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2007 ANOTHER RECORD YEAR FOR GENERAL AVIATION MANUFACTURERS

WASHINGTON, DC, February 12, 2008 – Today, leaders of the General Aviation Manufacturers Association (GAMA) announced that the 2007 year-end shipment figures for the general aviation industry have led to another record high in industry billings.

Speaking at GAMA's Annual Industry Review and Market Outlook Briefing, GAMA Chairman and Chairman and CEO of Cirrus Design Corporation, Alan Klapmeier, reported that a strong worldwide market, especially outside of North America, was a driving factor for general aviation in 2007. "As these economies continue to expand, we expect general aviation to play an ever increasing role in these regions." Klapmeier added, "Manufacturer backlogs are strong and we think this bodes well for 2008 and the years beyond."

Record industry billings totaled \$21.9 billion, eclipsing last years' figure by 16.5 percent. Year-end, worldwide shipments of general aviation airplanes totaled 4,272 units, the most in more than a quarter century and up 5.4 percent over the previous year's total of 4,053 units. Aside from the record set for year-end billings, the industry also experienced an all-time high in business jet shipments, delivering over one thousand units for the first time in history. The piston airplane segment was down 2.9 percent in 2007, but still posted the second best year in over two decades. Total units decreased from 2,755 in 2006 to 2,675 in 2007. Shipments of turboprops increased 11.4 percent, up from 412 units in 2006 to 459 units in 2007. Business jet shipments reached an all-time high of 1,138 units, up 28.4 percent over last year's figure of 886 airplanes.

YEAR END 2007 VERSUS 2006 SHIPMENTS OF AIRPLANES

MANUFACTURED WORLDWIDE	
2006-2007 CHANGE	
Pistons	2,755-2,675 -2.9%
Turboprops	412-459 +11.4%
Business Jets	886-1,138 +28.4%
Total Shipments	4,053-4,272 +5.4%
Total Billings	\$18.8B-\$21.9B +16.5%

GAMA is an international trade association headquartered in Washington, DC representing over 60 of the world's leading manufacturers of general aviation aircraft, engines, avionics and related equipment. GAMA's members also operate fleets of aircraft, fixed based operations, and pilot training and maintenance training facilities. For additional information, visit GAMA's website at www.GAMA.aero.

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In The News...

Hoosier Air Museum News:

- ⇒ Norma Krom, Treasurer and Librarian for the Museum passed away Sunday, February 10th, 2008. Norma, the wife of very active member George Krom, will be missed. Those of you who may have known her will remember her as a very dedicated and hard working person. Our sympathies go out to George and their family. She served in the USAF and was a charter member of the Women's Military Memorial in Washington, D.C.
- ⇒ The free "Bluegrass Jam" on February 9th was very successful with some 22 instrumentalists and vocalists performing for the public. The performers wanted another go at it, having been very satisfied with the ambiance of the Banquet Hall facilities.
- ⇒ "Dan's Fish and Tenderloin" of Huntington will replace the "Ed Fox Fish Fry" for our **Friday, May 9th Fund-raiser** event. Ed Fox has simply discontinued his business and Dan is excellent so please come out and see us.
For more information please contact the Hoosier Air Museum at 260-927-0443.

VAA Chapter 37 News:

VAA Chapter 37 can be reached at 260-437-7702

- ⇒ There will be a model airplane fly-in sponsored by Chapter 37 and Century Aviation on May 10th from 6-10 PM. The event will be held in the main Terminal Hangar and the event is open to the public. Don't miss this exciting event!
- ⇒ Chapter 37 has also arranged for the EAA's B17, the Aluminum Overcast, to Visit DeKalb County Airport on September 2nd and 3rd, 2008. To learn more about this wonderful aircraft and even book a flight, please visit <http://www.b17.org/>.

Century Aviation News:

Century Aviation can be reached at 260-927-1845

- ⇒ Instrument Ground School will start Thursday, February 28, 2008. Any interested students or those seeking additional information should call Century Aviation.
- ⇒ Please join us for the Aviators Roundtable. We'll meet monthly on the first Wednesday of the month at 6:30 pm in the Terminal. The first topic will be info and pictures of aircraft icing and if there is time left, an overview of the new FAA Wings program. The Roundtable is open to anyone! Meetings are open discussion and last about 1-1.5 hours. We hope you can join us!

Special points of interest: The BOAC meets every third Friday at 1:00 PM. The next meeting however will be March 19, 2008. To obtain a copy of the last BOAC meeting minutes email your request to: rcouchman@co-dekalb-in.us or visit <http://www.dekalbcountyairport.com/>

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