# PEOPLE IN AVIATION

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*Superior Aviation Group* promoted **Keith Chatten** to CEO of Superior Air Parts. Most recently the company's executive vice president and general manager, Chatten joined Superior as vice president of engineering in 2013 after a 15-year career with Continental Motors.

**James Elian** was promoted to president and COO of fractional ownership provider *AirSprint*. Elian has served with AirSprint since 2001, holding roles as a first officer, chief pilot, director of flight operations and vice president of operations, among others.

*OneJet* added to its advisory team Transportation Secretary **Ray LaHood** and **Peter Belobaba**, a senior research scientist at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology's International Center for Air Transportation and director of the university's Global Airline Program. LaHood, who steered the nation's transportation policy at the helm of the U.S. Department of Transportation from 2009 to 2013, will advise OneJet on government issues. Belobaba will advise the company in areas involving network composition and management.

**Randall Greene** joined the *Hawthorne Global Aviation Services* board of directors. Chairman of Safe Flight Instrument, Greene has served with Bendix General Aviation Avionics Division and

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AlliedSignal Aerospace, founded Commander Aircraft after acquiring the former Rockwell Commander 112/114 piston singles and led Aeronautical Systems in Boulder, Colo.

*Aerion* named former Nextant Aerospace CEO **Sean McGeough** regional vice president for the Northeast U.S.McGeough had led Nextant since January 2013 and before that spent 13 years with Hawker Beechcraft, rising to the role of president for Europe, Middle East, Africa and Asia. He has also served with Diamond Aircraft Industries.

**Andreas Buli?** was appointed CFO of *328* in Oberpfaffenhofen, Germany. Buli? spent 10 years as CFO for CAE.

**Lisa (Lee) Boulanger** was promoted to vice president of business aircraft customer support for *Bombardier*. She succeeds Andy Nureddin, who became vice present and general manager of customer services in July. Boulanger has served with Bombardier since 1987, beginning as an A&P technician, holding various operations management roles and most recently serving as general manager of the company's service center in Hartford, Conn.

**Michael Burrows** has been permanently appointed as executive director of the *San Bernardino International Airport Authority* and the Inland Valley Development Agency. He had previously held the role in an interim capacity.

*Rockwell Collins* promoted **Rick Schmidt** to vice president of mergers and acquisitions. The company credits Schmidt, who previously served as director for mergers and acquisitions, with playing an instrumental role in the company's 2013 acquisition of Arinc.

*AAR* named **Timothy Romenesko** vice chairman. Romenesko will also continue as COO of the Expeditionary Services segment at AAR, which is composed of Airlift and Mobility Systems, and as strategic advisor to the chairman and CEO.

*Cutter Aviation* named **James Lorentzen** regional sales manager, based in Phoenix. Lorentzen has more than 26 years of aviation experience, including aircraft sales (whole and fractional), avionics and component and maintenance sales.

**C&L Aerospace** appointed **Allyn Kinnamon** as avionics sales manager for corporate aircraft. Kinnamon has 30 years of Gulfstream avionics experience on all models through the G550.

**Joe Noland** has rejoined *Uniflight* as director of maintenance at the company's corporate headquarters in Grand Prairie, Texas. Noland has 30 years of experience, with a background in providing support to AgustaWestland, Airbus Helicopters and Bell Helicopter operators.

**Matt Richardson** has joined *Pentastar Aviation* as an aircraft interiors sales representative. Richardson previously held sales roles with Comlux Aviation Services, Aircraft Services International Group and Duncan Aviation.

**Kelly O'Brien** opened a *JetBrokers* office in Tampa, Fla. O'Brien brings a mix of business and aviation experience to her new role and holds an airline transport pilot certificate, rotary-wing private pilot certificate and Hawker type rating.

*Mecaer Aviation Group* (MAG) named **Janie Foster** sales manager for air medical systems in North America. Foster, who most recently flew the AgustaWestland AW139 for Era Helicopters, has held positions in flight operations, operational risk management and safety councils.

*Dallas Airmotive* named **Steve Griego** territorial director for the West Coast and **Chuck Farthing**

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engine manager for the Midwest region. Griego, who spent more than three decades with Beechcraft/Hawker Beechcraft Services, joined Dallas Airmotive three years ago as regional engine manager for the Northwestern U.S. Farthing has been involved with sales at Dallas Airmotive since 1985.

*Montgomery Aviation* promoted **Sean White** to general manager of all three of its locations. White, who has been director of marketing and business development, succeeds **Bobby Beem**, who is leaving the company after 14 years to pursue a career as a full-time corporate pilot.

*Meridian Air Charter* named **Chris Battaglia** director of charter sales. Battaglia has 13 years of charter sales experience at TAG Aviation and TWC Aviation.

**Craig Walker** was selected to handle leasing and development for *MaguireJet* at Van Nuys Airport in California. Walker, who will provide consulting services, spent the past 14 years as vice president of operations and development for Castle & Cooke Aviation and director of aviation for Dole Foods.

**Craig Voelker** joined *Innotech Aviation* as regional sales manager for the U.S. Midwest-Great Lakes sales division. Voelker brings 25 years of sales experience to his new role, having held similar positions with StandardAero, JetCorp and West Star Aviation.

*FlightSafety International* promoted **Michael Burger** to assistant manager of the company's learning center in Teterboro, N.J. A former employee of Swiss International Airlines and Crossair, Burger joined FlightSafety in 2004 as an instructor at the Farnborough learning center in the UK and most recently was director of training.

*Professional Aircraft Accessories* appointed **Gene Hart** director of sales. Most recently Hart was director of sales and marketing for Applied Aerodynamics in Dallas and before that regional sales manager for Ametek Ameron.

*The General Aviation Manufacturers Association* (GAMA) named **Lauren Haertlein** director of safety and regulatory affairs. A licensed pilot, Haertlein joins GAMA from Arnold & Porter, where she was an associate in the Food and Drug Administration and healthcare group. She has also served as a law clerk to Judge James A. Wynn, Jr., on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit.

**Joseph Spielmann** joined the *GE Corporate Air Transport* flight department as director of maintenance. Spielmann had served as lead quality engineer and quality systems/customer program quality manager forGE Aviation.

**Austin Shontz** was named vice president and general manager of *Western Aircraft*. Shontz has a 30-year aviation career with McDonnell Douglas, Gulfstream and Embraer.

**Randy Deal** joined *Landmark Aviation* as director of MRO sales. Deal has 15 years of business aviation sales experience, previously serving with Textron Aviation.

**Samantha Wishart-Mizsei** was promoted to general manager of *Landmark Aviation's* FBO at London-Luton Airport. Wishart-Mizsei, who has 12 years of aviation experience, previously served as assistant general manager of the facility.

*Landmark Aviation* expanded its aircraft management and charter division's leadership, naming **Marla McGatlin**as manager of client relations based in Waukegan, Ill., and **Greg Paxson** as the director of maintenance based in Van Nuys, Calif. McGatlin and Paxson each has 30 years of

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aviation experience. McGatlin has spent nine years as the client services lead for TAG Aviation and Paxson was director of maintenance with TWC Aviation.

**Final Flights**

**David Brown**, the former director of aviation and director of maintenance with Samtex USA, died August 5 following a 15-month battle with ALS. He was 58. Based in Manchester, N.H., Brown had a 25-year career with Samtex. He had also served in the U.S. Marines and graduated at the top of his class in aviation technology at East Coast Aero Tech. He received a Lifetime Achievement Award from the FAA for his work in aviation safety.

**Tim Bowman**, a 30-year aviation veteran who recently joined Baker Aviation as director of quality assurance, died August 26 from cardiac arrest caused by a blood clot. He was 57. Bowman began his aviation career as a civilian aircraft mechanic at Tinker Air Force Base in Oklahoma City and later moved on to companies such asAMR Combs/Jet Solutions, Raytheon Aircraft Charter & Management and Sentient Jet. Before joining Baker, Bowman had served as director of quality assurance for Southwest Airframe and Tanks Services in Dallas, Texas.

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