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MARK YOUR CALENDARS:
March 9-11, 2016
La Torretta Lake Resort & Spa
600 La Torretta Blvd.
Montgomery, Texas 78356

Conference Registration

Pre-registration is recommended and will help us in planning and preparing a better conference. If you pre-register, your name tag and program packet will be ready when you arrive at the hotel. The fee is *now* \$250, a **\$50 late fee has been added to registrations received after February 8, 2016. A \$75 fee will be added for all on-site registrations.** You are encouraged to register online. If paying by check or money order, register online and make payable to **TTI-Avtn2016** Event Management Planning (EM&P) at the address listed below. Only cancellations received in writing by EM&P by 5:00 p.m. CST on February 8, 2016 will be refunded, less \$50 handling fee. No refunds will be issued after this date. **The last day to register online is February 26, 2016.** You may pay your registration fee by check, money order or credit card. No Purchase Orders. *The registration fee covers conference handouts, break refreshments, Wednesday's get acquainted reception, Thursday's breakfast, luncheon and awards banquet; and Friday's breakfast.* Note: TxDOT employees are exempt from the registration fee, but must register in advance.

Hotel Reservations

The La Torretta Lake Resort is full at this time. The other hotels in the area are Best Western, Lake Conroe and Super 8 in Montgomery. La Torretta has both complimentary self-parking and valet parking for \$12. Please visit their website for additional information.

Special Activities:

On Wednesday our 19th Annual Golf Tournament will be held at the La Toretta Golf Course. There will be a shotgun start at 10:30 a.m. **All golfers must be registered to attend the conference.** A get acquainted reception is planned for Wednesday evening from 5:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Plan to join us on Thursday evening for the Awards Banquet. All registered participants are encouraged to attend. Guest tickets are also available for \$40. Tickets can be purchased online when you register for the conference.

Special Needs

In compliance with ADA requirements, participants with special needs can be reasonably accommodated by contacting EM&P phone: 979-862-1219, toll free 888-550-5577 or fax 979-862-1225, at least 5 working days prior to the conference.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact the Aviation Division at 1-800-68-PILOT.

2016 Tentative Conference Program

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9, 2016

- 10:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. **Golf Tournament at La Torretta Golf Course**
- 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. **Exhibitor Set-up**
- 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. **Registration/Check-in**
- 5:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. **Exhibits Open**
- 5:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. **Get Acquainted Reception**

THURSDAY, MARCH 10, 2016

- 7:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. **Registration Desk Open**
- 7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. **Continental Breakfast (in Exhibit Hall)**
- 8:30 a.m. – 8:50 a.m. **Welcoming Address**
Dave Fulton, Director, TxDOT, Aviation Division
- Welcoming Remarks**
 Judge Craig Doyal, Montgomery County
- 8:50 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. **Introduction of Aviation Advisory Committee**
Dave Fulton, Director, TxDOT, Aviation Division
- 9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. **State of the Aviation Division Address**
Dave Fulton, Director, TxDOT, Aviation Division
- 9:30 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. **Lone Star UAS Center of Excellence and Innovation**
Jerry Hendrix, Executive Director
- 10:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. **Coffee Break**
- 10:30 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. **Keynote Address**
Captain Gene Cernan, U.S. Navy Retired
Naval Aviator and NASA Astronaut (Gemini 9, Apollo 10, and Apollo 17)
- 11:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. **Luncheon**
- 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. **Texas Airports Council Meeting**
- **Approval of minutes from previous meeting**
 - **Election of 2016 Officers**
 - **TAC Goals for 2016**
 - **General Discussion**

Afternoon Breakout Sessions

2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Breakout
Session
I

I: Airport Manager's Roundtable

*Joel Jenkinson, Ph.D., Airport Director, Addison Airport
Robert Vargas, Airport Manager, Andrews County Airport
David Garza, Commissioner, Cameron County*

II: TxDOT AVN Wildlife Hazard Assessment and Management Program

*Matt Quick, Coffman Associates
Megan Philips-Schaap, SWCA
Sarah Brammell, Environmental Resource Solutions
Rick Jones, Mead & Hunt*

III: Increasing Activity on Your Airport

*Pat Brown, Texas Ambassador, Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association
Gold Seal CFII/MEI/Glider/CSIP and FAA Southwest Region CFI of the Year*

3:00 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.

Break in Exhibit Hall

3:15 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.

Breakout
Session
II

**I: eGrants: An Introduction to the New Grant Management Software
(For Airport Sponsors)**

TBD, TxDOT Staff

II: Developing Effective Stakeholder Relationships at Smaller Airports

*Bryan Elliott, Director, Airport Management & Financial Services, Delta Airport
Consultants, Inc.*

**III: Pavement Maintenance Guidelines for General Aviation Airports: The
Development of a Decision Tool for Airport Managers**

Tom Freeman, Texas A&M Transportation Institute

4:15 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Break in Exhibit Hall

4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Breakout
Session
III

I: RAMP Session

Megan Caffall, RAMP Program Manager, TxDOT, Aviation Division

**II: eGrants: An Introduction to the New Grant Management Software
(For Consultants and Contractors)**

TBD, TxDOT Staff

6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Awards Banquet

*General Aviation Airport Manager of the Year, Most Improved Airport, General Aviation
Airport of the Year, Reliever Airport or Reliever Airport Manager of the Year, RAMP
Coordinator of the Year and Aviation Art Contest Winners*

8:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

Evening Social

FRIDAY, MARCH 11, 2016

8:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. Exhibits and Registration Desk Open

8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Breakfast Buffet

9:00 a.m. – 9:45 a.m. Airport Compliance Issues
Bill Gunn, TxDOT, Aviation Division

9:45 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. Washington Update
Greg Principato, President and CEO, National Association of State Aviation Officials

10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. TxDOT/ FAA AIP PROGRAM & LISTENING SESSION
Dave Fulton, Director, TxDOT, Aviation Division
Kelvin L. Solco, Southwest Regional Administrator, Federal Aviation Administration

11:00 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. Prize Drawings

REGISTRATION

Register on-line at <http://tti.tamu.edu/conferences/tac16/>

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