

# SAFETY TIMES

Quarterly Newsletter of Safety by the Medallion Foundation

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## TOGETHER. SHAPING THE FUTURE.

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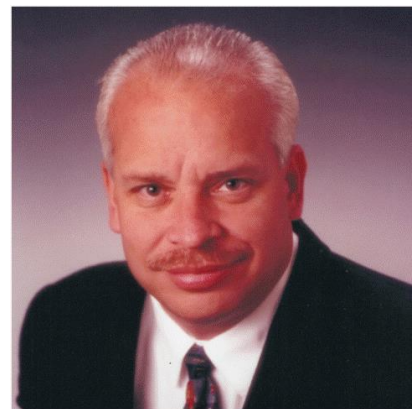
### *Mission Statement*

The mission of the Medallion Foundation is to reduce aviation accidents in Alaska by fostering a new safety culture and by promoting higher safety standards through research, education, auditing and advocacy.

## Rock Named Executive Director New Direction for Medallion

By Mike Stedman, Pres.  
AACA

Late last year the Medallion Foundation Board of Directors regretfully accepted the resignation of Mr. Dennis Ward as the Executive Director of Medallion, effective December 15, 2012. A search for a new Executive Director was conducted by a



Jerry Rock, Executive Director

subcommittee of Medallion Foundation Board members. This subcommittee received many qualified applications and through an exhaustive numerical scoring process reduced the number down to three highly-qualified candidates. These

### **New Part 135 CRM Course**

Once exclusively required by part 121 training programs, the smaller world of part 135 operations now require all flight crewmembers to have initial training in crew resource management. And for once, this rule, 14CFR 135.330, is better defined than its complementary requirement under 121 operations. But your operation is small, understaffed and many, if not all of the management staff participate in flying the line. How on earth do you expect to be able to put together a training program that not only meets this requirement but is accomplished by March 22 (OF THIS YEAR) in order to keep all your pilots qualified and the company making money! We have the answer! Medallion has put together an online training course and FAA-approved syllabus to meet your core needs. Simple to use and inexpensive. Access the course at <http://medallion.learnpointlms.com/>. For further information email: [crminfo@medallionfoundation.org](mailto:crminfo@medallionfoundation.org)

**Medallion Foundation Hours**  
**Mon.- Fri.**  
**8 a.m.-9 p.m.**

### **Medallion SMS Implementation Program**

Our SMS is designed in accordance with International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) and FAA SMS guidance. Our SMS Implementation Program is simple and easy to implement regardless of the size or type of the operation.

You don't have to be in Alaska or even join the Medallion Foundation to utilize our SMS Implementation

three were then interviewed and scored again on a numerical basis resulting in extremely close scores. The scores were so close that two applicants were separated by a few hundredths of a point. When the dust settled, Jerry Rock was asked to accept the Executive Director position. Mr. Rock took over as the Executive Director in December 2012.

Rock has long been a friend to the Medallion Foundation by serving on its board of directors since the not for profit organization was formed in 2001. Mr. Rock a past president of the Alaska Air Carriers Association recently held the position of treasurer of the AACA board of director's, the parent organization of the Medallion Foundation.

"With over 30-years of experience in the aviation industry Jerry brings volumes of knowledge about aviation safety and operations that will aid the Medallion Foundation in crafting its future and contribution to the industry," said Wilfred Ryan, President of the Medallion Foundation's Board of Directors. The combination of helicopter and fixed wing, passenger and cargo operational experience Rock brings practical, systematic and forward looking vision to Medallion.

## **Medallion Presents CFI Professionalism**

### **FAA Safety Team CFI/DPE Quarterly Meeting**

Medallion Foundation assisted the FAA Safety Team when FAA Certified Flight Instructor Doug Ankney presented CFI professionalism during a CFI/DPE meeting held at Learn to Return in Anchorage on Jan. 29. The meeting was well attended with 60 people who learned about flight instructor professionalism and about the Learn to Return classes and activities. Brian Horner who created Learn to Return, a survival education company gave a talk on how the school operates and showed its aircraft simulators used for training pilots and passengers how to survive during accident situations.

Ankney is a Program Manager for the Medallion Foundation's



**Medallion SPO Program  
Manager Doug Ankney, CFII,  
MEII**

Program. Members of the Medallion Foundation can achieve an SMS and become a Medallion Foundation Shield Carrier in successive effort.

Our staff has over 100 years of combined aviation experience. FAA InFO #11010 recognizes the Medallion Foundation as offering compliant SMS validation services.

It is our mission to help our clients, implement, and maintain an FAA compliant SMS with clarity, practicality, and efficiency. Please contact our office for more information.

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## Upcoming Events and Training Opportunities

\* System Safety Course

[3/19/2013 to 3/19/2013](#)

[\(REGISTER\)](#) 5520 Lake Otis Pkwy  
Suite 104 Anchorage

\* Safety Management System (SMS)

[3/20/2013 to 3/20/2013 \(REGISTER\)](#)

5520 Lake Otis Parkway Suite 104,  
Anchorage

\* System Safety Course

[3/26/2013 to 3/26/2013 \(REGISTER\)](#)

Sophie Station Hotel, 1717 University  
Ave. Fairbanks

\* Safety Management System (SMS)

[3/27/2013 to 3/28/2013](#)

[\(REGISTER\)](#) Sophie Station Hotel,  
1717 University Ave S, Fairbanks

\* Aviation Safety Stand Down-April 6

Loussac Library, Anchorage

\* AASF Seaplane Seminar-April 20

Anchorage Lake Hood AMD Hangar

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Single Pilot Operator program and regularly assists ATD users with his knowledge of instrument flying regulations and procedures.

Before Doug joined the Medallion Foundation he was Chief Flight Instructor for the defunct Take Flight Alaska flight school at Merrill Field, and was previously a Glacier pilot who flew for several Talkeetna based operations.

As an ATP, CFII, MEII Ankney was chosen by the FAA Safety Team to present a PowerPoint presentation on flight instructor professionalism and ethics due to his experience and knowledge of flight instruction methodology. While the Medallion Foundation does not offer ground or flight instruction knowledge of these values are always important in dealing with clients and the general public.

Doug Ankney served in the Vietnam war as an Aviation Electrician's Mate Third Class, and was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for Heroism in Aerial Flight on 6 & 7 August 1972 and three Navy Commendation Medals with Combat "V" for heroic achievement on 6 April, 16 April and 1 May 10 1972. He was also awarded the US Marine Corps Combat Aircrew Wings retroactively in May 2006.

## "The future possibilities for Medallion are very bright..."

*Wilfred "Boyuck"  
Ryan, Pres.  
Medallion Board of  
Directors*



The 2013 AACA Safety Luncheon recently sponsored by the Medallion Foundation offered an overview of the organization by Wilfred "Boyuck" Ryan, president of the Medallion Board of Directors.

The Medallion Foundation has been busy with projects such as the FAA's Circle of Safety campaign, received authority from the FAA to develop as an "Other Designated Authority" also known as ODA, created a new online Crew Resource Management course for Part 135 operators, offers System Safety courses and is developing its own SMS (safety management systems) program, and offering TapRoot classes for root cause analysis according to Ryan.

In addition Medallion is also offering safety audits for the 10 to

### **Trending-**

Watch for a new Medallion website, and logo in the coming months.

### **MF Simulators**

#### **Quarterly Picks-**

C-206 Garmin 1000

Many of our clients have not had a chance to experience our newest acquisition the Cessna 206 Garmin 1000 simulator.

The CE206 G1000 has a replica panel that has to EFIS screens, all the same controls, switches, levers and fuses as one would find in the real aircraft.

The G1000 206 or ATD #3 on our flight scheduler has gotten a tremendous amount of usage by some of our new members of the Alaska Wing of the Civil Air Patrol.

### **Medallion at theTroopers**

The week of Feb 11 the PA18 Super Cub full motion simulator was used at Lake Hood to flight check over 20 AST pilots using the MF Decision Making Program.

### **Wind Charts are Back**

Wind Charts are available again for info ONLY! On the members web portal.

12 carriers that are providing air transportation for Pebble Mine, he stated.

Medallion has seen some successes in the past year with a 16 percent increase in its membership which now includes 58 Star and Shield carrier members. It has also seen a dramatic increase in the use of its 16 flight simulators located statewide.

Ryan stated that while there is a very bright side to Medallion's future, there are some challenges with its dwindling funding.

Medallion was federally funded with \$17.9 million in 2001 and has an annual operating expense of \$1.2 million. Annual dues from its member account for \$65,000, and the State of Alaska added \$265,000 he added. Under the current funding level there is enough funding to carry Medallion through to 2014 but that Medallion must become self-sufficient by the fourth quarter of 2013 or obtain additional sources of funding.

## **This Quarters Q&A & Safety Tips**

### **Q: How many accidents and incidents have been recorded in 2013?**

A: According to the FAA Safety Team as of the end of Feb. 2013 there are:

Part 91-11

Part 135 5

Part 133 1

The majority of these accident/incident reports were on take-off or landing.

- A safety culture that holds safety as a core value
- Continuous professional development of individual skills and competence
- Proactive sharing of operational control responsibilities
- Hazard identification and risk management techniques and trend analysis
- Management practices that support the organization's safety objectives

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