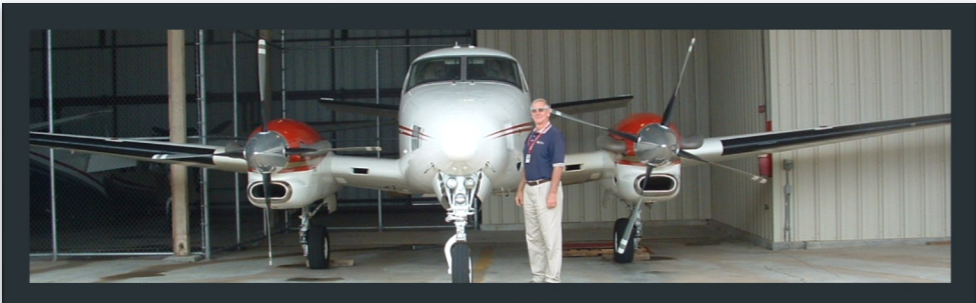
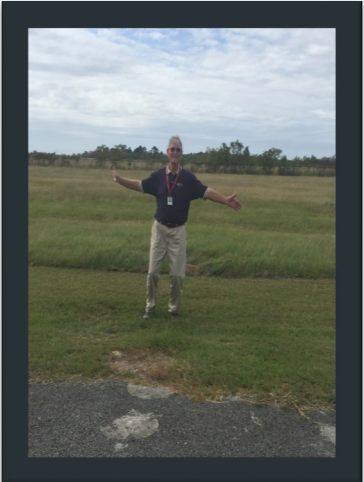
Rich has accumulated thousands of hours of flight time during his career and has commercial pilot ratings in Multi-engine (Land) and Rotorcraft, and holds instrument ratings in both. His airplane solo was in a Cessna 150 at Tigerland Aviation in Baton Rouge. Interestingly, he once had the opportunity to fly a blimp over Baton Rouge.

Rich has been married to his wife, Louise, for 16 years. Together they have 5 children, 13 grandchildren, and are awaiting the arrival of Grandchild 14 in March. Upon retiring, he and his wife plan on spending more time with their family and their grandkids. He also plans to do more boating, fishing, golfing, dancing, and handy man projects around the house.

Rich will be greatly missed by many here at LA DOTD and in the Louisiana Aviation Industry. We wish him the very best in his retirement.



# Curtis Rich





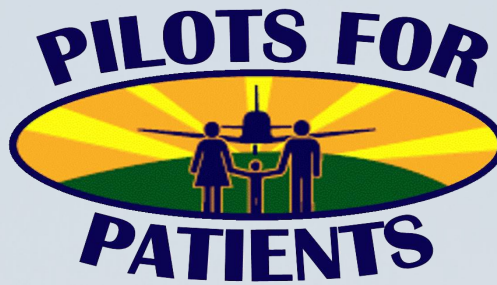
Become more involved in the Aviation Community.



Through quarterly meetings, annual conferences, and periodic workshops, LAMA keeps its members informed of the latest developments in Louisiana's aviation industry. LAMA also awards annual scholarships to outstanding aviation students enrolled at one of Louisiana's participating colleges and universities.



Join your local EAA chapter. Connect with like-minded enthusiasts, who keep you informed about the world of recreational aviation.



Become the hero in your community by helping your friends and neighbors. The PFP mission is to provide free air transportation to those patients needing diagnosis and treatments at medical facilities not available to them locally. Their goal is to eliminate the burden of travel allowing the patient to concentrate on getting well. Visit

[www.pilotsforpatients.org](http://www.pilotsforpatients.org) for more information or call 318.322.5112.



Visit LaAviator to keep up with Louisiana Aviation News, Classifieds, Blogs, and discover fun places to fly in Louisiana. Be sure to view the Calendar of Events for upcoming fly-ins, aviation organization meetings, museum events, safety seminars, and much more. LaAviator promotes and preserves aviation in Louisiana through Education and Celebration.

Are you interested in a career in aviation? Louisiana has wonderful colleges with great aviation programs to kick start your career!



LOUISIANA TECH UNIVERSITY

**Louisiana Tech University-** B.S. in Professional Aviation and B.S in Aviation Management

University of  
**LOUISIANA**  
Monroe

**University of Louisiana at Monroe-** B.S. in Aviation, Post-Baccalaureate certificate in UAS Management



**Southern University Shreveport Louisiana-** Certificate in Airframe and Powerplant Maintenance



**SOWELA Technical Community College-** FAA-Certificated AMTS Associate of Applied Science in Aviation Maintenance Technology



**Baton Rouge Community College-** Associate of Applied Science in Helicopter Pilot Operations