



Happy Engineers Week!

NATCA is celebrating with a salute to its E&A bargaining unit

NATCA represents approximately 2,000 engineers and architects in multiple bargaining units who design new ATC facilities, construct or remodel new or existing ATC facilities and replace aging National Airspace System (NAS) equipment. They evaluate systems and provide technical support to fix problems with NAS equipment. [Read more.](#)



Archie League Medal of Safety Award Recipients

Read more about this year's winners from three regions in the second installment of our series detailing the 2017 award-winning flight assists

David Stempien from Cleveland Center, Eric Vanstrom from Fort Wayne ATCT, Ross Leshinsky and Eric J. Knight from Boston ATCT, and Aaron Grijalva from Denver TRACON are all featured in this week's special focus on the winning events. [Read more.](#)

DataComm

NATCA-FAA Team honored for successful progress in deployment



On Thursday, Feb. 23, FAA DataComm Program Manager Jesse Wijntjes and FAA Vice President of the Program Management Office (PMO) Kris Burnham were joined by NATCA Director of Safety and Technology Jim Ullmann and PMO Rep Jeff Woods in honoring the entire NATCA-FAA DataComm team for its work during an award ceremony at FAA Headquarters in Washington,

D.C. [Read more.](#)

Collaboration

NATCA praises collaborative relationship with FAA, progress on NextGen

NATCA this week publicly highlighted the positive working relationship it has developed with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and the progress they have made to modernize the National Airspace System (NAS). [Read more.](#)

The Importance of NATCA Training

Learn more about NATCA's first efforts to keep the membership informed



When a group of new FacReps gather next week in Las Vegas for the first of four NATCA Academy Basic Rep Training classes scheduled for this year, they will continue a proud and valuable tradition in this Union of training and education. [Read more.](#)



Turn Off Tune In

Los Angeles Center delivers on cell phone charging stations

As part of the NATCA-FAA joint commitment to Turn Off Tune In, ZLA controllers are now able to charge their phones in a secured locker while they are working traffic. [Read more.](#)

NATCA Professionalism Awards

Eastern Service Area recipient: Pete Slattery

Slattery is among the five winners of this year's NATCA National Professionalism Award. NATCA will recognize his exemplary work on March 21 at Communicating For Safety. He is one of the winners for the Eastern Service Area. [Read more.](#)

NATCA 101

Course available for Communicating For Safety attendees: March 20, 8:30 a.m. PDT

NATCA 101 is an interactive learning course for members that is intended to introduce newer members, as well as those looking to get more involved, to the organization and structure of NATCA. NATCA is pleased to offer this course to members attending Communicating For Safety in Las Vegas on Monday, March 20 at 8:30 a.m. PDT. NATCA 101 provides a foundation of information about NATCA that will help members to better understand and become more involved with the organization that is working on their behalf every day. Having a basic understanding of your Union, and then building on it with personal involvement, are the first steps toward a stronger local, a more powerful national Union, and a better future for you and your family.



WorkLife Wisdom

Sleep Well challenge!

A three-week program that helps you establish simple routines that can lead to better sleep. Start today! [Read more.](#)



NATCA Charitable Foundation

NCF Communicating For Safety Poker Tournament!

The annual poker tournament will be held during Communicating For Safety on Tuesday, March 21 in the Bally's Las Vegas Poker Room. [Download the flyer.](#)

Facility Spotlight: Kalamazoo (AZO)

Learn more about this unique Great Lakes facility

Unique to the area surrounding AZO is the lake effect weather, which can go from clear skies to zero visibility, then back to clear skies all within a few minutes. Not only does the visibility drop quickly but during the winter, bands of lake-effect snow quickly erode runway and taxiway conditions, which requires a great working



relationship with the local airport operations office. [Read more.](#)



This Week's Notebook

Stay up to date with all things NATCA

Grab a NATCA Baseball Shirt, update your contact information, and plan your trip to Great Wolf Lodge! [Read more.](#)

Photo Album

Orlando, Anchorage, San Antonio, Cleveland, and Washington, D.C.

See all of the places NATCA is making a difference across the country this week. [Read more.](#)



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