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Aircraft Electronics Association Names Aspen Avionics 2009 AEA Associate Member of the Year

DALLAS, TEXAS, April 3, 2009 — Aspen Avionics received the 2009 AEA Associate Member of the Year honor during the 52nd annual Aircraft Electronics Association International Convention & Trade Show in Dallas, Texas, from April 1-4. Aspen Avionics President John Uczekaj accepted the award this afternoon at the AEA Annual Awards Luncheon.

The Aircraft Electronics Association represents more than 1,300 companies from throughout the world specializing in maintenance, repair and installation of avionics and electronic systems in general aviation aircraft. The AEA membership also includes manufacturers of avionics equipment, instrument repair facilities, instrument manufacturers, airframe manufacturers, test equipment manufacturers, major distributors, engineers and educational institutions.

A nominating committee — made up of AEA member representatives, including the previous year's winners — was created to prepare a slate of nominees for the annual award. Once the slate of nominees was assembled, it was sent to the full AEA membership for a vote — which means Aspen Avionics truly is being recognized by its peers for its service and participation in the industry and in the AEA.

The 2009 AEA Associate Member of the Year nominees were: Alto Aviation, Leominster, Mass.; Aspen Avionics, Albuquerque, N.M.; Flight Display Systems, Alpharetta, Ga.; Matrix Aviation, Wichita, Kan.; Rockwell Collins, Cedar Rapids, Iowa; and Universal Avionics Systems Corp., Tucson, Ariz.

Founded in 2004, by aviation enthusiasts Peter Lyons and Jeff Bethel, this year's AEA Associate Member of the Year is headquartered in Albuquerque, New Mexico. The company's mission — to bring the most advanced technology and capability from the commercial and business aviation markets into general aviation cockpits — has been realized in its five short years of existence.

The company's first product, certified in November 2005, is the AT300 Hazard Awareness Display, a combined terrain awareness display and vertical speed indicator. The creation of the AT300 led to recognition by Aero News Network as one of the Top 10 Products in 2005, and it paved the way for this young company to grow and create even more exciting products.



Aspen's flagship product line is the Evolution Flight Display system, one of the most innovative — and affordable — glass cockpit systems ever designed for certified general aviation aircraft.

The acclaimed Evolution EFD1000 Pro Primary Flight Display and the EFD1000 Multi-Function Displays give pilots everything they need in a full-featured glass cockpit for GA aircraft — at an affordable price.

Today, Aspen Avionics is led by industry veteran John Uczekaj, with a team of top talent — including familiar names to the AEA membership, such as Mark Ferrari, Doug Cayne, Brad Hayden, Gus Kyriakos, Kyle Farley, Anson Gray, Scott Smith, Robert Blaha and Pete DeFanti, as well as Aspen's recently appointed board member, Phil Boyer, past president of AOPA.

Aspen Avionics continues to make news and recently received Flying magazine's prestigious Editors' Choice Award, cited specifically "for bringing glass to the masses." Last year, Aero News Network named Aspen's EFD1000 one of its Aero-Products of the Year, and the company was among the top 100 elite companies in 2008 to receive a Red Herring North America winning nod.

Amid all the awards, recognitions and accolades, the company's mission has never swayed. As its co-founder, Peter Lyons, said back in 2006, during an interview with *Avionics News* magazine, "We are passionate about the general aviation community and about serving the needs of this community."