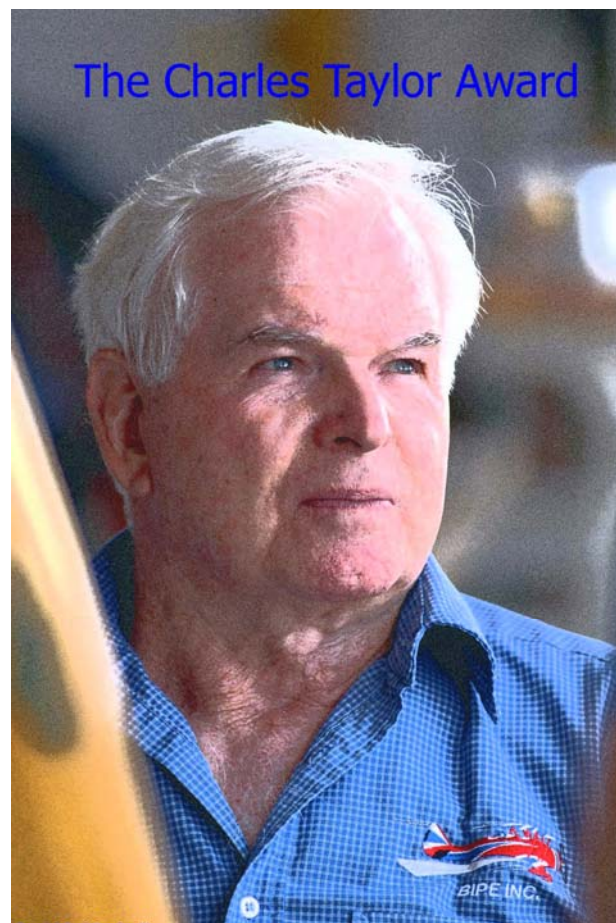


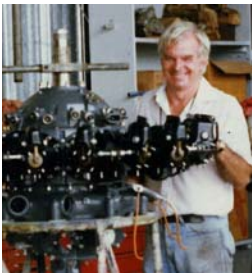
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January 14, 2006 – Indiantown, Florida – The prestigious Charles Taylor Master Mechanic Award was given to Gerald “Jerry” C. Stadtmiller January 14<sup>th</sup> at a luncheon sponsored by the Florida Antique Biplane Association. Randy Williams, FAA Airworthiness Program Safety Manager for South Florida and Bruce Hill from the FAA Fort Lauderdale Flight Safety District office presented the award. Jerry was nominated by his wife, Lisa Turner, also an FAA certificated mechanic.



The Charles Taylor Award is given to select aviation mechanics that have worked in aviation for at least 50 years and meet standards of excellence in work and of character. The Award is named in honor of Mr. Charles Taylor, the first aviation mechanic in powered flight, the man that built and maintained those first aircraft engines. Mr. Taylor served as the Wright brothers' mechanic and is credited with designing and building the engine for their first successful aircraft. The award is in the form of a certificate and lapel pin. The certificate is signed by the FAA Administrator. A "Role of Honor" with the recipient's name, city and state, and certificate number will be in a prominent place in the Washington DC, Federal Aviation Building as well as in the Smithsonian.

More than a dozen antique biplanes lined the Indiantown runway at the event, many of which Jerry himself restored. “This means a lot to me, to be here with my friends and have my work recognized this way. It’s a real honor,” said Jerry.

Jerry’s wife Lisa said, “Jerry’s lifeblood is aviation. The Charles Taylor Award embodies that wonderful combination of passion and competence in a lifelong commitment of work – something very few of us are able to achieve.”

Larry Robinson, Jerry’s friend and Director of the Florida Antique Biplane Association, said, I’ve known Jerry a long time and his work is renown around here.”



Jerry is known in the southeastern United States as one of the premier craftsman in restoration and is consulted by many other restorers and mechanics. His pre-purchase inspections are so thorough that owners are both amazed and awed at what he finds! Many owners wish they hadn't asked!

Jerry's hometown is Rochester, New York. Jerry began working on and around airplanes in 1952 in his back yard, and a year later began working at the Rochester Municipal Airport. He majored in Aviation in High School.

Jerry moved to Miami Florida from Rochester New York in 1958 to attend Embry Riddle Aeronautical University (then in Miami) and went on to get his A&P in 1959. Soon thereafter he earned his IA (Inspection Authorization) and held it to this day. This is no small deal, every couple years you have to re-certify for this designation.



Jerry is an accomplished pilot, with Private, Instrument, Multi-engine, and Commercial ratings and over 4,000 hours of flight time. In the cockpit he is smooth and competent, able to listen to the aircraft and respond in concert with the physics and the machinery.



Jerry has rebuilt or restored over 50 aircraft in his career, including Stearmans, Wacos, Tiger Moths, Cessna 140s and 170s, and Cubs. Jerry restored the Grumman Goose that is now in the Air and Space Museum and rebuilt its engines. He is on the Approved List of Restoration Companies at the Smithsonian.

Jerry built the Stearman depicted in Sam Lyons' "Airshow", just one of many award winning airplanes he has restored. This airplane was his third restoration, and he took 16 years to complete it.

Jerry presents seminars for Sun N Fun and several aircraft clubs and fly-in organizations, such as the Stearman owners get together in Galesburg, Illinois.



Jerry's work embodies the highest level of values and ethics. He is honest and direct in his dealings with customers and is known for outstanding and uncompromising customer service.

Jerry's antique aircraft restoration facility, BIPE, INC., is located on the Lantana Airport. Stop in for a tour next time you're in the area!





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April 20, 2005

Dear Mr Stadtmiller;

## **Congratulations**

*The Miami Flight Standards District Office Safety Program Managers would like to congratulate you on receiving the Charles Taylor "Master Mechanic" Award. Through your initiative, diligent efforts, and unselfish devotion within the aviation maintenance field you have attained a life long achievement. This award places you in an elite cadre of aircraft maintenance technicians.*

*By maintaining of the highest standards of proficiency, has and will continue to pay dividends in increase safety within the aviation industry. With an aviation career that has spanned over five decades, you are an inspiration for others to follow. Gerald Carl, you are a credit to yourself, the aviation industry and the Federal Aviation Administration, **Thank You.***

*We appreciate your commitment to aviation safety and look forward to your continued participation.*

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Walter A. Wilson".

Walter A. Wilson  
Airworthiness Safety Program Manager

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sergio Lopez".

Sergio Lopez  
Manager, Miami Flight Standards District Office 19