



MAAA NEWSLETTER
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE
BY IKE BRUNETTI

With another several hundred plus hours logged, we find ourselves at the end of another long season. The common response I've received from the older seasoned pilots to the talented and promising young pilots is that everyone is ready to slow down and take some much needed R & R.

Those comments assure me that practically everyone's year was a success. It's also an indication our industry's profession is truly a viable, working attribute to the needs of our farming community and representation benefiting agricultural.

This being my last message as President of the MAAA, I want to recognize all of the great people who have nurtured me through the last six years as I moved through the ranks and eventually served all of you as President. It's very hard for me to put into words my sincere appreciation to those men and women who have been such an inspiration, showing enthusiasm, patience and guidance, but most importantly, giving me encouraging trust needed while representing you, the MAAA.

There's a list as long as I am old of those who've inspired and mentored me associated with this profession and industry. My immediate list is the one I adamantly feel needs recognition because with my presidency ending, their presence and guidance will carry on way beyond myself. Mark Kimmel, Karl Holcomb, Bob Provine, Joey Daniels, Regina Russell and Vicki Morgan, the support and service you each render didn't start with me. My admiration is immeasurable for your committed dedication to the needs of the associations leadership and members.

The MAAA must remain in the standard of how we have always been perceived and that's at the forefront of Agricultural Aviation. It's the pride we have as Mississippians and how that pride swells tenfold by being a part of this industry's history and a member of MAAA.

The education I received as President brought about an awareness beyond my thoughts of duty.

The NAAA is so important in the role it takes to secure our industries future. The NAAA's involvement and achievements just through education and legislation are monumental. Everyone has to participate and become a member of both the NAAA and MAAA. Changes in regulations, structure of government and entities of advocacy all stress the importance of being engaged nationally and here in our state.

Over the past number of years, I've witnessed doors being opened for the MAAA with outstretched hands greeting us. We must commit to remain connected and involved in our states agricultural plans for the future because we play a part in those plans. Every single member of the NAAA and MAAA is an ambassador of our industry and profession. Always take pride and present yourselves as though you represent us all, because you do!

It's been a job and an honor of service I'll never forget. I hope I've given back a little to this industry and the association that has given me so much! Thanks for all your support and trust.

President of MAAA
Finley "Ike" Brunetti

NEWS FROM WMAAA

We had a great Fall Meeting in Greenwood at the Museum of Mississippi Delta! Thank you to everyone who brought food and recipes to share. We heard from our 2017 scholarship winner, Mary Elizabeth Caldwell from Columbus, MS, who shared thoughts on creating a positive image of aerial application in our community. Her \$1,000 check was presented by WMAAA President Lise Foy at the meeting.



It is time for officer nominations. Vicki Lawson has been nominated for President. We are looking for nominees/volunteers for Vice President and Secretary. New officers will take over at our business meeting during convention. Please let me know if you would like to get involved by filling an officer role!

2018 MAAA Convention

WMAAA Ladies Business Meeting and Sip & Paint

COMBINED THIS YEAR

You're Invited!

Date: January 19, 2018, Friday Time: 1:30-3:30

Location: Beau Rivage Casino (room TBD)

Sip & Paint with Grace Brooks

Sponsored By

Longwood Flying Service, Charlie Steele & North Delta Ag, Grover Lawson

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See you at Convention!

MAAA 2018 CONVENTION

JANUARY 18-20, 2018

BEAU RIVAGE RESORT & CASINO

BILOXI, MS

Registration Forms and Agenda available on MAAA website at

www.msaaa.com