



State of AMTSociety Address

Advisory Circular No. 65-25E has been implemented, effective June 3, 2009, when it was signed by John M. Allen, Director, Flight Standards Service. There are many changes, probably the most notable is the name: William (Bill) O'Brien Aviation Maintenance Technician (AMT) Awards Program. It was named after O'Brien for all the work he did for the program after he and Rich Mileham initiated the first program in 1992. Other changes include: mandatory core training that must be completed by all AMTs to be eligible for an individual William (Bill) O'Brien award.

The mandatory core training will focus on aviation maintenance accident/incident causal factors, special emphasis items, and regulatory issues. Core training will be comprised of either one or two online courses, depending on FAA evaluation of training needs. The core training courses can be located and completed 24/7 at www.FAASafety.gov.

The time allotted for each course will count toward the hour requirement for a William O'Brien award. Technicians and employers may be eligible for the AMT awards. The individual technician's award will be an AMT Certificate of Training and an AMT decal signifying the year the award was earned. Individual awards include: Phase I, Bronze Award (12 hours); Phase II, Silver Award (minimum of 40 hours), Phase III, Gold Award (minimum of 80 hours plus completion of college level course of three credit hours or 40 classroom hours in mathematics, English, science, aviation safety, human factors, management, quality control). AMT employers awards include: Employer Gold Award of Excellence, Employer Diamond Award of Excellence.

For individual awards all phases require that individuals register at www.FAASafety.gov, enroll in the William (Bill) O'Brien

Awards Program, and complete the core training courses.

AMTSociety is very involved with this advisory circular and its purpose. I have been the chairman of the FAA/Industry Advisory Committee since 2001.

Stay safe.

— Tom Hendershot

2009-2010 AMTSociety IA Renewal program

Sept. 12, 2009, Crimson Technical College, 8911 Aviation Blvd., Inglewood, CA

Oct. 14, 2009, Holiday Inn and Suites, 3003 N. University Dr., Sunrise/Fort Lauderdale, FL

Oct. 28, 2009, Sheraton Mahwah Hotel, One International Blvd., Mahwah, NJ

Nov. 4, 2009, Four Points by Sheraton, 4900 Duckhorn Dr., Sacramento, CA

Nov. 11, 2009, Four Points by Sheraton, One Industry Lane, Pittsburgh, PA

Dec. 9, 2009, Holiday Inn/Sea-Tac Intl. Airport, 17338 International Blvd., Seattle, WA

Jan. 13, 2010, ExpressJet Airlines Training Center, 17445 John F. Kennedy Blvd., Houston, TX

Jan. 27, 2010, Holiday Inn, Atlanta Airport S., 4669 Airport Blvd., Atlanta, GA

Feb. 10, 2010, Hilton Garden Inn, Phoenix Airport N., 3838 E. Van Buren St., Phoenix, AZ

Feb. 24, 2010, Holiday Inn KCI & Expo Center, 11730 N. Ambassador Dr., Kansas City, MO

March 16-17, 2010, Las Vegas Convention Center, Las Vegas, NV, Aviation Industry Expo

March 24, 2010, The Summit Conference & Event Center, 411 Sable Blvd., Aurora, CO