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## **NATCA Members Lead “Ask the Controller” Sessions for COPA University in Florida and California**

NATCA members across the country have recently lent their time and expertise to assist with the education and training of pilots through the Cirrus Owners and Pilots Association (COPA) University CPPP training. The program provides recurrent training on Cirrus aircraft to enhance safety, and flying proficiency for pilots and owners. Our members have played a crucial role in enhancing the training for COPA University pilots through “Ask the Controller” sessions.



## NATCA Members Lead “Ask the Controller” Sessions for COPA University’s CPPP Training

In February, Daytona Beach ATCT/TRACON (DAB) FacRep Mike Driscoll lent his expertise to COPA University participants in Melbourne, Fla., answering questions and providing tips on how pilots can more effectively communicate with air traffic controllers.

In April, Palm Springs ATCT (PSP) FacRep Jeremiah Luigs Brown and NATCA PSP member Kevin Cook led an “Ask the Controller” session for COPA University attendees in Palm Springs, Calif.

Great job, brothers!

**Listen to Northwest Mountain Region’s 2024 Archie League Award Recipient on the NATCA Podcast**

In this episode of the NATCA Podcast, former Communications Committee Northwest Mountain Region Rep. Brittney Armbrust (Colorado Springs ATCT, COS) interviews 2024 Archie League Medal of Safety Award Winner Jordan Smith (Denver TRACON, D01). Tune in wherever you listen to podcasts, or by clicking [here](#).



May 15, 2025 is the deadline for Archie League Medal of Safety nominations.

# NATCA PODCAST



**2024 Northwest Mountain Region  
Archie League Winner Jordan Smith**

The nomination form for the 21st Annual Archie League Medal of Safety Awards is open through May 15, 2025. NATCA members can nominate their peers [here](#).

## **For a Limited Time: Get your NATCA Pride Shirts to support LGBTQ+ Charities with NCF**

In support of Pride Month 2025, the NATCA Charitable Foundation (NCF) will once again sell NATCA Pride Shirts. With your help, NCF will support charities that serve LGBTQ+ young people across the country.

Available in both women's and men's sizes, the NATCA Pride shirts are priced at \$25 plus shipping. Shirts are available for purchase for a limited time, so please make your order by April 18. [Order today](#), so you can get your shirts in time to celebrate Pride 2025!

# GET YOUR NATCA PRIDE SHIRTS

*and Support LGBTQ+  
Charities with NCF*



Available in women's and men's/unisex  
sizes for \$25, plus shipping.

**Order by April 18**

NCF will be donating all proceeds from the shirt sales, plus a minimum of \$1,000 to the following LGBTQ+ charitable organizations:

**The Montrose Center (Houston, Texas):** The Montrose Center empowers LGBTQ+ individuals and their families to live healthier, more fulfilling lives. The Montrose Center envisions a healthier society marked by permanent, positive changes in attitudes and behaviors toward the LGBTQ+ communities and the ability of all LGBTQ individuals to realize their fullest potential.

**OUTMemphis (Memphis, Tenn.):** For the last 33 years, OUTMemphis has been serving the LGBTQ+ individuals in the Mid-South, working to empower, connect, educate, and advocate for this vibrant community. OUTMemphis provides a range of resources to support physical, mental, and spiritual health and treat addiction.

**Spencer Pride (Spencer, Ind.):** Spencer Pride's mission is to make Indiana a more welcoming place for all people. They operate the Spencer Pride community center, coordinate the annual Spencer Pride Festival, offer a variety of health & wellness services, and host the Iris Youth Group. Spencer Pride is a 100% volunteer-powered 501(c)3 not-for-profit organization serving rural South-Central Indiana.

**Zebra Youth (Orlando, Fla.):** The mission of Zebra Youth is empowering LGBTQ+ youth to thrive. Zebra Youth advances its mission by providing high quality, culturally appropriate programs designed to meet the unique needs of homeless and at-risk LGBTQ+ youth. They strive to meet the community's needs for affordable youth housing, mental health services, proactive youth support, and community education.

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