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MEMPHIS—AMERICA'S AEROTROPOLIS

From My Fox—Memphis

Memphis International Airport has a total economic impact of \$28.6 billion on the community, according to a new study released Sunday.

The study was commissioned by the Memphis-Shelby County Airport Authority and prepared by the Sparks Bureau of Business and Economic Research/Center for Manpower Studies at Fogelman College of Business and Economics, The University of Memphis.

In addition to directly or indirectly pumping more than

\$28 billion a year into the Mid-South economy, Memphis International and the businesses that depend upon it provide just over one -in-three jobs in the metro Memphis area.

"Memphis International Airport is without question the most important asset we have in the community for business and tourism growth," said Arnold Perl, Chairman of the Memphis-Shelby County Airport Authority. "Over the last few decades, the airport has grown from an important local asset, to an internationally respected cargo and passenger hub, to our latest

transformation into the centerpiece of America's Aerotropolis."

In 1998, the economic impact of Memphis International was calculated at \$12.9 billion. In 2004, the study showed a \$20.7 billion impact.

Cargo operations account for a majority of the total \$28.6 billion in annual impact – led by the operations of FedEx, with passenger operations – led by the new Delta/Northwest combined airline – accounting for some \$1.3 billion annually, and a construction project impact of nearly \$150 million.

Pond Builds One of World's Largest GREs

SEC-AAAE corporate sponsor Christopher Farnie, P.E., with Pond and Company has written an outstanding article on key considerations for ground run-up enclosures at airports. Unfortunately, the article is too long to reproduce in this newsletter, but you can obtain a full copy with color photographs from Christopher by contacting him directly at email address farniec@pondco.com.

The article was originally published in *Airport Noise Report*. The article is written for the airport operator and is not particularly technical in its content.

The article centers on the specifics for one of the largest ground run-up enclosures (GRE) in the world constructed for the Tennessee Air National Guard Base at Memphis International

Airport. The GRE was constructed under contract with the Memphis-Shelby County Airport Authority.

Also cited in *Airport Improvement Magazine*, the article shows how noise from C-5s maintained at the Memphis Base is shielded from the public, airport users and surrounding residents and businesses.

CHANGES AND CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to SEC-AAAE Past President Lew Bleiweis, A.A.E., who has been appointed Airport Director at Asheville Regional Airport. Lew has previous experience at Roanoke Regional Airport, Kansas City International Airport, and Louisville Regional Airport. Lew completes his term as Immediate Past President of the SEC-AAAE next month and has progressed onto the Board of Directors of the American Association of Airport Executives.

Congratulations to SEC-AAAE Past President David N. Edwards, A.A.E., who has been selected as Executive Director for the Greenville-Spartanburg Airport in South Carolina, succeeding long-time Director Gary Jackson. Edwards has previous experience at Orlando and Orlando-Sanford Airports. Gary Jackson, one of the most gentlemanly airport directors known to the industry, completed 23 years of service to the airport.

Congratulations to SEC-AAAE Past President Frank Miller, A.A.E., who recently completed 22 years at the Pensacola Regional Airport. Frank has been named Aviation Director for the San Antonio International Airport. Miller brings with him previous experience at Colo-

rado and Alaska airports.

Congratulations to SEC-AAAE member Bob Kemp who has retired as Airport Director at the Myrtle Beach International Airport in South Carolina. Kemp has been director of that facility and the Horry County Aviation Department's general aviation airports since 1997.

Congratulations to SEC-AAAE member Jerry Vickers who has left his post with the Albert J. Ellis Airport in Richlands, North Carolina after a little over eight years of service. Vickers leaves to become the airport manager for the Pitt-Greenville Airport in Greenville, North Carolina.

Congratulations to SEC-AAAE member Jim Turcotte who has retired as the airport manager at Pitt-Greenville Airport in Greenville, North Carolina. Turcotte completed 35 years of service and has been employed at the airport since 1974.

Congratulations to SEC-AAAE member Mike Flack, A.A.E., who has announced his retirement from the Columbia Metropolitan Airport in South Carolina. Flack has served

the airport since 1998 and plans to depart in 2010. Flack came to Columbia from Lexington, Kentucky.

Congratulations to former SEC-AAAE member Kenneth R. Scott who literally built the Norfolk International Airport in Norfolk, Virginia. Scott is retiring as executive director after 39 years of service. Scott served as the project engineer for the airport terminal in 1970 and was tapped to run the entire facility two years later. Scott retires at age 72.

Congratulations to former SEC-AAAE Board Member and current Chapter member Wayne Shank, A.A.E, Deputy Director at Norfolk International Airport, who succeeds Ken Scott as Airport Director. Shank was originally hired as Airport Operations Manager around 1972 and always assumed he would retire with Ken Scott. "But I wasn't sure," he said, "and I was not convinced Ken would retire—I thought he would be here forever. These are some big shoes to fill."

Ken Scott will assist Wayne Shank in filling the Deputy position to continue a successful succession plan for the airport.

Are You Interested in Serving the SEC-AAAE?

Do you have an interest in serving the Southeast Chapter of the American Association of Airport Executives? Our members sometimes ask how to begin the process.

The process begins with service on a standing committee or a committee that may be of special interest to you. Write the residing

President of the SEC-AAAE for a committee appointment or the establishment of a special interest committee.

Following service on a committee or committees, you may find that you have interest in proceeding onto the Board of Directors. To be nominated to the Board, you should write the chairman of the Nominations Committee

expressing your interest and provide a letter from your employer stating that your airport or corporation will support your time and travel.

From there, you may progress to the chairs of the association and receive your coveted Past President Plaque and ring. We look forward to receiving your letter.

SAMA Names Scholarship Awards

The SEC-AAAE is pleased to announce the SAMA Educational Foundation, Inc., Scholarship Awardees for 2009:

Kyle Barr, Senior, Auburn University, Professional Flight Management

Blakely Blanchard, Senior, Louisiana Tech University, Aviation Management

Andrew Burdg, Senior, Auburn University, Aviation Management

Francine Kelly, Junior, Florida Institute of Technology, Aviation Meteorology

Jerry Lingefelt, Senior, Louisiana State University, Aviation Management

Jennifer Stewart, Senior, Middle Tennessee State University, Aerospace Administration

Each of these students will receive a scholarship in the amount of \$1,500 to further their education at their respective university. The SAMA Educational Foundation, Inc., Scholarship Program provides needed financial assistance to deserving students from designated partner institutions throughout the southeast region consistent with our

Chapter's goal of fostering aviation education and scholarships.

We wish each of these students our best wishes in their educational pursuits.

Thanks to Mr. Jeff Gray, A.A.E., with the Fort Myers International Airport Fla., for providing this article and for his service as chairman of the Southeastern Airport Managers' Association Educational Foundation, Inc., an independent corporation managed by the Southeast Chapter of the American Association of Airport Executives Board of Directors.

SAVE THE DATE

**The 2010 SEC-AAAE Annual Conference
Memphis, Tennessee
April 17-21, 2010
Contact Scott Brockman at 901.922.8075**

Thanks Expressed to SAMA Educational Foundation, Inc.

Dear Scholarship Committee

Members:

My father is the reason I love aviation. He taught me to fly when I had to sit on pillows and phone books and still couldn't see out without pulling up on the instrument panel to momentarily look out and then slump back down. I grew up at airports, on the ramps, in hangers, and in control towers. I took apart our Mooney with him in our hanger and worked the gift shop at air shows where he flew WWII bombers. My goal to work in Airport Operations also stems from my father. He was an air traffic controller at Greenville Spartanburg International Airport in South Carolina. On his lunch breaks, he would walk me all around the airport. I loved getting to see how it all worked and going where no one else was allowed. I would watch the Operations personnel driving up and down the runway and think to myself what an awesome job that would be; to be an essential piece of what made that airport successful. The catwalk of the tower was always a favorite spot of mine because I could look out and see everything on the entire airport. To me, that was my airport. It still feels as though it is.

To be awarded this SAMA/SEC-AAAE Educational Foundation scholarship would help me to achieve my goal of working in Airport Operations. Life has not been easy for me, but I have still been determined to achieve my goals of a college degree and a successful career in aviation. My mother, a pilot and air traffic controller as well, passed away from cancer growing around her heart when I was four. With just my father to raise me, the airport became my babysitter many times. My father raised me to be dedicated,

disciplined, and to work to support myself. I began working thirty hours a week at a grocery store when I was sixteen. I worked hard in school and graduated early two months before my seventeenth birthday with a 3.81 GPA. This gave me the ability to work more, so I began working as a department manager full time and attending the local college part time. I was so sure of what I wanted to do with my life, but my father was not so sure. He knew what a hard time my mom had becoming an air traffic controller in the late 70s. It was a male dominated field. He had faith in me that I could do whatever I desired to do, but he did not wish hardship on me, as she had felt. So, I began to take medical and law classes my first year. My heart was not in it, so I decided to take a semester off. By this time I had been working as a Team Leader for Target for five months. I began to research colleges offering degrees in aerospace. I found Middle Tennessee State University and was accepted a month later.

My father was performing at an air show in Ohio when he fell ill on the ramp. He returned home and was checked into a hospital. His kidneys were failing. It was not long before the doctors informed me that he had cancer. It had spread to his bones and was in his blood, which meant that they could give him treatment for pain, but could not cure him. At one point they gave him two weeks to live. He was such a fighter that he stayed with me for a year and a half. It was the hardest and most horrible year of my life. I had to see my father, who had been so strong and successful, now so frail and in so much pain. My father passed away on March 26, 2006; a month to the day after I turned twenty-one. He had remarried a few years earlier, so everything went to his wife. I

had just turned twenty-one and was now all alone.

I work forty to fifty hours a week as Team Leader on Duty at Target. This means that I am responsible for the effective and efficient running of a 30 million dollar a year store. I have held this position for three years. I have done this while going to school at MTSU full time. In between semesters, I have worked as many as seventy-six hours a week. I believe that the responsibility and experience of running such a business has prepared me for a career in operations. I have had to support myself emotionally and financially since I was seventeen. To be awarded this scholarship would help me to pay tuition and earn my college degree in aviation administration. It would help me to achieve a degree in the field that my father instilled passion in me for before I could walk and a help me to obtain a career that I have wanted since I was a little girl standing on the catwalk watching over "*my airport.*"

Respectfully,

Jennifer Stewart

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Ms. Stewart may be reached at her yahoo email address at bluangljs@yahoo.com to express your support for her accomplishments.

CORPORATE AWARDS

Claudia Holliday was recently presented the Corporate Professional of the Year award from the Southeast Chapter of the American Association of Airport Executives (SEC-AAAE). She was nominated by Mr. Ken Austin, Director of Aviation, Tallahassee Regional Airport. The award was presented by Mr. Tommy Bibb, SEC AAAE Chapter President and Director of Properties, Nashville International Airport. Tommy said about Claudia, "There were many excellent candidates to consider, but when this person's name was raised, the decision became very easy. She has been an excellent supporter of our chapter through fund raising for scholarships; she has energized our corporate committee, which is a very important part of our chapter, and given it direction with stated objectives. She goes out of her way to help others achieve success, and has done everything I have asked of her this year and more. She is a wonderful resource for me, but more importantly, a great friend."

Prior to receiving her award, Claudia presented the Chapter's awards:

- **Airport Project of the Year - Commercial Airport Category, New Cargo Complex, Tallahassee Regional Airport:** The construction of the new cargo complex, for which the design phase began in November 2005, was completed in 2008 and finished well within the original project budget and time estimate, despite a 45-day extension (over a 300-day duration) and 2 change orders totaling 6% of the original bid. The completion was possible because of the close working relationships of the project team, which consisted of key personnel representing the Airport; The LPA Group, the design engineer, led by Doug Hambrecht; Allen's Excavation, the Prime Contractor; major DBE subconsultants/subcontractors Diversified Design and Drafting Services, LLC; Environmental and Geotechnical Services; Cal-Tech Testing; and Suzanne DiAmbria Landscaping. Also recognized was the project team's ability to successfully coordinate and appease multiple stakeholders, including FDOT Aviation Office, FAA, FDOT Highway Office, the City and County, and Federal Express. The award was presented to Mr. Kenneth Austin, Director of Aviation, and Mr. Michael Clow, Capital Program Administrator, Tallahassee Regional Airport.
- **Airport Project of the Year - General Aviation Category, Runway 9-27 Widening and Overlay, Phase II, Cobb County Airport, McCollum Field:** The award was presented to Mr. Karl Von Hagel, Airport Manager, Cobb County Airport-McCollum Field. The airport became the first General Aviation facility within the FAA-Southern Region to use the innovative concrete overlay process, Whitetopping. Whitetopping can be placed at depths ranging from 2 to 8 inches, depending on the application. It does not rut or washboard and works with milling so that the grade can be maintained. Additionally, concrete pavement surfaces have high albedo and can be used in LEED projects to reduce heat island effect. It is price competitive with other resurfacing materials. As such, the concrete option was within 3% of the asphalt bid. Key staff for this first-of-its kind project represented the FAA-Atlanta ADO; The LPA Group, the design engineer, led by Mike Reiter; GDOT Aviation Programs; and Six-S, Inc., the Prime Contractor.
- **Airport Professional of the Year - Robert C. Brammer:** The award was accepted by Mr. Robert C. "Bob" Brammer, Director of Operations, Charleston County Aviation Authority. Bob, an active member of the AAAE since 1974 and the Southeast Chapter since 1983, began his career at Roanoke Regional Airport as extra help in the Maintenance Division. Bob retired as Senior Airport Operations Supervisor after 20 years of service. He continued his career at Richmond International followed by his current service to the Charleston County Aviation Authority in South Carolina.
- **Special Award of Recognition - Mr. Daniel J. Coe, Jr.:** Claudia Holliday presented this Special Award of Recognition to Mr. Daniel Coe, which was accepted on his behalf by Mr. Patrick Graham, to celebrate and honor Dan's career and participation within the Aviation Industry. Mr. Graham, Executive Director, Savannah Airport Commission, recently stated, "Dan has been an instrumental part of our growth and success during his tenure. During his employment with the [Savannah Airport] Commission, Dan Coe has demonstrated exemplary leadership and has made numerous contributions towards the development of the Airport. Dan started as an Intern over 25 years ago and throughout the years, we have worked side-by-side to ensure that the Airport provides first-class service to our customers, tenants, and employees. Dan has made many major contributions to the Airport and his expertise and advice will be truly missed." Dan announced his retirement from the Savannah Airport Commission in March.

CORPORATE COMMITTEE UPDATE

The SEC-AAAE Corporate Committee is comprised of individuals representing varying facets of the Chapter's corporate membership. The Committee was founded on the goals and objectives of the SEC Board of Directors and has been actively working since 2007 to promote the interest of its corporate constituency. In addition to conducting quarterly conference calls, the Committee held its first Corporate Membership meeting on May 4, 2009 during the SEC-AAAE Annual Conference in Reston, Virginia. 2009-2010 Corporate Committee Members are:

Claudia Holliway, Chairperson, The LPA Group Incorporated
Pam Brown, Standard Parking Corp.
Earl Eckert, Clear Channel / Interspace Advertising
Tommy Edwards, SwiftTrip, LLC
Chris Farnie, Pond & Company
David Jeffrey, Interactive Dynamic Solutions
David King, AIA, Gresham, Smith and Partners
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Dave Ramacorti, CM, Ricondo & Associates
Brenda Tillmann, R. W. Armstrong & Associates
Board Member Liaison: Bill Hogan, Reynolds, Smith and Hills, Inc.

COMMITTEE NEWS

CALLING ALL SPEAKERS

On behalf of the SEC-AAAE Board of Directors, the Chapter Corporate Committee is seeking qualified speakers (all Chapter members welcome) for future SEC and other conferences. As part of an on-going process, the Committee requests that you or others within your firm / agency submit an application to Claudia Holliway via email: cbholliway@lpagroup.com. While this does not guarantee future speaking roles, applications will be confirmed and incorporated into a Chapter database for consideration. Should you have any questions regarding the Speakers' Bureau, please feel free to contact Ms. Holliway via email or by phone at 229-559-8563. The information compiled by the Chapter Corporate Committee may be distributed in the future to the American Association of Airport Executives (AAAE) and other AAAE Chapters for use as well. (See the application at the end of this newsletter.)

2009 CHAPTER AWARDS PROGRAM

This year's Awards Program was a great success. The process of the program was recently updated by the Corporate Committee, with the approval and assistance of the Chapter Board of Directors. Steps taken by the Committee to ensure an equitable process included:

1. Timely nomination process offered to all Chapter member entities.
2. Stringent nomination deadline and "no-exception" submittal policies.
3. Elimination of conflict of interest (i.e. no self nomination by Voting parties).
4. Vetting process including verification of Chapter membership in good standing and project / individual qualifications as required by the Call to Nominations.

CORPORATE COMMITTEE UPDATE, CONT.

5. Voting Committee comprised of non-interested individuals, including four (4) current Chapter Board officers (Mr. Tom Bibb, Mr. Bill Marrison, Mr. Scott Brockman, and Mr. Lew Bleiweis) and four (4) current Chapter Corporate Committee members (Mr. Earl Eckert, Mr. Tommy Edwards, Mr. Harry Pratt, and Mr. Todd Knuckey).
6. Archived voting records and recipient information for future reference.

For more information about the Awards Program policies and procedures, please contact Claudia Holliway.

BE ON THE LOOKOUT – Enhanced Chapter Communications

(Harry Pratt will provide info about mailing list update)

SPONSORSHIP ONE-RATE PLAN

Based on recent feedback, a change to the 2009 Sponsorship One-Rate Plan was made and approved by the Chapter Board of Directors and the Corporate Committee. In the future, those firms sponsoring at the **Presidential Level** will now receive 4 complimentary registrations when opting for the two-conference package deal. A breakdown of the Plan is included with this newsletter.

POST CONFERENCE SURVEY

The Corporate Committee, in response to a recent request made by members of the SEC-AAAE Chapter Board of Directors and Mr. Christopher Browne, CM, 2009 Conference Chair, is in the process of creating a survey, which will be sent to conference attendees in the near future. In an effort to assist future SEC-AAAE Annual Conference Committees in their planning efforts, please take a few minutes to complete the survey when it is received.

SAVE THE DATE

2010 Finance and Administration Conference

**Hutchinson Island Marriott
(North of West Palm Beach)**

February 21-24, 2010

CORPORATE ONE-RATE SPONSORSHIP PLAN

Sponsorship Type	Conference		
	Finance & Administration	Annual	Both
President's Club	\$2,500	\$5,000	\$6,750
Network Meeting with President of SEC-AAAE	√	√	√
Spot at head table for lunch	√	√	√
Complimentary registrations	2 Registration	2 Registration	4 Registrations Total
Listed in program as lunch sponsor	√	√	√
Photo Ad in Program			√
Logo/Ad in program - 1/2 page			√
Full Page ad in Newsletter	1 Quarter	1 Quarter	Full Year
Logo on website	Half Year	Half Year	Full Year
Informational Company presentation Prior to General Session	√	√	√
Directors Club	\$1,500	\$3,500	\$4,500
Complimentary registration	1 Registration	1 Registration	2 Registrations Total
Listed in Program as Directors Club Sponsor	√	√	√
Recognized as a break sponsor	√	√	√
Half Page ad in Newsletter	√	√	√
Logo on website	Half Year	Half Year	Full year
Logo/Ad in program - 1/4 page	√	√	√
Members Club	\$1,000	\$2,000	\$2,700
Complimentary registrations	1 Registration	1 Registration	1 Registration
Quarter Page ad in Newsletter	√	√	√
Listed in in program as Member Level Sponsor	√	√	√
Recognized as a break sponsor	√	√	√
Partners Club	\$500	\$500	\$900
Listed in program as Partners Club Sponsor	√	√	√
Miscellaneous			
Ad in newsletter 1/4	\$500		
Ad in newsletter 1/2	\$750		
Ad in newsletter full	\$1,000		
Ad in newsletter w/article	\$1,500		
Web sponsor	\$500		
Badges (logo on badge)	\$2,000		
Conference bag	cost plus \$1,500		
Back cover for program Ad	\$1,000		
Inside Front Cover of Program	\$1,000		
Inside Back Cover of Program	\$1,000		
Introduction sponsorship of general session	\$2,000		
Introduction sponsorship of speakers of sessions	\$1,000		
General Sponsor	\$250		

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**Tommy Bibb, A.A.E.
Elected to AAAE
Board of Directors**

Tommy Bibb, A.A.E., Immediate Past President of the SEC-AAAE and Director of Properties at the Metropolitan Nashville Airport Authority (MNAA), has been elected to the 2009-2010 board of directors of the American Association of Airport Executives (AAAE), an association with more than 5,000 members representing 850 airports and hundreds of companies and organizations that support the airport industry. Bibb will serve a two-year term on AAAE's national board of directors. Most recently, Bibb was president of the Southeast Chapter of AAAE and earned the International Airport Professional (IAP) designation after completing an extensive certification program.

IN MEMORIUM

In memory of long-time SEC-AAAE member Ms. Jo Wafer who recently lost her long and courageous battle with cancer.

Jo was 44.

Jo began her career with the Houston Airports System and continued her aviation career with the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority.

Donations in her memory may be made to the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation.

FOLKS AVAILABLE

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NOTE: This document is abbreviated for the newsletter. For a complete document, contact Mr. Clinger at fitgpc@aol.com.

Accomplishments:

- Reduced detention and demurrage costs by 86% in five years.
- Won Swift Fleet Excellence Award five months in a row.
- Named Driver Manager of the Month for Specialized Divisions.
- Managed large groups of subordinates and outperformed company expectations.
- Utilized contacts and abilities in order to increase daily backhaul revenues and overall annual profits.

Core Competencies:

- Work well in a high pressure environment.
- Well-organized and efficient.
- Thorough understanding of domestic and international transportation.
- Talented in managing the entire supply chain.
- Strong training skills.
- Skilled at encouraging others and developing rapport.
- Self-starting, goal-oriented strategist whose confidence, perseverance and vision promote success.
- Quickly learn procedures and methods.
- Proven record of working within a budget.
- Over twenty years experience in logistics and distribution.
- Major strengths in planning, problem solving and communication.
- Bring enthusiasm to team projects and encourage others to develop workable ideas.

Education:

- M.S., Logistics Management 2003
Florida Institute of Technology, GPA:3.9
- B.S., Aviation/Transportation Management
Florida Institute of Technology, GPA: 3.52, Major GPA: 3.6

Professional:

- Member Florida Institute of Technology School of Aeronautics Alumni (FITSA)
- Independent Consultant for Gerson Lehrman Group.
- Member of Advisory Board at Greenville Technical College for the Supply Chain Management Program.
- Six Sigma Black Belt Certified

Southeast Chapter of the American Association of
Airport Executives

SEC-AAAE Speakers' Bureau Application

(Please type or print information)

Name:	<i>(please include all designations)</i>
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Education:

Professional Experience <i>(work history, related awards, publications, etc.):</i>	

Area(s) of expertise on which you speak <i>(please be specific):</i>	

Past Presentations Made <i>(subject, to whom):</i>	

Signature:		Date:	
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Please complete this form in its entirety. In addition, you may submit a resume and recent photo if desired.

Please send all information to:

Claudia B. Holliway, Chairperson, SEC-AAAE Corporate Committee

Email: cbholliway@lpagroup.com

Please note: Applicants will be reviewed annually and are subject to updates and verification of eligibility.

The 2009 SEC-AAAE Annual Conference Raises \$2,060 for the Chapter Scholarship Fund (SAMA Educational Foundation, Inc.)

During the Host Reception at the SEC-AAAE Conference in Reston, attendees raised a record \$2,060 for the Scholarship Fund, which provided a much needed boost to the fiscal health of the Scholarship Program. Founded on the donation of one round-trip Air Tran ticket by Chris Browne, CM, MWAA, 2009 Conference Chair, participants joined in a bid war to pass off what has been dubbed the “Whirlwind Air Tran Scholarship Flight,” on which a designee of the highest donor’s choice is to make a round trip, without a ground stay, to any Air Tran destination. Chris Browne was the final bidder and appointed Claudia Holliway as the traveler. Conditions of the journey, which was handed off for a donation by Chapter members including Wayne Shank, Jim Bennett, and Scott Brockman, in addition to AAAE’s Chip Barclay, were established as:

The final bidder is to create the trip itinerary at his / her sole discretion.

The designee must depart the final destination on the next available return flight or complete the trip within 24 hours, whichever comes first.

The designee is to pose for photos at each airport to which he / she travels (with gate agents, in front of FIDS, etc.).

At the 2010 Annual Conference, the traveler is to sing “Obama-Mia,” as performed at the 2009 Conference Host Event by the Capital Steps.

The designee is to give a brief trip report in “Backwards Talk,” ala the Capital Steps during the 2010 Conference.

While Chris has not yet divulged his plans for her (rumor has it she could end up traveling to Puerto Rico, Seattle, or San Francisco – will she go to Anchorage on a Partner trip courtesy of Frontier if allowed – with stops in between), we wish Claudia “Bon Voyage” and will send an update when it is made available.

Many thanks to Christopher Browne, C.M., and the
2009 SEC-AAAE Annual Conference Committee
for providing an outstanding 2009 SEC-AAAE
Annual Conference held in Reston, Virginia,
May 3-5, 2009.