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## Preflight Briefing

Adventist World Aviation (AWA), a laymen's logistical support organization, was established during a series of meetings held at Andrews University the weekend of March 24, 1995. GC officials Robert Folkenberg, Leo Ranzolin, and Larry Colburn met with approximately 50 aviation and business professionals to examine aviation's role in fulfilling the commission to take the gospel to "...every nation, tribe, language, and people" (Rev. 14:6). Laymen Len Cornwell of Vancouver, Washington, and Don Starlin of Berrien Springs, Michigan, organized and facilitated the conference. "The goal was to bring interested professionals together and ask the Lord to use us," said Starlin.

## "I have a friend..."

**AWA is establishing a wide base of support from laymen around the world. If you know someone who might be interested in becoming a part of this organization, please share this newsletter with them and send their name and address to AWA.**

## "An Arm of the Church"

AWA is a non-profit, independent organization that will provide logistical coordination of aircraft and communications resources to support mission projects for the church and related ministries. AWA will assess the regional needs, develop programs to meet those needs, assure efficient aircraft use, and manage financial and material resources.

AWA will work closely with church leaders. Elder Ranzolin, Chairman of the GC Aviation Committee, sees AWA as "an arm of the church." GC Aviation Committee Secretary, Elder Colburn, states "the church is restricted in providing planes and pilots as a means for the advancement of the work in many parts of the world. There is much more to do than we have funds for. AWA should not look to the church for funding, but should link hands with the church and work together."

Pilots currently serving in the mission field are in a Herculean battle for the survival of the aviation program. AWA, with your help, will provide the support they so desperately need as they do their part in taking the gospel to the world.

## Funding

Funding for AWA programs will come from individual donations, development agencies, charitable foundations, government grants, and by commercial activity.

## Scanning the Horizon

The interim officers, working out of temporary AWA headquarters at Andrews University Airpark, have drawn up and submitted Articles of Incorporation to the State of Michigan for approval.

Current projects include the completion of a detailed business plan with the assistance of Derek Bradfield of the Andrews University School of Business and the design of an operations manual to be used as a blueprint for AWA field operations.

A questionnaire will be sent to interested individuals to solicit information about the ways they would like to use their abilities to further the organization's work.

## Donations

Adventist Frontier Missions has volunteered to assist AWA by handling accounting functions. Please make your tax deductible donation out to: Adventist Frontier Missions. Be sure to mark it clearly for AWA. Send to:

Adventist World Aviation  
Griggs Drive  
Berrien Springs, MI 49103

## Looking Back

The vision for SDA mission aviation began in the 50's when Elder James J. Aitken, president of the South American Division, dreamed of using airplanes to reach remote areas. The Autumn Council of 1960 passed an "Air Travel and Use of Private Plane" policy, and in 1964 the church purchased a Helio Courier, which was subsequently stationed in Peru.

The program grew to a total of 26 aircraft by the late 70's. Today there are approximately 13 SDA aircraft involved in mission aviation. Reasons for the decline of the program include shifts in leadership style, tightening budgets, a hostile legal environment, and rising insurance and operational costs.

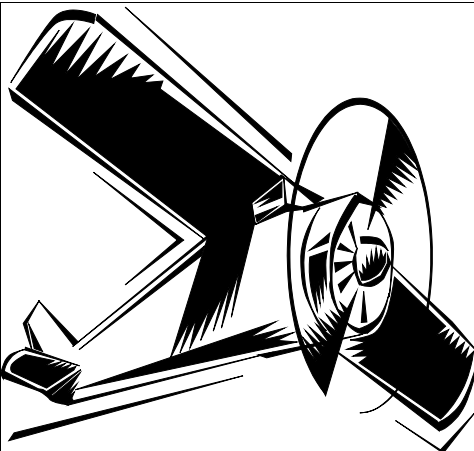
## AWA Gets Exposure

Interim Directors, Neville Bradfield and Bob Seamount, Jr., attended the International Association of Mission Aviation convention held in Winston-Salem, NC, April 20-22. The theme was "The World of Change." Bradfield and Seamount attended lectures on how e-mail is changing the world, VFR/IMC flight conditions, and morale motivation in the real world. Also of interest were the progress reports of other mission organizations around the world.

## Your Turn

The Flight Log is soliciting items to include in future issues. If you have technical or procedural information or other news which you feel would be beneficial to AWA members around the world, please write to:

**Adventist World Aviation  
Griggs Drive  
Berrien Springs, MI 49104**



## Around the World in Sixty Seconds

Outpost Centers Incorporated pilot Bill Norton is using a Zenair CH701 experimental aircraft in outreach efforts in Kibidula, Tanzania. Although this aircraft has proven to be an efficient means of transportation, there is a need for a larger aircraft. ASI plans to purchase a Cessna 210 to support East African projects. An offering will be taken at the ASI Convention in Spokane to provide funds for this purchase.

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Jeff Green, pilot for Zaire Union Mission recently returned to the U.S. to purchase a factory remanufactured engine and other parts for his Cessna 206. Jeff and his wife Evelyn have been assisting with the ADRA refugee program in Goma, Zaire.

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Bob Roberts, mission pilot stationed in Irian Jaya, had the opportunity to test fly the Sherpa, a no-nonsense 400 h.p. bush plane. The aircraft is expected to undergo modifications before completing FAA certification.

*"How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news."  
Isaiah 52:7*

## MAFnet

Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF) has established a worldwide electronic communications system which provides e-mail services to churches and the missions they support.

MAF is also in the process of setting up e-mail networks in locations which lack telephone lines. Messages from these remote areas are passed to central hubs through VHF/HF radios and satellite terminals. The central hubs then relay the messages to MAF's master hub at their headquarters in Redlands, California. This process enables a communication to reach its destination in minutes or hours rather than weeks.

AWA officers are investigating the possibility of participating in the system to facilitate efficient communications with remote missions.



## AWA at ASI

AWA will sponsor a booth at the 1995 Adventist-Laymen's Services and Industries (ASI) Convention to be held in Spokane, Washington, from August 9th to 12th. Election of AWA directors and officers will take place during the convention.

If you have the opportunity to attend this convention, please be sure to stop by and visit.