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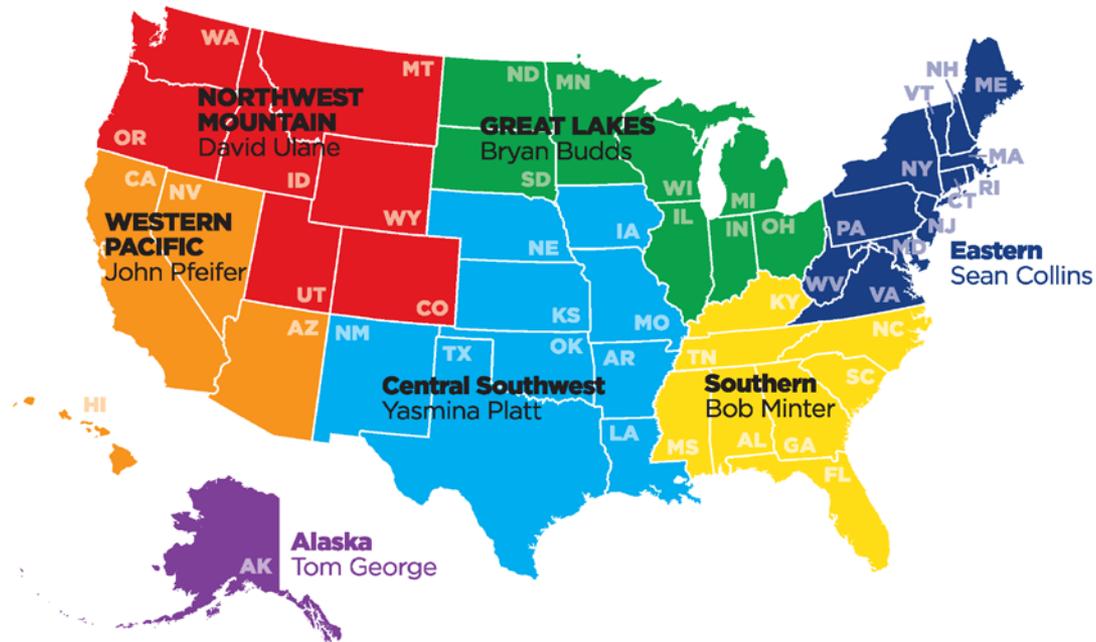
## Protecting Your Freedom to Fly

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# Regional Manager Program



## AOPA REGIONAL MANAGERS

## AOPA's Grassroots Advocates

- State Legislative
- Airport Issues
- Outreach





Not this year!



# Third Class Medical Reform

- AOPA's top priority
- Huge population of non-active pilots
- Multipronged approach to tackle reform
  - AOPA/EAA Petition
  - FAA Rulemaking
  - Legislative Action
- FAA moved potential NPRM to OST
- Reauthorization



# The Future of Avgas

- PAFI - Robust FAA/Industry Collaboration
- 2018 Target Date for Replacement
- 4 Potential fuels are currently being studied – Swift, Total, Shell
- Phase 1 – Lab and Rig Testing (through 2015)
- Phase 2 – Engine and aircraft testing, certification data compiled



# Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs)

- 600 Active COAs
- 3 commercial operators, 50+ pending
- Certificated pilot, airworthiness certificate, flown in compliance with existing airspace regulations
- Small (<55lbs) UAS – Rule by 2014?



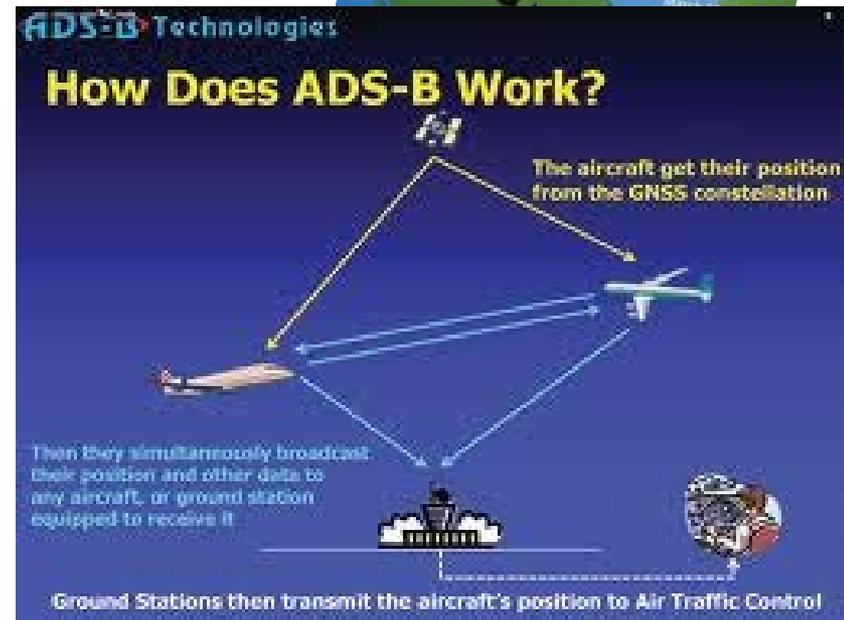
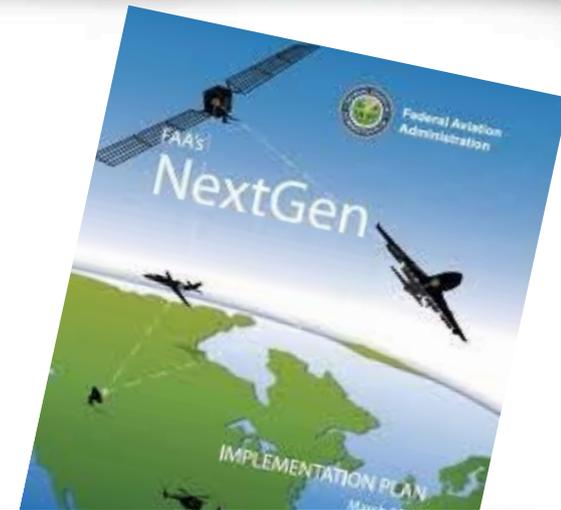
# Small UAS Rule – Under 55 Pounds

- See and avoid other aircraft
- Conditions
  - Day, line of sight, 3 miles vis
  - Controlled airspace w/ ATC authorization
- Aircraft
  - N-number, no airworthiness cert
  - <100 mph / <500 ft
- Operator
  - Age 17, knowledge test, operator cert
- “Microlight” Category? <4.4 lbs



# NextGen - Where Do We Stand?

- 2020 is approaching!
- All aircraft that fly in Class A, B, and C airspace and above 10,000 feet will have to be equipped with ADS-B out.
- Cost too high
  - 43% valued at <\$40k
- Benefits?



# Airport Improvement Program - NPE

- Issues
  - Unable to find local share
  - Not enough for larger projects
- Opportunities?
  - Modify matching requirements?
  - Extend obligation period?
  - Others?
- FAA Reauthorization - \$3.2 billion level



# Airports and State Advocacy



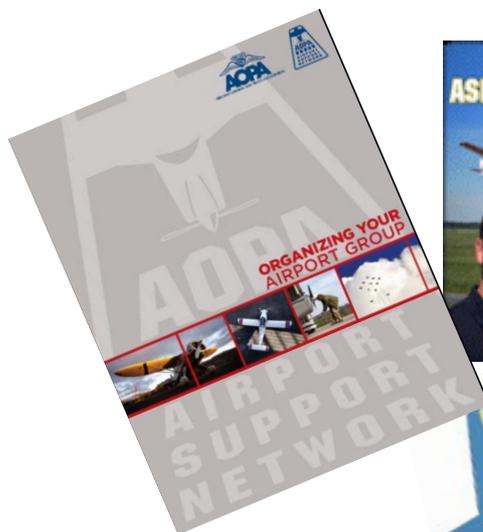
# Airport Support Network

- The ASN is at the heart of AOPA's efforts to protect community airports
- Program has grown to almost 2,500 volunteers nationwide
- AOPA's early warning system
- Protect and promote airports

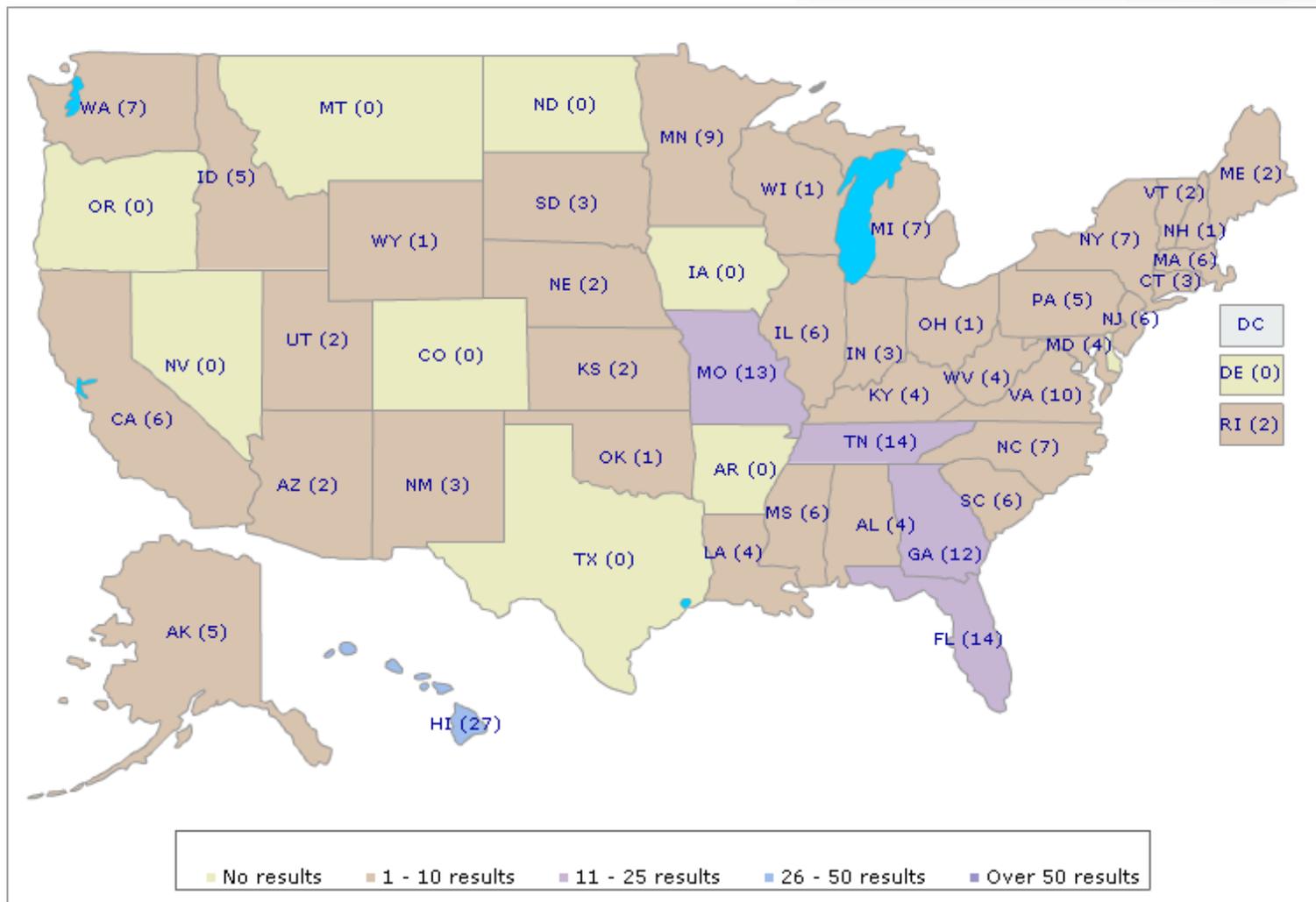


# Airport Support Network

- Resources for airport advocates:
  - Retooled Website
  - Webinars
  - Educational resources
  - Online training



# 2015 – Working 300+ Significant Bills



# State Legislative Affairs

- **Wisconsin Aircraft Maintenance Exemption** – 5% aircraft maintenance
- **Indiana Aircraft Maintenance Exemption** – 7% aircraft maintenance
- **Indiana Aviation Fuel Tax Reduction/Dedication** – \$0.25+ per gallon reduction
- **Illinois Luxury Tax** – 5% annually
- **Michigan Tax Redirection**
- **Ohio Fuel Tax Reduction and Dedication**
- **MET Tower Marking**
- **Recreational Use Statutes** – Minnesota, Wisconsin, Michigan?



# You Can Fly Initiative



# AOPA's AV8RS Program

- Objective is to raise awareness of aviation and flight through education, engagement, and cultivation.
- Free AOPA membership for teens 13 – 18 = the Future of Aviation
- Made possible thanks to the generous contributions of AOPA members and other donations
- FMI: <http://www.aopa.org/av8rs/>



# Rusty Pilots

- 1 in 5 completes training and 500,000 lapsed pilots!
- Life gets in the way, I plan on coming back
- Newer technology, airspace changes, core competencies and more.
- FREE ground portion of flight review



# 152 Reimagined

- Aviation isn't cheap – but it could be!
- A completely rebuilt airframe and engine
- Great for flying club or flight school
- Operating cost - \$65/hour



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