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## Quick Notes:

- We are starting to list the confirmed speakers for the 2009 MARPA Conference online at [pmamarpa.com](http://pmamarpa.com)
- FAA will soon be withdrawing the Part 145 rulemaking proposal on quality systems and ratings
- See the MARPA Blog at [pma-parts.wordpress.com](http://pma-parts.wordpress.com) for expanded versions of supplement articles as well as discussions of:
  - ◇ Topics Addressed at the Gorham Conference
  - ◇ The Safety Management Systems Rulemaking Committee

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## Supersaver Conference Registration a Success!

By the time the Supersaver registration period for the 2009 MARPA conference came to an end on May 1st, we had received our first 19 conference registrations.

While this is only 10% of our expected turn-out, this is the first time that MARPA has ever started to receive Conference registrations this early—we

still have five months to go until MARPA's 9th Annual Conference (scheduled for Sept. 29-Oct. 1st at the Renaissance Hotel in Las Vegas)!

Additionally, 14 companies either enrolled to become first time MARPA members, or renewed their membership dues.

For those who have not yet registered for the confer-

ence, the Early Bird rate applies for all registrations made on or before August 28th. Register today to save your place and lock in the best price.

For more information about MARPA's 2009 Annual Conference, including registration forms, a list of speakers and topics, and a list of sponsors, please visit the MARPA website at [www.pmamarpa.com](http://www.pmamarpa.com)

## MARPA To Meet With FAA on SFAR 88 Issue, Critical Parts Definition

Recently, many of MARPA's members have expressed their companies' concerns regarding FAA policies and procedures under SFAR88 ADs, as applied to PMAs.

CDCCL-equivalent FAA-PMA parts as AMOC to SFAR88 ADs, and that there are currently no effective means for communication of AMOC approvals for SFAR88 ADs.

FAA to discuss resolution of these issues, including such potential solutions as revising the SFAR88 ADs to incorporate PMAs as Methods of Compliance (MOC), and streamlining the AMOC approval communication process, to name a few.

**Mark your calendar! The 2009 MARPA Conference is scheduled for Sept. 29th-Oct. 1st. Find out more information online at <http://www.pmamarpa.com>!**

The three specific issues that member companies have encountered regarding SFAR88 are that CDCCL-equivalent FAA-PMA parts were disallowed as a means of compliance with SFAR88 ADs, that there exists no FAA guidance on approvals

MARPA member Wencor has prepared an issue paper on these difficulties, and MARPA has forwarded this important issue paper to the FAA for action.

As the next step in the process, MARPA plans to hold a meeting with the

While meeting with the FAA, MARPA also plans to address an issue some members have been encountering with FAA definitions of criticality as it pertains to part serialization.

Don't forget to visit the MARPA blog at <http://pmaparts.wordpress.com>

## Become a Part of MARPA's Online Professional Network

MARPA has created a LinkedIn Group for people in the PMA industry. LinkedIn, a professional online networking site, brings together people from all over the world with experience in various industries.

LinkedIn members create their own accounts detailing their professional experience, education, interests, and hobbies. Members then create networks by linking with one another and by joining groups. Members of groups and networks can then interact with one another, and also see who the other members know and are interacting with. Membership in LinkedIn is free, and the MARPA LinkedIn group is open to all interested parties.

Members of the MARPA LinkedIn group can start and contribute to

group discussions, and can choose to receive email notifications from LinkedIn about the group's recent activities. Additionally, group members can post and respond to job openings or other professional opportunities.

To get started with your free LinkedIn account, visit [www.linkedin.com](http://www.linkedin.com), and follow the directions for joining. Once you are a member, locate and join the MARPA group by selecting the choice to "Search Groups" from the drop down search menu, and searching for the phrase "MARPA."

Interested members can also, find MARPA president Jason Dickstein and MARPA Associate Counsel Jessica Stubbs on LinkedIn. Link to Jason and Jessica today to become part of their network.

## Economic Downturn Forces Airbus to Slash A380 Production

As the economic downturn continues, Airbus has reduced the number of A380s it plans to deliver in 2009. In May 2008, Airbus had announced that it would deliver 21 A380s in 2009. That number was later changed to 18, and, just last week, was further adjusted to only 14 deliveries for the year. Airbus has said that it plans to manufacture and deliver more than 20 aircraft in 2010.

The planned reduction in A380 deliveries is the result of the lack of airline demand, in part due to decreased air travel and a reduced availability of consumer financing.

How does a reduction in the planned delivery of new aircraft, such as Airbus is engaged in currently, affect the PMA industry? Airlines who cannot currently afford to purchase new aircraft will continue to fly older aircraft, which will re-

### MARPA Original Board Member Steps Down

One of MARPA's original Board members, Joshua Abelson, is no longer with member company Heico, and is leaving the MARPA Board of Directors. Until leaving Heico, Mr. Abelson was the Chair of the MARPA Board. MARPA's appreciates Mr. Abelson's commitment to the Association and his many years of service on behalf of the PMA industry.

In light of Mr. Abelson's departure, MARPA will be looking to fill his seat on the Board. Are or someone you know in the industry interested in joining the MARPA Board? The Board is considering candidates who have experience in and knowledge of the industry and are committed to using that experience and knowledge to help further MARPA's goals.

If you are interested in applying for the MARPA Board, please contact MARPA by email at [info@washingtonaviation.com](mailto:info@washingtonaviation.com).

quire support and perhaps more maintenance than a brand-new aircraft would. This support and maintenance can be provided by PMA parts. For the PMA industry, even the effects of the economic downturn can sometimes be seen in a more positive light for business.

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