

FINDING IT ON THE NET



Need to Contact an Industry Association?

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This month, the "Finding It on the Net" resource guide offers a handy index of aviation industry associations, covering the entire range of flight activity, personnel and business. You might find some familiar ones, or discover useful ones you have never heard of before.

Aerospace Industries Association of Canada (AIAC)

www.aiac.ca A nonprofit industry association that promotes and develops the aerospace industry in Canada.

Airborne Law Enforcement Association (ALEA)

www.alea.org A nonprofit individual member-based international organization representing the interests of aviation in law enforcement. It has a useful affiliate member database, which has links to a wide range of aviation products and services, available at **www.alea.org/affiliate_data/affiliate_links.asp**. It hosts an annual trade show and produces *Air Beat* magazine.

Air Beat magazine: **www.alea.org/public/airbeat/index.aspx**

Aircraft Electronics Association (AEA)

www.aea.net An international association representing all aspects of the avionics industry, including repair stations, avionics manufacturers, instrument manufacturers, distributors and educational institutions. In addition to its annual international convention and trade show, as well as regional training meetings, the AEA produces this magazine, *Avionics News*.

Avionics News magazine: **www.aea.net/AvionicsNews**

Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association (AOPA)

www.aopa.org An organization that assists and represents the needs of individual general aviation pilots and aircraft owners to government and the public. It also publishes *AOPA Pilot*.

AOPA Pilot magazine: **www.aopa.org/pilot**

Canadian Aircraft Maintenance Association (CAMA)

www.canama.ca An association representing the interests of aircraft trade technicians in Canada.

Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA)

www.eaa.org An organization devoted to experimental and home-built aircraft, as well as popularizing flight. It operates the Young Eagles program to give children their first flight experience. The EAA also produces several unique magazines; visit **www.eaa.org/magazines**.

European Business Aviation Association (EBAA)

www.ebaa.org An organization representing business aviation interests in Europe.

General Aviation Manufacturers Association (GAMA)

www.gama.aero Everything other than military and airline flight is considered general aviation, and that is the sector this association serves in every aspect.

Helicopter Association International (HAI)

www.rotor.com An association dedicated to all aspects of rotary-wing flight. It hosts an annual trade show and produces *Rotor* magazine.

Rotor magazine: **www.rotormagazine.org**

International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO)

www.icao.int The UN organization dealing with all civil aviation issues, particularly safety, security and legal issues. It also has a catalog of extensive publications, which can be accessed at **www.icao.int/icao/en/sales/index.html**.

National Air Transportation Association (NATA)

www.nata.aero This association promotes aviation business and safety to both government and the public.

Nation Business Aviation Association (NBAA)

www.nbaa.org This association represents more than 8,000 business aviation owner/operators, and is a strong advocate of aviation interests to government. It also hosts a major annual trade show.

Professional Aviation Maintenance Association (PAMA)

www.pama.org An international organization representing the interests of aviation maintenance technicians.

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