

# In the Spotlight

## Newest Addition to the AIM Dallas Fleet

*By George Duffy, AMD*

When AIM Dallas moved into its new facility in April, Beechcraft Baron N6641L, was waiting there, in pieces. The staff and students wasted no time sizing up what needed to be done and quickly got to work putting her back together.

The airframe classes were first on the scene expertly installing and rigging the wings and making the landing gear safe and functional.

When two healthy IO-470 engines arrived the powerplant specialists went to work. "Fortunately the engine work fit right into the class schedule. We were able to accomplish two required projects with a real aircraft instead of a training device," said Mr. Duffy, powerplant instructor, adding, "the students really worked hard putting it together." The biggest obstacle now will be the impatience of the students to finish everything and start the engines.

This newest addition to the fleet joins the school's Lear 25, V Tail Bonanza and Cessna 152. AIM Dallas students train on singles, twins, and jets in what has become a world class AMT training facility.

...MORE TO COME!





## AIM Participates in 2011 Maintenance Skills Competition

*By David Jones, AIM Director of Education*

The 4th Annual Maintenance Skills Competition was held at the Las Vegas Convention Center on February 23rd and 24th this year. There were 26 teams competing. The competitors represented every major facet of aviation including military, airlines, general aviation, and AMT schools. International competitors this year included Australia, China and Mexico. For the third year, Aviation Institute of Maintenance fielded four teams, with members representing a majority of our 10 locations.

The AMTSociety Maintenance Skills Competition gives teams of licensed AMTs, AMEs, students and Armed Forces personnel an opportunity to test their combined abilities against their peers. The competition provides an opportunity to showcase the knowledge, skill and integrity that each aviation technician possesses.

With increasing visibility, and acknowledging the always present competitive spirit in the aviation shop, teams are being selected by companies and schools from the best of their best. To secure a position on a team in this competition, the technician has been identified as a super performer in their shop. Events designed to test their knowledge, skills and ability to perform under pressure are used to sort the good from the great.

When the dust cleared, AIM Team Atlanta took the second place award in the AMT School Division. This was somewhat disappointing for the Atlanta crew since they had taken home first place in the previous two years. Unseating a two time winner is more reflective of how stiff the competition is getting to be, and less a statement about the teams overall performance. The AIM teams did well, even if they didn't bring home the gold this year. Their performance was high quality, but not quick enough for a timed competition. All of the students came back winners in that they chalked up an experience that very few even get invited to. There was ample opportunity for networking and for the students to see where in the industry they might want to go after graduation.

There is already talk going on at the AIM campuses about how they want to field a sharper honed team next year. It looks like the competition for students aspiring to attend next year's competition will be pretty stiff. Organizers report that event descriptions should be available earlier next year, to give teams more time to prepare. That's good news for the AIM schools, but also means that competing schools have more time too! For more information about of Atlanta's winning team read "History Behind the AIM-Atlanta Skills Team."



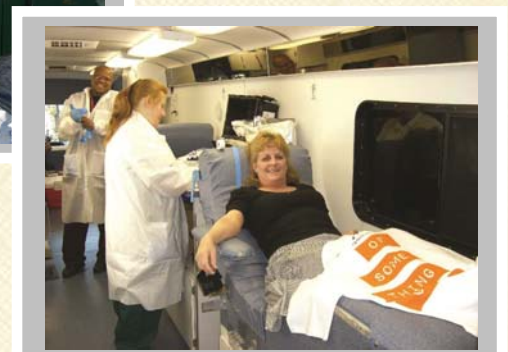
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## AIM – Dallas Hosts “Relief for Haiti” Blood Drive

(3/24/10) - Aviation Institute of Maintenance, Dallas campus wanted to do their part to help the victims of Haiti. One way to contribute was for the AIM students, staff and faculty to donate to a local blood bank, Carter BloodCare. All donations were going to the relief efforts in Haiti. Event organizer, Ebony Smith stated, “We can’t allow ourselves to become complacent with relief efforts to our neighbors to the south.”

The campus had 52 people attempt to donate blood on the day of the event, March 9<sup>th</sup>, but due to certain restrictions in donation, age, weight, etc. only 32 people were allowed. “Overall, the blood drive was a huge success,” states Campus Executive Director, James Cooper, “The blood drive Director, Diane Cross, stated that there were so many people willing to give blood that she thought she was going to have to call in for another bus.”

Carter BloodCare supplies blood for patients at more than 200 hospitals in 56 North Central and East Texas counties. Founded in 1998 by the merger of two local blood centers, Carter BloodCare is Texas' largest blood center. In April of 2007, Carter BloodCare announced a merger with Tyler-based Stewart Regional Blood Center. Together, they provide more than 330,000 units of lifesaving blood to North Central and East Texas each year, all thanks to generous donors like you!



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## Local Aviation Students Meeting with Scholarship Success

DALLAS, TX (4/14/09) – With the unemployment at an unbelievable rate, many people are finding themselves going back to school to re-tool for a new career. A major concern when making the choice to get additional training is how to pay for it. Along with traditional ways of financing their education through financial aid and personal loans, many current students are finding themselves applying for scholarships throughout their time as a student, opposed to just at the beginning. Aviation Institute of Maintenance's Dallas campus is proud to announce that two of their students are on the receiving end of this scholarship quest.

Darriel Callahan recently received a \$500 scholarship from EAA SportAir Workshops. Mr. Mark Forss, EAA SportAir Workshops Coordinator states, "There were many good submissions for the scholarship, which made it difficult to choose." Callahan's essay was selected out of 25 entries submitted and was awarded to her at a ceremony on March 14th.

Shane Cox was awarded a \$1000 from the Aircraft Electronics Association (AEA) Johnny Davis Memorial Scholarship. Cox submitted his application and essay for the award as part of AIM's Scholarship Day back in November. He was notified by letter in March and his name will be announced at the annual AEA Meeting in April. The Johnny Davis Memorial Scholarship is named in memory of Johnny Davis, president of Dallas Avionics, Dallas, Texas, who supported general aviation for more than 30 years and served as an AEA Associate board member. This scholarship is available to high school seniors and/or college students who plan to or are attending an accredited school in an avionics or aircraft repair program.

Both students are taking an active role in their education and future and the effort shows, by the receipt of these scholarships.



## EAA SPORTAIR'S EFFORTS WITH EAA CHAPTERS, AIM SCHOOLS CREATES NEW SESSIONS

EAA (Experimental Aircraft Association) recently held their SportAir Workshops weekend at the Aviation Institute of Maintenance (AIM) campus in Chesapeake, Virginia, that drew more than 100 attendees who took advantage of a full slate of sessions covering the most popular home building techniques including Fabric Covering, Composite, Sheet Metal, Electrical & Avionics and What's Involved in Kit Building?

"We were delighted to be there and appreciate the support AIM's staff gave us during the workshop weekend," said Mark Forss, EAA SportAir Workshops coordinator.

As part of SportAir Workshops' efforts to support continuing aviation education, EAA awarded a \$500 scholarship to Joseph Barnett, AIM student. His essay on EAA and its important role in the aviation community was selected as the best from those submitted.

EAA is teaming with AIM campuses around the country this year to provide knowledge and information to members and aviation enthusiasts through its workshop programs. Next stop is at the AIM campus in Dallas, Texas.