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**President Rich Santa and Central Region Vice  
President Aaron Merrick Attend Wingnuts Flying  
Circus Air Show**

President Rich Santa and Central Region Vice President Aaron Merrick recently attended the Wingnuts Flying Circus Air Show in Tarkio, Mo., hosted by U.S. House Transportation Committee Chair Sam Graves (Mo., 6th). Members of the National Legislative Committee (NLC) from the Central Region joined Santa and Merrick, including Vice Chair Allison Schwaegel (St. Louis ATCT, STL) and Central Region Rep. Lisa Cunningham (Kansas City ATCT, MCI).



Merrick spoke on the Tarkio Aviation Roundtable with other members of Congress and stakeholders from within the aviation industry.

## **U.S. Rep. Nathaniel Moran Tours Longview ATCT**

NATCA Texas Legislative Coordinator Melissa Potter (Dallas-Fort Worth TRACON, D10) recently facilitated a tour for U.S. Rep. Nathaniel Moran (Texas, 1st) of Longview ATCT and approach control facility (GGG). Rep. Moran learned about GGG's operations being worked under less than ideal working conditions. He listened to the staffing concerns of NATCA members, especially related to FAA Reauthorization.

"He was already aware of the 10 percent drop in certified professional controller (CPC) totals since 2013, understanding the need for support,"

Potter said. “Detailed discussions about the facility’s aging infrastructure and outdated technology were brought to his attention and Rep. Moran expressed interest in helping any way that he can.”

Learn more about NATCA’s legislative activism, opportunities to get involved, and NATCA’s efforts from your National Legislative Committee [here](#).



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**PHOTO** (left to right): Potter, Rep. Moran, GGG FacRep Ryan Baxter, GGG Legislative Rep. Eric Cullum

## **Congratulations to Our Newest FacReps!**

The NATCA Onboarding Committee welcomes and thanks all new NATCA leaders who have recently taken office for their terms as FacReps at their local facilities:



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Kolby Clark (Flying Cloud ATCT, FCM)  
Rick Cotrell (Dayton ATCT, DAY)  
Christopher Schletty (St. Paul ATCT, STP)

### **Northwest Mountain**

Cody Baker (Billings ATCT, BIL)

### **Southern**

Kelsey Barfield (Birmingham ATCT, BHM)  
Hannah Steele (Savannah ATCT, SAV)  
Jonathan Walker (Columbus ATCT, CSG)

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Daniel Johnson (Midland ATCT, MAF)  
Kenneth Rodal (Austin ATCT, AUS)  
Kenrock Verret (Houma FCT, HUM)  
George Waldrop (Wiley Post FCT, PWA)

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Preston Lewellen (Livermore ATCT, LVK)

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