

Annual Convention

Our Annual Convention is held each summer. This event is scheduled in a different location in North America each year. Our convention runs for three to five days, and includes a wide array of flying activities, contests, awards, seminars, meetings, banquets, and informal discussions. A convention fee, paid by each attending member, covers several meals, convention and seminar facilities, airport transportation, awards, and various other direct costs related to the event. Details are published in the newsletter and on the web site each spring.

Our European Region also has an annual convention, hosted in various countries. Members from North America and Australasia also attend.

Prospective Members

We hope this answers most of your questions. If not, please feel free to contact any of the AYA officers. We look forward to you becoming a member of AYA. To join, please go to www.aya.org and click on the Join tab. You may also call our Secretary/Treasurer at (530) 676-4AYA. AYA does accept MasterCard and Visa. Please note that you can save substantially on dues by joining for multiple years.

All renewals, whether for one or more years, are due on January 1. Renewal notices are sent directly to all members via first class mail or via email through the web site. Half-year memberships are available for those joining after July 1 each year, or you may join for the full year and receive all of the year's back issues of the Star.

Some AYA Achievements

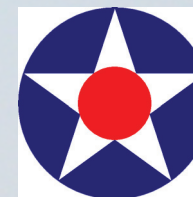
- the abolition of the clipped aileron SB (AMOC)
- an engineering solution to the rear bulkhead crack issue
- enabled worldwide friendships
- worldwide advice and help for members new to region, country or even a continent
- spare part and equipment discounts, AirMods NW, Blue Sky Visors, Dillon Mounts, Fletcher, Skytech Starters, Schroth Seabelts, MatAir(Europe)

AYA Scholarship

The AYA members support a scholarship program that 'Promotes Youth in Aviation' by providing scholarships of up to \$2500US. Qualifying youth from 16-25 years may apply. Details are on the AYA website, www.aya.org.

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AIRCRAFT OWNERS,
PILOTS AND
ENTHUSIASTS.**

Message From The President

Thank you for taking the time to review this brochure and learn a little about the AYA, The International Grumman American Pilots Association. Our organization was founded to promote and support the "Grumman" family of two and four place general aviation aircraft.

There are many benefits to belonging to a type club and we invite you to further investigate what the AYA has to offer. Please visit our web site at www.aya.org where you can find a wealth of information about maintaining your aircraft, where to attend a regional fly-in near you, coverage of the annual convention and much more. AYA membership also allows you to obtain discounts from the two major suppliers of spare parts for your airplane. We welcome you and any questions or comments that you may have.

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Regions

AYA has sixteen regions; eleven in the USA, three in Canada, one in Europe, and one in Australia and New Zealand. There are over 30 Regional Directors and Area Coordinators serving members within these regions. Each region holds several events per year, and the numerous local area gatherings allow members to share common interests and information on topics such as maintenance and parts availability, mods, flying tips, and so on. Some combined regional events and the Annual Convention include seminars and guest speakers, and are heavily attended.

American Yankee Association: Pilot Familiarization Program

The PFP is designed to give new Grumman owners a comprehensive checkout in their new airplane from a Grumman-experienced CFI.

While Grumman aren't inherently more difficult to fly than other types, they have a number of unique characteristics and handling qualities that make a thorough checkout from a qualified instructor more than just a good idea. In fact, completing a PFP checkout makes some new Grumman pilots eligible for insurance discounts through the AYA Insurance Program in the USA.

The PFP is a "Train-to Proficiency" program, and as such, does not require any specified number of hours. Time to complete will depend on the individual pilot's background, experience, and current proficiency.

AYA Insurance Program

AYA, through Aircraft and Marine Assurance Agency, Inc., has a group insurance policy which covers both aircraft hull and liability risks. We have established an excellent safety record over the years, which results in a very competitive premium. To obtain a quote, contact the agent directly (see below), indicating that you are considering joining AYA. A quick estimate may be obtained by telephone. Some limitations and minimum requirements do apply. <http://www.aircraftandmarine.com> 1-800-466-4944



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1978 Cheetah, C-GXWE, taken at the Sundre, AB(CFN7) airport, about 60 miles north of Calgary. This is the type of weather to be expected for AYA 2009 in Red Deer, Alberta.

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AYA Web Site

The AYA web site, www.aya.org, has a wealth of information for the new and seasoned members. You have access to your personal profile and photo gallery, join or renew online, messaging and online chat, downloadable issues of *The American Star* magazine, maintenance information and much more.