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**Canada Transportation Act Review Announced:** On June 25, 2014 the Minister of Transport announced a statutory review of the Canada Transportation Act. The announcement came a full year before the review was scheduled. A secretariat has been set up with former Vancouver Airport President, David Emerson, as Chairman. Randall Meades is the Executive Director. A six person group of advisors includes former Air Canada Executive Duncan Dee. The secretariat has issued a discussion paper and will meet with airline representatives at ATAC's Annual General Meeting in Vancouver scheduled for November 17 – 19, 2014. ATAC will suggest a number of revisions to the Act as well as responding to the discussion paper.

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**TC Pilot Flight & Duty Time Regulation Proposal is Potentially Disastrous:** ATAC has been at the forefront of the deliberations between companies, pilot representatives, unions and the regulator on this subject for several years. ATAC actively participated in the related Transport Canada Working Group that debated the way forward on this subject for about two years. In the end, following many attempts to find reasonable solutions, ATAC joined eight other like-minded associations across Canada to file a well-documented dissenting position. After a long period of silence, on September 15th Transport Canada indicated that they plan to forge ahead with their concept of what is best for the Canadian industry through issuance of a Notice of Proposed Amendment (NPA) that for the most part reflected the Working Group Report that ATAC and the other eight associations most strenuously objected to. In fact, little, if anything, of that dissenting position from the vast majority of companies represented, which incidentally represented all regions and types and sizes of air operators in Canada, was seriously taken into account in the recent regulatory proposal. ATAC is working very closely with our members and other associations all across Canada to address this issue as in its present form it would have disastrous effects on our industry and the Canadian travelling public. ATAC and its members consider, and always have, that safety is the absolute first priority. However if regulations such as that recently proposed are implemented not only will safety not improve, air carrier service to communities will be drastically affected with many smaller population centres ending up with decreased levels of service compared to what they now have and in many cases losing it all together. In addition the Canadian economy would be significantly hurt as air service is one of the greatest socio-economic enablers within this vast country of ours with its many remote areas. ATAC will continue to advocate for solutions that improve safety in a sustainable manner!

**ATAC Facilitates Canadian MRO Successes @ MRO Europe in Madrid:** ATAC once again provided the Canadian MRO focal point at MRO Europe. On October 7th, the afternoon before the trade show, ATAC worked closely with our embassy colleagues in Madrid to hold a “Meet the Trade Commissioners” session with Canadian MROs. The Canadian MRO booth in the Trade Show was co-hosted by ATAC, the Government of Canada and Discovery Air Technical Services and received much attention and was key to connecting our very capable MRO service providers with many customers.

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**ATAC Flight Training Committee Gears up for November Meetings:** The ATAC 80th Annual General Meeting at the Westin Bayshore Hotel in Vancouver promises to be the premier meeting of the aviation community in Canada.

The agenda for the Flight Training Committee consists of three and half days of workshops, presentations and meetings. The committee will engage in discussions on a wide variety of topics from Transport Canada level of service issues to UAVs, NAV CANADA VFR phraseology info, SMS and more. The must-attend session with Transport Canada will provide open dialogue with senior TC management. Highlights will include the opportunity to participate in a workshop, to direct NSERC funded research topics to benefit the future of aviation training (Seneca College) as well as HR presentations on people, skills and training presentations by the Canadian Council of Aviation and Aerospace (CCAA). The CBSA will brief us on the latest reporting required for cross border travel. New TSB Chairperson Kathy Fox will discuss hazards that we should be aware of in assessing risk and building a robust SMS program. Presentations from law firms Emond Harnden LLP and Gowling Lafleur Henderson LLP will deliver cogent discussions on current topics.

**ATAC Global Opportunities for Associations (GOA) Mission 2014 – Shanghai China:** The China Academy of Civil Aviation Science and Technology (CAST) and the Civil Aviation Administration of China (CAAC) summit were held in Shanghai China in October. Cargair, Medicine Hat College, Moncton Flight College, Springbank Air Training College and Super T Aviation were part of the GOA mission to meet CAAC officials, senior Chinese airline operations and training management staff. ATAC met the Shenzhen Aviation Transportation Association to consider an MOU between our associations to introduce member companies interested in forming partnerships in pilot training.

### ATAC IS PROUD TO WELCOME THE FOLLOWING NEW MEMBERS



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Mirabel, QC



Flightcraft Maintenance Services  
Winnipeg, MB



Skyservice FBO  
Mississauga, ON



SkyQuest Aviation  
Langley, BC