

## COMMEMORATIVE BRIEFING PAGE

 AIRCRAFT OWNERS & PILOTS ASSOCIATION  
 80th ANNIVERSARY

## AOPA's HISTORICAL MILESTONES

- **1939** – May 15, 1939, AOPA is founded. Membership reaches 2,000 by the end of year one. Headquarters starts off in Philadelphia, then, once a deal with Ziff-Davis is signed, moves to the Transportation Building in Chicago.
- **1940** – AOPA Air Guard is formed. Membership reaches 4,000 by March.
- **1942** – Headquarters moves to the Carpenters Building in Washington, DC.
- **1945** – AOPA headquarters moves from K Street to F Street into the International Building in Washington DC.
- **1946** – Membership reaches 20,000.
- **1947** – Headquarters moves to the Washington Building on New York Avenue NW in D.C.
- **1948** – Membership soars to 50,000.
- **1950** – The AOPA Foundation is created as a non-profit organization dedicated to General Aviation pilot safety and education.
- **1951** – AOPA headquarters moves to the Keiser Building on East-West Highway in Bethesda, MD.
- **1956** – Membership increases to 80,000.
- **1958** – *AOPA Pilot* magazine makes its debut as an independent magazine with publication of the March issue.
- **1961** – The first *AOPA Airport Directory* is published, later known as *AOPA's Airports USA*.
- **1962** – The International Council of Aircraft Owner and Pilot Associations, now IAOPA, is started by Doc Hartranft and Victor Kayne.
- **1965** – Membership reaches 111,371. *AOPA Pilot* carries its first aircraft and engine directory.
- **1967** – The AOPA Foundation becomes the AOPA Air Safety Foundation to reflect its work.
- **1969** – Membership grows to 148,000.
- **1972** – AOPA headquarters moves to the Air Rights Building on Wisconsin Avenue in Bethesda, MD.
- **1979** – Membership grows to 242,000.
- **1980** – AOPA forms a Political Action Committee.
- **1983** – AOPA headquarters moves from Bethesda to the Frederick Municipal Airport in Frederick, MD.
- **1989** – Membership climbs to 301,000.
- **1993** – AOPA Online is introduced on CompuServe.
- **1994** – Membership increases to 336,000.
- **1997** – AOPA's Airport Support Network is launched. Membership reaches 341,000.
- **1998** – AOPA purchases *Flight Training magazine*.
- **1999** – Membership reaches 350,000.
- **2000** – Membership continues to grow to 365,000.
- **2001** – Terrorist attacks on September 11 ground all civil aviation. AOPA is instrumental in General Aviation's return to flight.
- **2003** – AOPA membership surpasses 400,000.
- **2007** – The AOPA foundation, a 501(c)(3) organization, is incorporated.
- **2008** – The Lets Go Flying program is launched.
- **2009** – *Aviation eBrief* rolls out. AOPA Live premieres at the AOPA Aviation Summit in Tampa, FL. The GA Serves America program launches. Membership hits 415,000.
- **2010** – AOPA starts the Flight Training Retention initiative. AOPA's Air Safety Foundation is renamed the AOPA Air Safety Institute.
- **2012** – The Pilot's Bill of Rights is signed into law. AOPA petitions the FAA for a driver's license medical standard.
- **2014** – The You Can Fly initiative is established, along with Rusty Pilots and Flying Clubs.
- **2016** – The FAA Extension, Safety and Security Act is signed. Membership stabilizes at 312,000.
- **2017** – The FAA's BasicMed program goes into effect.
- **2018** – The High School Aviation Curriculum program is rolled out to schools. Membership is 318,000.

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- John L. Baker
- Phil Boyer
- Craig Fuller
- Mark Baker

**AOPA's LEADING TRUSTEES**

- R. Anderson Pew
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to Flight Safety and the Best Interests of General Aviation  
Across and Above the United States of America  
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