



2012 DAVID CHARLES ABRAMSON MEMORIAL (DCAM) FLIGHT INSTRUCTOR SAFETY AWARD.

THE 2012, PRESTIGIOUS DCAM FLIGHT INSTRUCTOR SAFETY AWARD, WAS PRESENTED BY CO-FOUNDER MR. RIKKI ABRAMSON, TO MR. PAUL HARRIS, MANAGER OF FLIGHT OPERATIONS, PACIFIC FLYING CLUB, VANCOUVER, AT AIR TRANSPORT ASSOCIATION OF CANADA'S AGM & CONVENTION, OPENING LUNCHEON, ON NOVEMBER 14, AT THE WESTIN BAYSHORE HOTEL, VANCOUVER.

PAUL, AN INNOVATOR IN THE FIELD OF FLIGHT INSTRUCTION, HAS SPENT OVER TWENTY YEARS ACCUMULATING OVER TWELVE THOUSAND HOURS. HIS GREATEST CONTRIBUTION TO AVIATION SAFETY WILL BE THE NEXT GENERATION OF FLIGHT INSTRUCTORS THAT HE HAS TRAINED. HE IS AN INDIVIDUAL WHO BELIEVES STRONGLY IN DEMONSTRATING LEADERSHIP AND IN CULTIVATING LEADERSHIP IN HIS STUDENTS. HE IS INTOLERANT OF AVERAGE GOALS BELIEVING THE SAFEST PILOT IS ONE WHO IS TRAINED TO THE HIGHEST POSSIBLE STANDARD AND ONE WHO SEEKS TO EXCEL IN HIS DISCIPLINE. BEYOND INSTRUCTING STUDENTS HE BELIEVES THAT TO

HAVE A LASTING IMPACT HE MUST ALSO DIRECT HIS EFFORTS TO THE TASK OF TRAINING THE PEOPLE WHO TEACH PEOPLE TO FLY.

RECOGNITION WAS GIVEN TO TWO DESERVING NOMINEES; ONE IN THE ROTARY WING DIVISION, MR. PATRICK LAFLEUR, CHIEF FLIGHT INSTRUCTOR AT PASSPORT-HELICO, QUEBEC, WHO WAS THE RECIPIENT OF THE SAFETY MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS WORKSHOP, SPONSORED BY AIR TRANSPORT ASSOCIATION OF CANADA. MR. CHRIS WALSH, DIRECTOR OF TRAINING, MANAGER OF CORPORATE SAFETY AND QUALITY, AT MONCTON FLIGHT COLLEGE, NEW BRUNSWICK, WAS CHOSEN TO RECEIVE THE THREE DAY, FLIGHT INSTRUCTOR REFRESHER COURSE, SPONSORED BY SENECA COLLEGE.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT WAS GIVEN TO THE DCAM SPONSORS FOR THEIR HELP IN SUSTAINING AND DEVELOPING THE AWARD OVER THE PAST TEN YEARS.

SPONSORS ARE AIR CANADA, AIR TRANSPORT ASSOCIATION OF CANADA, CANADIAN ASSOCIATION OF AVIATION COLLEGES, CANADIAN FORCES SNOWBIRDS, ESSENTIAL TURBINES, FLIGHTSAFETY CANADA, HAMILTON WATCHES, HELICOPTERS MAGAZINE, SENECA COLLEGE, SENNEISER CANADA & WINGS MAGAZINE.

THANKS WERE ALSO GIVEN TO SUPPORTERS, CANADIAN OWNERS & PILOTS ASSOCIATION, CANADIAN BUSINESS AVIATION ASSOCIATION, AND THE CANADA AVIATION & SPACE MUSEUM FOR THEIR CUSTODIANSHIP OF THE TROPHY.

THE AWARD HAS CREATED AWARENESS AMONG INSTRUCTORS, STUDENTS AND PILOTS OF THE ABSOLUTE IMPORTANCE OF INSTRUCTION IN CANADA'S AVIATION INDUSTRY. IT HAS AND CONTINUES TO CREATE PRIDE IN THE WORK INSTRUCTORS DO, AND RAISES BEST PRACTICES. OTHERS HAVE ACKNOWLEDGED THAT THE AWARD RAISES THE GOAL LEVELS FOR INSTRUCTORS AND STUDENTS ALIKE AND ENGENDERS THE VALUES OF AIRMANSHIP, LEADERSHIP AND AVIATION SAFETY.

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