

## Get the Most for Your Money at the AEA Show: More Training, More New Products, More Clients *Register Now for AEA Convention from April 1-4, in Dallas, Texas*

LEE'S SUMMIT, MO — In light of the current economic challenges businesses around the globe are facing, the Aircraft Electronics Association (AEA) is considerate of the investment companies make to attend the AEA's annual international convention and trade show. The AEA continues to keep its avionics industry show affordable while still delivering four full days of technical training, regulatory panels, professional development courses, special guest speakers and a large exhibit hall.

The 52nd annual AEA International Convention & Trade Show is from April 1-4, 2009, at the Gaylord Texan Resort & Convention Center, in Dallas, Texas, centrally located for the convenience of attendees. The advance registration deadline, which offers a \$150 savings, is only one month away. **To register, visit [www.aea.net/convention](http://www.aea.net/convention) prior to March 3.**

The general aviation avionics community knows the AEA International Convention & Trade Show is a must-attend gathering for growing their businesses, training their technicians and meeting with their customers. AEA officials said the Association won't be cutting any corners this year during the world's largest gathering of avionics professionals. Among the highlights of the AEA's 2009 convention and trade show are:

- More than 140 equipment manufacturers and distributors displaying the latest avionics technologies in the AEA Exhibit Hall, which already is 95 percent sold out.
- The popular "New Product Introductions," featuring more than 25 manufacturers unveiling for the first time their new products for 2009.
- More than 75 hours of FAA-accepted technical training.
- The latest regulatory issues and discussions with key regulatory personnel.
- Jack Pelton, chairman, president and CEO of Cessna, as the keynote speaker for the Official Opening of the 52nd Annual AEA Convention.
- Dick Vermeil, former NFL head coach, as the special guest speaker for the AEA Annual Awards Luncheon.
- More than \$100,000 awarded in scholarships from the AEA Educational Foundation.
- Dallas Cowboy Cheerleaders at the "AEA Sports Fever" First-Nighter Party.
- Comedian Mark Cordes at the "AEA Comedy Club" Farewell Party.



*Avionics Excellence Awaits*

Last week, the AEA Awards Committees announced the nominees for the 2009 AEA Member of the Year and the AEA Associate Member of the Year, as well as the recipient of this year's AEA Lifetime Achievement Award, which will be presented to Robert Carpenter of Carpenter Avionics, Smyrna, Tenn., during the AEA convention in April. The winners of the AEA Member and Associate Member of the Year will be announced during the convention as well.

AEA Member of the Year nominees are: Jim Karpowitz, Skycom Avionics, Waukesha, Wis.; Rick Ochs, Spirit Avionics, Columbus, Ohio; Tom Richmond, Gulfstream Aerospace Corp., Appleton, Wis.; Manuel Rizo, RizoJet Avionics International, Hondo, Texas; and Tod Wulff, Aerodynamics, Waterford, Mich.\* The 2008 AEA Member of the Year was Gary Harpster of Duncan Aviation.

AEA Associate Member of the Year nominees are: Alto Aviation; Aspen Avionics; Flight Display Systems; Matrix Aviation; Rockwell Collins; and Universal Avionics Systems Corp. \* The 2008 AEA Associate Member of the Year was EMTEQ.

\* High-resolution photographs and/or logos of all nominees are available upon request. A high-resolution AEA convention logo can be downloaded at [www.aea.net/pressroom](http://www.aea.net/pressroom).

**For an updated schedule of events, visit [www.aea.net/convention](http://www.aea.net/convention) or call 816-347-8400.**