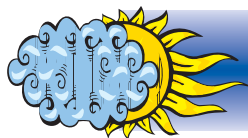


AIR BEAT TODAY

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TODAY'S WEATHER: MOSTLY SUNNY EARLY MORNING THEN BECOMING PARTLY CLOUDY. HIGHS IN MID 90s.

Turbomeca's Cowgirls Spread That Texas Feeling



Turbomeca's top hands and the ALEA Board of Directors gave a big Texas welcome to attendees at last night's Sneak Preview event. Cowgirls gave out cowboy hats to those entering the Expo Hall.



More than 150 exhibitors began to showcase their products and services, and they look forward to seeing you today at their booths. The Expo Hall will be open today until 4 p.m.

Vendors will be giving technical briefings throughout the day (check your Program Guide for details) and the Main Conference Classes are already underway.

Bell Helicopter Sponsors Opening Reception



After the Sneak Preview, attendees had the chance to mingle with friends during Bell Helicopter's Opening

Reception. A festive Mexican buffet, plenty of beverages, and a karaoke stage were provided.

Crew Gets Ready For Pig Pickin'

There was a Torching of the Pig Party last night at the GRB Convention Center.

Swinemasters have been getting ready for tonight's 31st Annual Pig Pickin' event at 6 p.m.

Pictured at left are sponsors Tad Ihns from Avalex, Scott Hovelsrud from Wulfsberg and Jim McGowan from FLIR Systems, Inc.



Upcoming Events

0800-1600

Registration Desk Open
ALEA's "Hangar" Open

0900-1000

Opening Breakfast sponsored by
AgustaWestland, GRB Room 370

1000-1045

General Membership Meeting
Room 370

1045-1100

Ribbon Cutting & Exhibit Hall
Grand Opening

1200-1300

Lunch Crawl in Expo Hall

1800-2000

31st Annual Pig Pickin' &
FLIR Vision Awards

2000-2400

Piano Madness sponsored by
MD Helicopters, Grand Ballroom JK

HPD Puts More MDs on Flight Line



MD Helicopters, Inc. and its 350 employees congratulate the Houston Police Department Air Support Division on its plans to expand airborne patrol operations with the recent purchase of eight new MD500E helicopters. MDHI is very proud to be part of the expansion of Houston's patrol operations.

As one of the first police departments in the United States to initiate helicopter patrol, it is exciting to witness expanded support by the City of Houston and police management of the value and benefits of helicopters as a law enforcement tool. HPD has flown over 173,000 hours in the MD500 helicopter model since the beginning of the program over 30 years ago. Please stop by booth 211 to learn more about the MD Helicopter product line.

RSI Services Most Rotorcraft Models



Rotorcraft Support, Inc. (RSI) has been providing full service FAA-approved helicopter support services for over 21 years to owners of Agusta, Bell, Eurocopter, Robinson, Schweizer and Sikorsky helicopter models. Come for the parts – stay for the service. Visit booth 225 or contact Mike Broderick at (818) 997-7667. Visit the company's website at www.rotorcraftsupport.com.

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NVG Instructor Available at Booth 519

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The company's premier product, the Virtual Terrain Board™ (VTB), features a small footprint, digital projection system for classroom training, adaptable to any syllabus, using actual NVGs. The training demonstrates NVG characteristics to aircrew during initial and refresher training. Custom modules tailored to your specific training requirements are also available. Sign up at Night Readiness booth 519 for an onsite dark room demonstration of the VTB and custom virtual night environment flight modules.

Bell Delivers to King County Sheriff



Bell Helicopter-Textron and Edwards and Associates have delivered a new Bell 407 to the King County Sheriff's Office. The aircraft was delivered on July 14 at Edwards and Associates and is making a stop in Houston. After the conference, the aircraft will continue on to Seattle, Washington, where it will be based.

Paul Pitts, Bell's Director for Homeland Security stated, "Bell, along with Edwards and Associates, is proud to provide the citizens of King County, Washington a state-of-the-art Bell 407 to continue the vital airborne law enforcement services provided by the Sheriff's Office."

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Hardware for UAV Market



Cloud Cap Technology Inc., booth 502, offers highly integrated software and hardware solutions for the Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) market. The Piccolo family of autopilots provides a complete system including autopilot, sensors, navigation, wireless communication and payload interface. The TASE family of stabilized payload gimbals provides small turret PTZ solutions offered with EO and/or IR camera options.

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NAASCO Giveaway & Cold Ones

At booth 732 at 11:30 a.m. today and tomorrow, NAASCO's old friend "Bud Lite" will arrive to help push down your lunch. Stop by for a chat and a cold one, and while you're there, drop your business card in the bowl for a chance to win a Garmin Nuvi GPS. This amazing unit will guide you anywhere you want to go and talk you through the tightest turns.

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Houston Police Buy Three Schweizers

Schweizer Aircraft announced the sale of three 300C helicopters to the Houston Police Department. The aircraft are being purchased to replace the unit's three Hughes 300C helicopters, which are each more than 30 years old. Air Flite, Inc., the Schweizer Sales and Service Center for Texas, sold the aircraft and will provide continued support for HPD. Please stop by booth 434 at 11:45 today for the Schweizer-HPD event.

Lightweight Maintenance Tools



AERO Instruments, a division of REBTECH, is the sole distributor/calibration lab for advance torque products. Precision torque wrenches increase reliability and are lightweight tools for engine and rotor maintenance. The digital capability enables the mechanic to ensure that proper torque is applied. Stop by REBTECH booth 401.

Fairfax Police Select FreeFlight



FreeFlight Systems announced delivery of its newest radar altimeter yesterday, the RA 4500, to the Fairfax County (VA) Police Department Aviation Unit. Chief Pilot Paul Schaaf chose the FreeFlight Systems' RA 4500 for its stability and reliability. The RA 4500 provides that extra measure of safety, which is the number one priority for Schaaf and his aviation unit. Its use 24/7, often in demanding conditions, ensures successful completion of law enforcement and public service missions. Stop by booth 807 to learn more or visit www.freeflightsystems.com.

ANVIS Technology Advancements



Night Flight Concepts invites you to stop by Room 350D today from 1400-1445. This will be a night vision technical discussion covering such topics as image intensifier evolution, advancements in housing and mechanisms, and common ANVIS nomenclature misconceptions. Please stop by booth 619 for further information.

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Axsys Launches New Products



Please join Axsys Technologies in a Customer Appreciation Event at booth 415 today at 3:00 pm.

Axsys Technologies is also pleased to announce Dekalb County (GA) Police Department's letter of intent to purchase three Axsys V14MSII multi-sensor stabilized camera systems for three new AS350 B3 helicopters scheduled for delivery in 2009. Deputy Chief Rodney Rancifer, Commander of the Special Operations Division, stated, "We

found the Axsys V14MSII to far exceed the capabilities of other systems considered to enhance general patrol and high altitude surveillance activities in the Atlanta Metro area."

Come view dramatic video footage taken from the surveillance camera system. Axsys is a proud supporter of the ALEA and countless law enforcement agencies nationwide, aiding in their daily efforts in detecting and deterring criminal activities in their communities.

UPCOMING CLASSES:

Friday, July 17, 2008

0800-0930 -- New class on Federal Grants & How To Apply

1000-1130

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(See Program Guide for more class acts!)

**AeroComputers
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The next generation mapping system from AeroComputers, UltiChart 5100, puts a wealth of information and control at the fingertips of the operator. Designed for airborne law enforcement, firefighting and military applications, the 5100 integrates with the aircraft's camera/IR sensor and other systems so the crew can keep their attention focused on the mission. Visit us at booth 237 today for a demonstration.

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NAT's Digital Audio Control System (DACs), designed for light twin, medium and heavy helicopters, is a communications management system that digitally controls all the aircraft's audio, transceivers, receivers and audio warning sources. The integrated, multi-channel intercom system allows configuration to suit customer specific communication schemes. Visit Northern Airborne Technology at booth 705 today.

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