

# Louisiana Agricultural Aviation Association Conference

## Program

January 13 - 15, 2020

### Schedule of Events and Speakers

#### Monday, Jan. 13.....

8 am - 12	Covington Training Course Presenter: Robert Craymer	Willowick I
10 am - 11 am	Chem– Man Training Course Presenter: Regina Farmer	Willowick II
10 am - 4 pm	<b><u>Exhibitor Setup</u></b> Coordinator: Past President Seth Olivier	Grand I, II, & III
11 am - 12 pm	DynanAv Presenter: Reg Moen	Willowick II
12 pm - 1 pm	Lunch: On your own	
1 pm - 5 pm	<b><u>Conference Registration</u></b>	Box Office
1 pm - 4:30 pm	Drift Mitigation Seminar LDAF & LSU Presenter: Kim Pope Brown	Willowick I
1 pm - 2 pm	TracMap Presenter: Mark Hornbeck	Willowick I
2 pm - 3 pm	Capstan AG Presenter: Jeff Hemeyer	Willowick II
3 pm - 4 pm	Helicopter Session Presenters: Shaen Phillips – USAIG – Topic will be ag aviation accidents Jesse Pitre – Pitre Aviation Consultants – Topic will be Bell 206 series fuel and electrical systems	Willowick II
4 pm - 8 pm	Exhibit Hall Opens	Grand I, II, & III
4 pm	LAAA Silent Auction Begins	Grand I, II, & III
4 pm - 6 pm	Reception - Cash Bar	Grand I, II, & III
4:30 pm - 5:30 pm	LAAA Board Meeting	Boardroom
6 pm - 8 pm	<b><u>Exhibitors Reception</u></b>	Grand I, II, & III

8 pm Exhibit Hall Closes

**Tuesday, Jan. 14**.....

7 am - 8 am Recovery Breakfast Grand I, II, & III  
Sponsored by: MM Satterfield, GreenPoint AG,  
and Davidson Insurance

7 am - 10 am Conference Registration (Cont'd) Box Office

**~Morning Session - Presiding NAAA Director Dwayne O'Brien~**

8 am - 9:30 am PAASS Program Workshop Willowick I & II  
Overview: Airfield watch and security,  
Human factors effecting safety,  
Environmental professionalism to reduce drift, and  
Hangar Ag flying reviewing past accidents and their causes.

Presenters:



Doug Thiel

Doug Thiel is the owner and operator of Thiel Air Care, Inc., located in Chowchilla, California. Doug flew his first ag aircraft in 1977 while in college but didn't start flying full time until 1982. He earned his bachelor's degree in Ag Business from Fresno State University. He worked five seasons in the Texas Panhandle before moving home to the San Joaquin Valley in California. He became a partner in a four-turbine aircraft company in the early nineties. Thiel Air Care was established in 1997 with one Turbo Thrush and has expanded to five turbine Air Tractors. Doug is passionate about the PAASS Program and is extremely grateful to be allowed the honor of being a presenter. Thiel has been a PAASS Presenter since 2010.



Rod Thomas

Rod Thomas is an owner/operator, along with his brothers of Thomas Helicopters, Inc, in Gooding, Idaho. They started in 1975 with a Hughes 300. They have owned as many as five helicopters they used for ag and other work such as coyote hunting, wild animal darting, fire-fighting, heli-skiing, construction, sling work, and movies. Presently they operate a Hughes 500D and two AT-502s for seeding and spraying. In addition, they also operate the local FBO complete with a full maintenance facility. Rod has been active in the Idaho AAA. Rod served as the Vice President and President of both NAAA and NAAREF in years past. An NAAA member since 1975, Rod believes in the value of association membership and continuing education. He has been a PAASS presenter since 2001.

9:30 am - 9:45 am Coffee Break Inside Grand I, II, & III  
Sponsored by: Landry Aero

9:45 am - 10:30 am PAASS Program Workshop (Cont'd) Willowick I & II

10 am - 11 am Athena Program "Under the Umbrella" Post Oak III  
Presiding: Cathy Ellett  
Presenter: Betsy Sharp

10:30 am - 11 am Exhibitor's Time Willowick I & II

**~Afternoon Session - Presiding President Tommy Ellett~**

11 am - 11:30 am LA Department of Agriculture Reports Willowick I & II  
Presenter: Kevin Wofford, Director of Pesticides and Environmental Programs

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11:45 am - 1:00 pm Awards Luncheon Grand IV

1:15 pm - 3:15 pm PAASS Program Workshop (Cont'd) Willowick I & II

2:30 pm - 2:45 pm Coffee Break Inside Grand I, II, & III  
Sponsored by: Sky Tractor and McGriff Insurance

3:15 pm - 3:30 pm NAAA Report Grand IV  
Darrin Pluhar, 2020 NAAA President



3:30 pm - 4:00 pm Address by Dr. Mike Strain, Louisiana Commissioner of Agriculture Grand IV



Dr. Mike Strain has just been elected to his fourth four-year term as Louisiana's Commissioner of Agriculture and Forestry on November 16, 2019. A native of Covington, Strain earned a Doctorate in Veterinary Medicine from LSU in 1983. In 1999, he was elected to the first of two terms as State Representative, where he served on the Agriculture Committee and chaired the Legislative Rural Caucus. He holds a commission from the U. S. Food and Drug Administration and serves on the Board of Trustees of the Council for Agricultural Science and Technology.

4 pm - 4:30 pm LAAA Business Meeting Willowick I & II

4 pm - 6 pm Reception - Cash Bar Grand I, II, & III

6 pm - 8 pm President's Reception Grand I, II, & III  
Sponsored by: Kimmel Aviation Insurance and Turbines

6:30 pm Silent Auction Closes Grand I, II, & III  
Items must be picked up by 7 pm

8 pm Exhibit Hall Closes

**Wednesday, Jan. 15.....**

6 am - 10 am Exhibitor Breakdown Grand I, II, & III

*~Morning Session - Presiding Vice President Clay Vincent~*

8 am - 9 am	FAA Report Presenter: Terry Morrison, FSDO Representative	Willowick I & II
9 am	Recertification of Applicators LDAF & LSU Personnel	
9 am - 9:45 am	Updates on Pesticide Drift Mitigation Research Presenter: Dr. Randy Price, LSU AgCenter	Willowick I & II
	Randy Price is an Agricultural engineer that works for the LSU AgCenter at the Dean Lee Research and Extension Center. He works with pattern testing aerial aircraft and is in charge of the Louisiana Agri-climatic Information Service (LAIS). Other activities include the evaluation of sprayer and remote sensing drones, drift reduction techniques, and the development of improved testing equipment.	
9:45 am - 10 am	Coffee Break Sponsored by: McCarty Fuel, M9 Aero, and Strange Aviation	Outside Willowick I & II
10 am - 12am	Recertification of Applicators (Cont'd)	
10 am - 12 am	Glyphosate Updates; Chosen vs Forced Risk Presenter: Kim Brown, LSU AgCenter	Willowick I & II



Kim Brown has been the Pesticide Safety Education Coordinator for the LSU AgCenter since 2012. She earned her B.S. from Auburn University in Agronomy and her M.S. from Louisiana State University in Plant, Soils and Environmental Science. With the LSU AgCenter she is responsible for training commercial pesticide applicators, assisting county agents with private pesticide applicator trainings, updating study materials and exam materials in the state of Louisiana. Prior to working for the LSU AgCenter, Kim was the assistant pesticide safety education coordinator at Auburn University. Kim is currently serving as the American Association of Pesticide Safety Educators President.

LAAA Officers 2020  
President: Tommy Ellett  
Clay Vincent: Vice President  
Reed Kahey: Secretary/ Treasurer  
Executive Secretary: Edward Krielow

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