



NECAS NOTES

Rockin' member profile:

Biography of Bill & Nancy Lowe

The only husband and wife air show announcing team in North America, Bill and Nancy met in 1989 the show in Sussex, New Jersey. Exactly one year later, the two were



married at that same air show while standing beneath the nose of the B-17 named "Fuddy Duddy." Both licensed pilots, the couple served as volunteers for many years at the National Warplane Museum when it was located in Geneseo, New York. They began announcing air shows as a team in 1993.

Bill had gotten into announcing air shows solo in 1988 while he was a morning news anchor for at WHAM Radio in Rochester, NY. After almost 50 years in the business, he retired from broadcasting in 2009. A proud veteran of US Army service, Bill is a life member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. He also has flown...or flown in...everything from World War II vintage aircraft to a Blue Angels A-4 Skyhawk.

Nancy, schooled in music at prestigious Berklee College, has been a piano teacher and once spent six years as a singer with a pop music band. Currently, she is office manager for Mach 2 Management, a highly-successful event management firm based in the Rochester suburb of Victor. Should the show desire, she can offer an inspiring acapella rendition of the national anthem to open the shows and

can do the same for the Canadian anthem if requested. She has used her music talent to write and perform a piano solo used in the closing credits of a National Warplane Museum air show video. But flying remains one of her passions and she is most proud of having taken several hours of aerobatic instruction....something she really enjoys.

This talented couple has amassed a data base on virtually everything that flies and delights in passing that information on to the air show audience in an entertaining yet informative manner.

During 2011, the Lowe's are honored to be the announcers for the MacDill Airfest in Tampa, Florida November 5 & 6 for the fifth year in a row and to once again narrate the Rochester International-ESL Air Show July 16 & 17. In addition, they'll be on the mikes for the Rocky Mountain Air Show August 27 & 28 and Bill will be announcing solo at an event for Pilatus in Colorado in June.

Bill's notable solo aviation announcing in the past has included introduction of the Lincoln Aviator at EAA AirVenture in Oshkosh in 2002...emcee at the roll-out of the Eclipse 500 jet in that same year...introducing films at AirVenture's Fly-In theater...the Ford "Wings vs. Wheels" Challenge at Oshkosh...and last year, the dramatic delivery of the 2011 Ford Explorer by the Erickson Air Crane at AirVenture.

Together, the Lowe's bring a unique vocal combination and a vast store of aviation insights to air show spectators in an entertaining and family-friendly style.

Someone has said it is only fitting that their last name...Lowe...is pronounced so it rhymes with "WOW" because that is what show producers and air show audiences say after hearing them perform.

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NECAS Conference:

What you missed if you missed it!

The 2011 Conference was a stellar success with representatives numbering in the nineties. Producers, performers, military attaché were all present and accounted for. We were even fortunate enough to have Dan McLaren, our new ICAS President on hand. We had active performer forums in both the morning and afternoon sessions. Eugene Loj, Terry Lebel and Diane Spremo were among some of the presenters each offering thoughtful insight into their particular subjects. I missed most of it as I was fighting off a terrible stomach ache, but the parts that I managed to glimpse left me very proud to be part of the North East contingent.



Necas Delegates doing Necas stuff

We were fortunate enough to have many new faces in the Lodge conference room. We are starting to make an impact and we are accomplishing our goals, slowly but surely. We are not perfect by any stretch of the imagination but by working together, we are getting there. The best part of the whole conference was that Dave White brought his new girlfriend, Tanya. Dave doesn't know it yet but we are planning on keeping her 😊 From The Canadian Maritimes through to the plains of Ohio, we gathered with a common goal: to promote Networking, Education, Camaraderie and Airshow Success. This is our new hipped up acronym. Pretty slick if you ask me. And if anyone is keeping tabs....Hell yeah, I booked a show there. That represents a return on investment of 28.5. You just can't get a better bang for your buck so you may want to consider joining us for our 20th Anniversary Gala Conference next year.



The board, being bossed around by outgoing President Bill Snelgrove



Bruce Ehmann from 1 Canadian Air Division giving his 2011 presentation. Bruce rocks by the way.



Me and Tanya, making Dave jealous

Below are the Sunday night, won't quit gang.



New Member Time: A Dream Achieved for Dan Marcotte of Bakersfield

Bakersfield, VT---Dan Marcotte of Bakersfield has achieved his personal goal of building and driving a car to go 300 MPH on the Bonneville Salt Flats in Wendover, Utah. Dan and his crew made the 3,000 mile trip to the historic Salt Flats last week for the Southern California Timing Association's (SCTA) World Finals. The annual event draws land speed enthusiasts from all over the world to witness the fastest motor sport on earth. This was Dan's fifth trip to the Salt Flats. In 2001 he achieved a personal goal of 200 MPH when he raced an open-wheeled Lakester that he designed and built to 202.987 MPH. Over the past six years Dan has built and modified his current land speed car, a supercharged streamliner that runs in the A/BGS class. A stands for

the engine size (up to 500 cubic inches), BG for type of fuel (blown gas), and S for body type (streamliner). Dan left his 2009 top speed of 276.9 MPH in a trail of salt achieving 294 MPH on his first run this year. The aerodynamic changes made to the car over the course of this past year really paid off gaining him over 20MPH using the same engine set up. On the second run made on Thursday, October 7th Dan's exit speed through the 5th mile marker was



300.104MPH! Another personal goal achieved for the man from Bakersfield whose life plays out in the fulfillment of dreams that most of us can't even imagine bringing to fruition. Prior to August 15, 2010 these first two runs would have brought a long-standing land speed record back to Vermont in the A/BGS class. That 286 MPH record was broken by the Spectre Performance team during the Speed Week Event at the Bonneville Salt Flats this year when they went 356 MPH. Was Dan deterred? "My goal was pure and was never clouded by dreams of record runs or anything...it was the dream of building a car that would go 300 MPH," Dan told Dick Gordon during an interview the aired on American Public Media's THE STORY with DICK GORDON on Friday, October 1st. And so he did!

This past trip to the Salt Flats was one of learning for Dan and his crew. Subsequent runs down the 8 mile course couldn't top the 300 MPH run. These new speeds put him in a new arena where every adjustment made to gain more



speed takes the crew into territory they've yet to explore. Every little change to the supercharged engine set up is an experiment. By Saturday morning everyone was confident that the car would exceed 300 MPH. Dan was excited about the amount of power the car was making right off the starting line and was having "more fun than I have ever had driving one of my cars!" Fate or Divinity interceded on the 3 mile tow from the pits to the starting line when the left rear tire blew out. The explosive blow out did enough damage to the rear quarter panel and wheel well to keep Dan from making any more runs. Disappointing? For sure! And yet anyone who knows Dan knows that he's not one to fall prey to the whims of circumstance. Everyone was relieved that the blow out happened at 20 MPH behind the truck and not at 290MPH on the course...an event that would have been catastrophic at best. All said and done Dan rolled back in to Bakersfield on October 11th with a 300 MPH race car in the trailer that with some work back in the shop will be ready to enter a personally uncharted territory of speeds over 300MPH.

Only two other cars completed runs faster than Dan's 8270 A/BG Streamliner at the World Finals event this year, a testament to his sheer determination and dedication to making his dreams reality. Over the course of the week Dan's pit area was visited by some "Salt Legends" including Skip Hedrich and Tom Burkland who stopped by to see the beautiful streamliner topping 300 MPH, built and driven by "a kid from Vermont." Their sincere feedback and interest was a special gift of validation for the countless hours of hard work that Dan has put into this project. Other visitors beamed with excitement and pride as they told Dan they've been watching him since his first trip to the Bonneville Salt Flats in 2001. Thanks to Dan's interview on The Story with Dick Gordon an even wider audience of people have had the chance to be inspired by Dan's dream. "I just wanted you to know that all four sections of my 8th Grade English and Literature class are listening to Dan Marcotte's story in class today and tomorrow. They just did some short writing assignments on the line *Forgetting dreams is easy* from William Kamkwamba's **The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind**, and it is a fun break for them to hear about someone who did not so easily forget his dream," a junior high teacher responded to Dan's interview.

Where has this dream taken him? In the nine years since that first trip remarks from the SCTA Officials has gone from a reserved "lets see if you can control this thing at 140MPH" to an excited "next on the line the 8270 A/BG Streamliner driven by Dan Marcotte...watch out folks...FAST car!" Fastest man on wheels in Vermont? This World Finals on the Salt proves (so far as we know) that honor goes to Dan Marcotte!

Dan's crew this year was: Crew Chief, Dru Guskea of Jericho, Baxter Weed of Enosburg, Dave Gagne of St. Albans, Mike Lemnah of Swanton, Sarah Jo Willey of Bakersfield with engineering support from Jerry Brown of Bakersfield.

In addition to his racing endeavors, Dan flies airshows throughout the Northeast in his Ultimate 10-200 Biplane.

Listen to Dan's interview with Dick Gordon by visiting thestory.org/archive/
More information about the 8270 A/BG Streamliner can be found at mindworksvt.com
More information about Dan Marcotte AirShows can be found at danmarcotteairshows.com

Things were going great when all of a sudden:

OOOOPS!

After report on NECAS Conference Feb. 2011

I am sending this message out to each member of NECAS, to report on the possible breach of bylaws surrounding the vote of the Executive positions for NECAS that occurred Sat. Feb. 19 2011.

After conducting the election of Officers for the NECAS Board and announcing the results, it was brought to my attention that it appeared there was more than one voting representative from one organization, and more than one Board member from the same organization, contrary to our bylaws. I advised the Board and the vote was declared invalid and stricken from the record.

There was quite a number of emails (approx 60) to discuss the issue at the Board level, and a conference call was convened on Mar. 2 to resolve this situation and formulate a plan for re-running the Executive elections.

There was a lot of discussion, which resulted in one member resigning from the Board, and another clarifying their member affiliation. There was a new slate nominated for the executive positions of the Board and a vote conducted via email.

The resultant new elected Board is as follows:

President Kevin Walsh

Vice President Frank Schaufler

Secretary Carol Pilon

Treasurer.....currently vacant.

I hope this action, and the transparency of it, demonstrates the NECAS Board's integrity and its resolve to be responsible to the membership of NECAS. The new Board is ready to work together and move forward for the betterment of NECAS and the Air Show Industry

Bill Snelgrove

Past President NECAS

THE ICAS FOUNDATION NEEDS YOUR RECIPE!!!

Back by popular demand, the ICAS Foundation is going to produce an all-new cookbook --- filled with recipes from aviators, air show organizers and others involved in our industry! A few new surprises will be added to make this cookbook even more fun than the last one – which was published almost 5 years ago!

To make it a success, we need a recipe or two from you!! And, if there is a special story behind the recipe, please include that too!!

Please send your recipe(s) to us via the easy to use email address ...
cookbook@icasfoundation.org

One new area is a "KIDS' SECTION" ... we want recipes FROM kids ... or FOR kids ... please consider adding a recipe from your child/children or something you like to make especially for your child/children!!

The ICAS Foundation is a non-profit charitable organization created in 1989 to administer programs supporting the air show industry. We are currently a 501(c)(3) organization in good standing with the Internal Revenue Service, eligible to receive tax-deductible contributions. The Foundation has no paid staff and our Board of Directors serve on a volunteer basis. All funds raised go directly to our programs.

Through your help, we were able to raise funds that supported the Family Fund benevolent efforts, our many scholarship programs, the "History of Air Shows" archive project, and the Air Show Hall of Fame



Dear Air Show Friends and Colleagues:

As you have likely heard by now, Kyle and Amanda Franklin were involved in an accident at the Air Fiesta 2011 in Brownsville, Texas on Saturday, March 12. It now appears that Amanda's injuries will require a difficult and potentially expensive recovery and rehabilitation process.

To help ensure that they are able to focus on the difficult challenges of healing rather than the financial challenges of that process, the ICAS Foundation has created a "Kyle and Amanda Fund." Every penny donated to this fund will go directly to Amanda and Kyle. It is our hope that members of the air show community will contribute to this fund as generously as their circumstances allow.

And the Foundation has made that process very easy:

1. By check. Make your check payable to ICAS Foundation and mail it to ICAS Foundation, 750 Miller Drive, Suite F-3, Leesburg, Virginia 20175.
2. Online. Go to ICAS Foundation website at www.icasfoundation.org. On the left side of the page there is a Quick Link to make a charitable contribution. Use the link and click on "Donate Now" on the next page. Indicate the donation amount, and complete your donation by following the prompts.
3. By credit card. Call the ICAS Foundation Chairman, Caroline Trinkwalder, at 734-595-0864. Caroline will take your credit card number and expiration date over the phone and run your card for your specified donation amount. You can advise Caroline how you wish to designate your donation.
4. You can also call ICAS headquarters (703-779-8510) with credit card information and we'll make sure that the information is passed along to Caroline securely.

Due to the peculiarities of IRS regulations, a direct contribution to the Kyle and Amanda Fund will not be tax deductible. We hope that that will not deter you from making a contribution.

If you would like for your donation to be tax deductible, you can make a contribution to the ICAS Foundation Family Fund, a program that the Foundation runs to help any member of the air show community who needs financial assistance. An increase in donations to the ICAS Foundation Family Fund will make it possible for the Foundation to make larger contributions to people in the air show community - like Amanda and Kyle - who can benefit from assistance.

Thank you in advance for your participation in this very important fundraising effort.

