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Quick Notes:

- The list of confirmed speakers for the 2009 MARPA Conference is growing, as we receive written confirmations—see the list on our website!
- MARPA is accepting resumes of qualified candidates for the Board of Directors
- See the MARPA Blog for expanded coverage of Supplement articles as well as discussions of:
 - ◇ Insuring PMA Export Receivables through the Ex-Im Bank
 - ◇ Airframe and Component PMAs are growing

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SMS ARC Calls for Volunteers

The FAA's Safety Management Systems (SMS) Aviation Rulemaking Committee (ARC) will soon be forming a manufacturing working group, and we are looking for members interested in representing the PMA industry.

SMS is the formal process of using system safety

practices in an organization's everyday activities to control risk. The International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) has mandated that all countries must have regulations requiring SMS for regulated parties.

The manufacturing working group of the SMS ARC will meet periodically over the course of one year, and

member may be asked to commit to six live and six telephonic meetings. The working group will make recommendations on implementation of SMS in a manufacturing environment.

MARPA members interested in volunteering should email MARPA, and we will forward to you the application form.

CCMA: The Latin American Market May Be Ripe for PMA

CCMA, the annual meeting of the Latin American and Caribbean air carrier industry, was held May 10-12 in Cartagena, Colombia. The meeting was managed by ALTA (the trade association that represents this industry).

For any other part of the world. In fact, the growth of the Latin American market has been high in recent years, perhaps in part due to a growing middle class and other positive factors in the Latin American economy.

carrier. This sentiment was echoed by others over the course of the conference.

PMA manufacturers wishing to take advantage of the growth of the Latin American market must take into account that personal relationships may be even more important in Latin America than the are in North America. Overall, CCMA showed that Latin America represents a potentially great new market for PMA parts, as long as manufacturers are willing to take the time to build the necessary relationships.

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 Latin American air carrier industry is weathering the recession well. While ALTA's members saw their revenue per passenger kilometer go down slightly, the drop in revenues for ALTA members was negligible when compared to the drop in reve-

At the conference, Juan Jose Flores of Mexicana explained that his air carrier's relationships with suppliers are characterized by trust, and noted how important relationships were to companies interested in doing business with any Latin American

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

FAA Responds to MARPA's SFAR 88 Concerns

MARPA has received a response from the FAA regarding the concerns many MARPA member companies expressed concerning the FAA policies and procedures for implementing Airworthiness Directives (AD) for SFAR 88. MARPA had sent a letter and issue paper to the FAA in April concerning this important issue.

Dave Hempe, the Manager of the Aircraft Engineering Division at the FAA, explained that the FAA is concerned about these issues and is developing formal responses to each of MARPA's concerns and associated recommendations regarding the SFAR 88 issue. In addition, the FAA is currently discussing the issues and coordinating policies to help resolve the industry's concerns.

The SFAR 88 ADs require operators of transport category aircraft to implement Critical Design Configuration Control Limitations on fuel tanks and fuel tank components.

MARPA members have experienced issues because replacement parts from PMA holders have been disallowed as a means of compliance to fuel tank ADs. The FAA has provided no guidance on how to approve PMA parts as an Alternative Means of Compliance (AMOC) to the SFAR 88 ADs, and some offices have been unable to issue AMOCs because of this. MARPA has suggested solutions to each of these issues.

To read the letter and issue paper MARPA sent the FAA, or the FAA's initial response, visit the MARPA website at www.pmamarpa.com, and click on the link for "Government Affairs."

MARPA LinkedIn Group Offers Networking, Job Board

The MARPA LinkedIn Group for people in the PMA industry, the creation of which was announced in the May issue of the MARPA supplement, is off to a promising start, with over 30 members already joining and new members joining every day.

Members have engaged in discussions on topics such as the new PMA sealants brought to market and what technical innovations in the PMA field most interest them. Additionally, members of the MARPA LinkedIn Group have begun to post job openings on the group's "Jobs" board.

Remember, to get started with your FREE LinkedIn account and become a MARPA LinkedIn Group member, visit 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."

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.

Are Your MARPA Dues Current?

As the MARPA dues year draws to a close at the end of June, it is time to ask yourself if your MARPA dues are current.

MARPA has sent out invoices for 2009-10 dues. Additional dues information, such as the dues amount charged for member companies based on their size, is available on the MARPA webpage at pmamarpa.com. You will also find a form under the link "Joining MARPA" to authorize dues renewal by credit card. If for some reason you did not get a dues invoice, or your invoice was incorrect, please call us and we will fix the problem.

One of our latest initiatives is a MARPA membership publication that will list MARPA members with a short description of their focus. This is being developed because a number of air carriers have asked for information about where they can go to get PMA parts, and this will be the first step in providing tools for buyers of PMA parts.

To participate in this new MARPA effort, make sure to complete and return the member company survey enclosed in this month's MARPA Supplement.

Don't miss out on the great benefits provided by being a member of MARPA—pay your dues invoice today!

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