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The Air Care Alliance promotes, supports, and represents public benefit flying through communication and cooperation among organizations facilitating flights for health, compassion, and community service.

ACA MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

Our membership renewal process is now online! **Thank you to those organizations who have renewed your annual ACA membership.**

ACA member organizations create a vibrant ecosystem of service through aviation. Voting members demonstrate a collaborative spirit and meet the highest standards of ethics and service.

If you are a non-profit charitable aviation organization and would like to learn more about becoming a voting member of Air Care Alliance, or if you are a current member and have not received a renewal notice by email or otherwise need assistance, please contact k.luke@aircarealliance.org.



COVID-19 Disrupts Public Benefit Flying, but We Are Resilient

The COVID-19 pandemic has undoubtedly changed life as we know it. Amid an aviation industry nosedive, sweeping stay-at-home orders, and widespread panic, the Public Benefit Flying industry--like so many others--is left to wonder what the future holds.

Each year, more than 25,000 flights are made by volunteer pilots across the country in support of humanitarian

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COVID-19 RESOURCES

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causes. Many of those flights help patients access life-saving medical care or life-changing services. Endangered animals are rescued or relocated; children experience the wonders of flight; and isolated communities receive relief after natural disasters.

But with across-the-board cancellations of medical appointments, fears of transmitting or contracting the virus, and onerous restrictions affecting everything from flight currency to volunteer availability, our industry is struggling in this "new normal". Volunteer pilot organizations around the country have been forced to make difficult decisions to temporarily suspend passenger-carrying operations.

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ACA Elects New Directors



WELCOME
New Board Members

Air Care Alliance is pleased to announce the election of three new Members to its Board of Directors: Mark Hanson, Katharine Zimmerman, and Jim Stratton.

"Our Board of Directors is comprised of a dedicated team of leaders committed to fostering and enhancing charitable aviation," said Jim Hesseman, President of Air Care Alliance. "We are excited to leverage Mark, Jim, and Katharine's talent, expertise and energy to further our mission."

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SFAR Grants Relief for Expired Medical Certificates and Recency Requirements



In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the FAA has issued a Special Federal Aviation Regulation (SFAR) that extends the duration of medical certificates to all pilots. It also provides relief from recent flight experience requirements, but only to certain pilots and operations. The FAA emphasizes that apart from the limited relief provided by the SFAR, pilots must continue to comply with all FARs applicable to their flights.

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Nominations Open for Public Benefit Flying Awards



Do you know someone doing great things for Public Benefit Flying?

Whether a volunteer pilot, a non-flying volunteer, or an individual or organization providing extraordinary support, you can help give them the recognition they deserve. Nominate someone deserving today!

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MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

News, Stories, and Noteworthy Achievements

Volunteer Pilot Organizations all across the country have been mobilizing to help with the COVID-19 crisis. There has been no shortage of pilot enthusiasm to help in these challenging times and ACA organizations have stepped up to help, demonstrating incredible collaboration along the way. Check out the article below that demonstrates the impact GA can have on communities now and always.



Guest Opinion: Aviation key for rural areas

While COVID-19 is having a deep impact on some of the largest metropolitan areas in the United States, such as New York, Seattle and San Francisco, pockets of the virus have already overwhelmed rural communities as well.

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