



## NEWSLETTER

September 2025

### Events in Aviation Calendar

- September 2- COPA Flight 87 Open Day: Family-friendly event at Nelson Airport
- September 5-7-Airshow London – SkyDrive: A drive-in airshow at London International Airport
- September 16- COPA Flight 131 - Flight Safety Seminar: Hosted by the Canadian Owners and Pilots Association (COPA), this seminar at the Royal Canadian Legion in Hawkesbury, Ontario.
- September 22-25-SWIFT Conference & Expo: Hosted by Toronto Pearson Airport at the Sheraton Fallsview Hotel in Niagara Falls,
- November 13-14- National Aircraft Maintenance Conference and Skills Challenge. Toronto
- November 18-20- Canadian Aviation Conference & Tradeshow: The Air Transport Association of Canada's (ATAC) premier national event, held at the Fairmont Queen Elizabeth Hotel in Montreal
- December 9- Aerospace Unplugged: An event organized by the Ontario Aerospace Council in Etobicoke, Ontario

**NATIONAL AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE CONFERENCE**  
TORONTO, CANADA

**Register Now! Space Still Available!**  
THURSDAY NOVEMBER 13-FRIDAY NOVEMBER 14, 2025  
(EXHIBITOR SET UP ON WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 12, 2025)

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### National Aircraft Maintenance Conference – November 13 & 14, 2025

Join us at the Delta Hotel & Conference Centre in Mississauga for Canada's largest and longest-running aviation maintenance event. The National Aircraft Maintenance Conference brings together AMEs, PRMs, buyers, students, and industry leaders from every province for two full days of learning, networking, and industry celebration.

Enjoy expert-led technical sessions, the largest aviation maintenance trade show in the country, and the original Canadian AME Skills Challenge—where teams of professionals and students compete for national bragging rights. Cap off your day at our networking reception with live music, cocktails, and appetizers. This not-for-profit event is made possible thanks to the generous support of our sponsors, whose commitment helps bring the aviation community together year after year.

Attendee registration packages, including the full technical presentation lineup, will be available in mid-September. Mark your calendar and be part of Canada's premier aviation maintenance gathering.

Register online at [www.ame-ont.com](http://www.ame-ont.com).



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### Member Benefit Corner

#### Safety Spotlight

##### Spotlight on Hearing protection

- **Assess the noise:** Determine the noise levels in different areas of the hangar and during various maintenance tasks using a sound level meter.
- **Select appropriate protection:** Choose hearing protection devices (HPDs) with a Noise Reduction Rating (NRR) suitable for the identified noise levels, and consider dual protection (earplugs and earmuffs) for extremely loud areas.
- **Ensure proper fit:** Properly fitted HPDs are crucial for effective noise reduction. Consider fit testing and training to ensure workers can correctly insert and wear earplugs or earmuffs.
- **Consider comfort:** Comfort is essential for encouraging consistent use. Choose HPDs that are comfortable to wear for extended periods, especially during long shifts.
- **Compatibility with other PPE:** Ensure HPDs are compatible with other personal protective equipment (PPE) such as safety glasses, helmets, and respirators.
- **Communication needs:** Select HPDs that allow for clear communication, especially when workers need to hear instructions or warnings.
- **Regular inspection:** Inspect HPDs before each use for any signs of damage or wear, such as cracked earcups, torn seals, or damaged earplugs.
- **Proper storage:** Store HPDs in a clean, dry place to prevent damage and contamination.
- **Training and education:** Provide comprehensive training on the importance of hearing protection, how to select the right HPDs, and how to properly fit and maintain them.
- **Regular replacement:** Replace HPDs according to manufacturer recommendations or when they become damaged or worn.

Each issue, we will select ONE of the over TWENTY Member Benefits that our Members Benefit from. This one is a BIG benefit! All AMEAO members benefit from Perkopolis.

The following is from one of our AMEAO members, in his own words:

"I started shopping for a new upright freezer for my family. I couldn't find a local dealer with the right sized unit in stock. At that point, I remembered to check my Perkopolis account and found out that GE offers us a 15% discount, which stacked with other promotions they were running.

I ended up saving over 700 dollars between the promotions and my Perkopolis code, with free "white glove delivery" shipping. The freezer is expected to be delivered this afternoon, with the white glove service to unbox and set it up for me."

The AMEAO Member who wrote this saved over 10 years Membership Dues (at the current full membership rate) with this single purchase! That's astonishing! And a HUGE value!

If you haven't already signed up for Perkopolis, you might want to visit their website to see how many excellent opportunities you have been missing out on.

 Perkopolis website:  
<https://www.perkopolis.com/>

Not a member of AMEAO yet? You can sign up for your membership at  
<https://ame-ont.com/individual-memberships/>

MEMBERSHIP FEES:  
FULL member \$70.00  
Associate member: \$70.00  
Apprentice member: \$35.00  
Retiree member: \$35.00  
Student member: \$35.00  
Corporate member: \$275.00



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### WHY AME CONTRACTORS NEED INSURANCE

**This article prepared by: Sound Insurance Services**

Insurance exists to help manage your RISK. Risk is the likelihood of a loss (claim) occurring as a result of your operations that requires restitution or payment. It helps you return to the same financial position you were in before an insured incident.

WHAT IS AN AME'S RISK?

**LIABILITY** Any Bodily Injury and Damage to Property of others you are held responsible for, resulting from:

Licensed and unlicensed vehicles airside

Damage to aircraft in your care

Services performed, including faulty workmanship

Sale of new and used parts, installed, or not installed

**PROPERTY** Damage to your property including:

Tools and equipment

Hangar (only if you own it)

Customer's goods

Goods in transit

**LEGAL COSTS** How much you'll need to pay for legal costs and fees.

### AME INSURANCE COVERAGES

Aviation General Liability Policies have three main coverages that apply to the different **LIABILITY** risks AMEs face. They are (1) Premises and Operations, (2) Hangarkeeper's, and (3) Products Liability.

Sound Insurance's AME Program Policies also include some coverage for your **PROPERTY** risks, and most (if not all) insurance policies have coverage for **LEGAL COSTS**.

### WHAT DOES AME INSURANCE COST?

Less than most people's automobile insurance, contact me for your free quotation.

For more detailed information, including clear explanations of the different insurance coverages, advice on what limits to carry, and claims examples you can read the full Insurance Basics: Aircraft Maintenance booklet on the Sound Insurance website: <https://files.soundinsurance.ca/AME-Booklet.pdf>



## Good News!

### Latitude Air Ambulance Celebrates Community Caring in a New Hangar

Latitude Air Ambulance hosted a successful open house on August 16-17 to unveil their beautiful new hangar and facilities. With food, entertainment bouncy castles, and airplane rides in exchange for food bank donations, the event showcased Latitude's big-hearted approach to community support.

The hangar is home to MRO facilities, offices and dispatch operations and medical supplies to furnish a wide variety of client needs and emergencies. The company also revealed plans to build a greenhouse for producing fresh food to demonstrate the viability of using airport land to provide food to communities in need. The forward thinking and planning also includes a daycare for employee toddlers.

Latitude is based at John C. Munro Hamilton International Airport and operates a growing fleet of 10 aircraft and 8 AMEs while supporting the career growth of several apprentices and AME students,



Is **Good News** happening in your organization? Contact [k.lesperance@cogwheesoftware.com](mailto:k.lesperance@cogwheesoftware.com) to share it!

Submissions will be published at the discretion of the editor and may be edited for brevity and format. We regret that due to space requirements, all submissions may not be published.

### Can you find the little-known component comes on every aircraft?





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**Aviation & Aerospace Workforce Development (AAWD) Program Team** members were invited to attend a press release held on Aug 27, 2025 for the announcement of the Ministry of Labour, Immigration Training and Skills Development (MLITSD) Skills Development Fund (SDF) Training Stream Round 5 funding.

We were also able to have brief conversations with both Premier Doug Ford and MLITSD Minister David Piccini. We were very honoured to be a part of this event and elated to be able to reinforce our thanks to the government for their support.



Cara Tweyman, Doug Ford, Marlene Conway Diels

We are currently developing our next submission to be completed by October 2, 2025. Thanks to everyone who provided input in the 2025 AAWD Industry Strategic Skills Survey. This Industry input will be directly contributing to the next submission to ensure we continue to add value to Ontario's Aviation and Aerospace Industry

This fall and winter, the AME Association of Ontario is bringing you exclusive training through the **Aviation and Aerospace Workforce Development (AAWD) Program**. Whether you're looking to refresh your expertise or expand into new areas, these skill development opportunities are funded by the Government of Canada and the Government of Ontario for adults seeking professional development.

Courses are led by companies such as Advanced Composites Training, Cogwheel Soft Solutions, Technical Training Group, Workright, Indigenous Skills,

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Employment, Apprenticeship and Development (ISEAD) and more. **With 13 free courses currently available**, register today and keep ahead of the curve in a rapidly evolving aviation industry.

For more information, contact Marlene Conway Diels at [marlene.sdf@ame-ont.com](mailto:marlene.sdf@ame-ont.com), Leigh Kras [leigh.sdf@ame-ont.com](mailto:leigh.sdf@ame-ont.com) or Drea Reid-Sneath at [drea.ame.sdf@gmail.com](mailto:drea.ame.sdf@gmail.com).

**Don't delay! REGISTRATION IS OPEN**

<https://www.amesdfproject.ca/course-registration>



### Course Offerings:

- *3 Keys to Successful Communication at Work and at Home*
- *Dealing With Difficult People*
- *Skills to Manage Stress and Wellness at Work and Home*
- *How to Manage Time and Priorities*
- *Communicating for Accountability*
- *People Don't Come With Maintenance Manuals*
- *Leading Without Strings*
- *Communicating Like a High Potential Employee*
- *Work Like a Canadian*
- *Aviation Technical Skills Refresher*
- *Composite Materials, Fabrication and Repairing Damage Module 1*
- *Advanced Composite Structures, Damage Evaluation and Repair Module 2*
- *Indigenous Cultural Competence Program*



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### Signing Releases on Specialized Maintenance

Tim Anderson

We all know that a licensed AME, M category, can sign off a large portion of maintenance; however, specialized maintenance, such as welding, engine overhauls, and advanced avionics, requires a bit more. According to CARs, this work must be performed by appropriately rated AME-E or S individuals working under an AMO with the proper certifications, facilities, and equipment. Some confusion arises regarding those who hold a combined AME-M1/M2 license. As CAR 566.03 (9) Information Note states:

Individuals who hold both an M1 and M2 rating will not be issued any additional ratings (e.g., E or S ratings), as those privileges are already included within the scope of the combined M1/M2 rating privileges.

This is where previous experience and the approval of the individual AMO are important.

More information about license types and signing authority can be found on the TCCA website. Airworthiness Chapter 566 - Aircraft Maintenance Engineer (AME) Licensing and Training - Canadian Aviation Regulations (CARs)

[https://tc.canada.ca/en/corporate-services/acts-regulations/list-regulations/canadian-aviation-regulations-sor-96-433/standards/airworthiness-chapter-566-aircraft-maintenance-engineer-ame-licensing-training-canadian-aviation-regulations-cars#566\\_03](https://tc.canada.ca/en/corporate-services/acts-regulations/list-regulations/canadian-aviation-regulations-sor-96-433/standards/airworthiness-chapter-566-aircraft-maintenance-engineer-ame-licensing-training-canadian-aviation-regulations-cars#566_03)

Note: Newsletters will be sent out to all our members on a quarterly basis. If you are not interested in receiving these newsletters, you may log in to your AME Association account via our website and opt out of communications. We do NOT want to be a source of spam for ANY of our valued Members.

*From the Editor-*

*Dear AMEs and Aviation Colleagues,*

*When I asked our president, Louis Anderson if he wanted to write something from the president's desk for the news letter, he humbly replied that he hoped this newsletter would evolve into the voice of all AMEs, not just his.*

*So, Louis, here it is.*

*This newsletter is focused on opportunities to share AME voices. It is filled with voices from the industry, beginning with the conference in November where we will all meet to share our ideas and views on the industry, it includes a brief article from our member Tim Anderson, who is an accomplished writer for Wings magazine and professor at the Norton Wolf School of Aviation and Aerospace Technology. Those who want a little support in using voices can learn about the SDF project, whose skills development trainings offer opportunities to learn about using that voice for health and safety, for collaboration and professional advancement. Even our Health and Safety Spotlight focuses on making sure you can hear those voices for years to come. Finally, our new Good News feature, offers organizations an opportunity to tell the rest of the industry what they are up to. It is all about your voices, the voices of the industry. Here's how you can be heard:*

*This is your newsletter. If your organization has good news to share, send it in. If you have a health and safety spotlight idea you think needs to be shared, share it with us. Contributions and feedback can be sent to [k.lesperance@cogwheelsoftsolutions.ca](mailto:k.lesperance@cogwheelsoftsolutions.ca) with "Newsletter" in the subject line. Unfortunately, publication of submitted material cannot be guaranteed do to space and content limitations.*

*Hoping to hear your voice,*

*Katherine Lesperance  
Editor, AME Ontario Newsletter  
Talk, Lead, Fly*