

Chief Executive Officer's Message

In my last message to our members, I outlined in broad strokes some of the many upgrades we're initiating to update AAHS as an organization. We've put into place necessary back-office updates (storage servers, new domain names, etc.) and are reaching out to develop relationships with other like-minded organizations. One such organization is the International Plastic Modelers Society (IPMS), where AAHS sponsored trophies for winning aviation models at the Orange County Regional Modeling event, in October (you'll be able to see our story on that event at our new Flightline Blog, coming out in the new year!)

In another outreach event, on September 21, AAHS volunteers attended a 'history' day at the Santa Monica Museum of Flying, to celebrate the Douglas World Cruiser's 100th Anniversary with a talk by AAHS Member (and museum curator) Mike Machat. Mike's done a fabulous job of preserving aviation artifacts of a pivotal age in California aviation history, manufacturing giants such as Douglas Aircraft, Lockheed, and Northrop, responsible for so much of California's early industrial leadership. With recent donations from various sources, we have hundreds of (duplicate) Douglas art posters that we'll be donating to the Museum of Flying's Gift Shop to support their preservation efforts.

And AAHS has been working to partner with our landlord, Flabob Airport, in promoting the historic and educational opportunities on the field. Flabob held its annual Veteran's Day event on November 11, where AAHS again sold books and artwork to locals and visitors, met with young people interested in aviation, and acquired more new members.

As we continue to settle in and reorganize HQ after our move from Huntington Beach, we continue our partnership not only with Flabob Airport, but other local organizations that support aviation awareness and education. Local colleges, such as California Baptist University, the Flabob Aviation Preparatory Academy (high school level) and local flight schools at nearby Riverside Airport will be additional opportunities for AAHS to share its mission.

Our new year will bring exciting new projects that will provide opportunities for our membership to get more involved in both youth aviation and historic preservation. We'd look forward to hearing from you!

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AAHS CEO



Adam Estes and Charles Shaw staff the AAHS booth at Flabob Airport's Veteran's Day Open House, November 11. AAHS had duplicate aviation books, art, posters and miscellaneous aviation merchandise for attendees to peruse