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Happy New Year everyone, I hope you made it through the holiday season safe and ready for 2012.

We had a great turnout at our first Safety Day. We packed the room and listened intently while Don Chupp from Fireside Partners spoke to everyone about the realities of dealing with the tragedy of an aircraft accident. Our friends from Global Aerospace and MedAire generously sponsored the day for us. I hope everyone learned something from Don's presentation, I know I did.

All feedback we received during the Safety Day was positive and I received several requests to do another one. Given the response and how the day played out, we'll look into hosting another Safety Day in the future. I'd like to thank everyone who participated in the day as it was rewarding for me to see everyone there and engaged on the subject. Thank you Bob, Bill, Shannon, Martha and Bob L. for making it a great day for the members of the NCBA.

Our February luncheon is at Michael's on the 14th at 11:30 am.

ARINC Direct will be generously sponsoring this luncheon and Rogers Hemphill from Aircraft Performance Group will be the content speaker and will be presenting "**Aircraft Performance and how it applies to Sales, Trip Planning, and Maintenance Dispatchability**".

The presentation will be interesting and applicable to all attendees of the luncheon and the meeting will conclude at the usual time.

Then...after a brief intermission (and for those who wish to remain) Rogers will continue for an **OPTIONAL Breakout Session** where he will add to the discussion an in depth and very detailed course in what Rogers describes as the "real meat and potatoes of aircraft performance". The optional breakout session is in essence an advanced level course and is planned for two additional hours after the conclusion of the luncheon.

This is a valuable opportunity for pilots and dispatchers to gain real world understanding and clarity of the sometimes-murky topic of aircraft performance. Rogers certainly has the talent of taking a very complex and bewildering subject and breaking down that subject matter into basic components and concepts that everyone will understand and appreciate. Rogers will identify many of the "myths" of aircraft performance and real world answers that will save your bacon. Naturally, a question and answer session will follow his presentation. If you are an Aircraft Dispatcher, flight department decision maker, or pilot, this course is a **MUST SEE** event. **We strongly encourage all flight department managers to promote this event to your dispatchers and flight crew.** A free meal...AND...a valuable education that just might save your life is well worth your time!!!

NCBAA ADVOCACY:

I'd like to remind you again about our membership renewal drive currently underway. You can join us by going to our website www.NorCalBAA.org (press the "Membership & Volunteer" tab) to pay the \$60 annual membership fee or join at the luncheon. If you have any questions about our membership fee and what you get from it, please ask one of us.

We are an all-volunteer organization where your membership dues not only help pay for the day-to-day expenses but also contribute to our scholarship fund.

Looking ahead: Gulfstream is on deck to sponsor the March luncheon on the 13th.

Regards,

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