

SPANS REMINDER ABOUT GENERAL AVIATION AWARDS NOMINATIONS

Do you know a great flight instructor (CFI), mechanic (AMT), avionics tech or FAASTeam representative who should be nominated for an award? Nominations for next year's 2012 General Aviation Awards are due to your local FSDO this Friday, 30 September 2011. The awards program is an industry / FAA partnership to recognize and promote professionalism. Here's a link to more info on the awards and the application: <http://www.GeneralAviationAwards.org/>

The 2011 national winners are:

2011 Nat'l Aviation Maintenance Technician (AMT) of the Year

Joseph "Joe" MORALES, A&P / IA & CFI A resident of Lakewood, Colorado, Joe is the quality control manager and repair station chief inspector for Doss Aviation at the United States Air Force Academy. Doss Aviation, Inc maintains more than 50 aircraft in support of various USAFA flight training activities. Joe is an A&P mechanic with inspection authorization as well as a certificated flight instructor. A member of the AMT Society and AOPA, he is a FAASTeam representative and a captain in the Civil Air Patrol. He represented the **Denver FSDO** area as well as the FAA's **Northwest Mountain Region**.

2011 Nat'l Avionics Technician of the Year

Russell John "Russ" CALLENDER Jr, Repairman Russ is a resident of Houlton, Wisconsin and owns RC Avionics, Inc located on the Anoka County-Blaine Airport (ANE) in Blaine, Minnesota. He holds a private pilot certificate, a repairman certificate, and has been servicing aircraft for more than 30 years. A member of the Aircraft Electronics Association (AEA), AOPA & EAA, he specializes in computer drafting and redesign of aircraft instrument panels. Russ represented the **Minneapolis FSDO** area as well as the FAA's **Great Lakes Region**.

2011 Nat'l Certificated Flight Instructor (CFI) of the Year

Judy Ann PHELPS, MCFI-A Judy is a 3-time Master CFI-Aerobatic who resides in Santa Paula, California. Specializing in spin, tailwheel, and emergency maneuver training, she also instructs private, commercial, and instrument students with CP Aviation at Santa Paula Airport (SZP). A member of AOPA, EAA, SAFE & Women in Aviation, she is a FAASTeam representative and volunteers with the Ninety Nines as well as the International Aerobatic Club (IAC). Judy represented the **Van Nuys FSDO** area as well as the FAA's **Western Pacific Region**.

2011 Nat'l FAASTeam Representative of the Year

Vicki Lynn SHERMAN, MCFI A 3-time Master CFI from DeLand, Florida, Vicki is a flight, ground, and simulator instructor who sponsors and teaches many FAASTeam / WINGS seminars. Since 1992, she has been a crewmember of the FAA Production Studios as a speaker, hostess, and interviewer. A member of AOPA, SAFE, EAA & Women in Aviation, she is a past international president of the Ninety Nines and volunteers with the National Aviation Safety Foundation. She is one of 3000 volunteers who serve as FAASTeam representatives in the FAA's safety program nationwide. Vicki represented the **Orlando / North Florida FSDO** area and the FAA's **Southern Region**.

The 2011 national awards winners received the following:

- * Round trip travel expenses to AirVenture for each winner and a guest;
- * Four (4) nights' lodging at an Appleton hotel;
- * Weeklong AirVenture admission passes for each winner and a guest;
- * A rental car and weeklong AirVenture parking passes;
- * Sightseeing flights in a Bell 47 helicopter and a flight in EAA's Ford Trimotor;
- * Introduction to the world's aviation press at the "Meet the Administrator" session;
- * Awards presentations at "Theater in the Woods"
- * A "This Is Your Life" video vignette approximately two minutes long depicting each winner's life and career in aviation;
- * "GA Awards Celebration Luncheon" and presentation of gifts & prizes;
- * Various receptions hosted by several sponsoring and supporting industry organizations.

The total value of the prizes, gifts, and cash received by each national GA Award winner is conservatively estimated at \$4000.

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