



HELPFUL RESOURCES

The following websites are great resources for researching the latest news in the field of aviation:

www.faa.gov

www.aero-news.net

www.amtonline.com

www.aea.net

www.nbaa.org

www.atec-amt.org

www.ncatt.org

www.pama.org

www.bls.gov

www.amtonline.com

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Clearwater, FL 33760
Toll Free: 800-659-2080
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ADVANCING YOUR CAREER AS AN A&P



Cessna Aircraft Company is one of the leaders in retaining A & P employees. AMT Magazine interviewed Stan Younger, Vice President of Service Facilities, to ask how Cessna maintains such a high rate of retention. Stan Younger stated, "I don't intend to brag, but I'm the poster child for what you can become with an A & P background."

Younger started out at the

lowest level as an A & P mechanic. Today he has three college degrees and Six Sigma certification, all paid for by Cessna. He runs 10 Citation service centers around the globe proving that an A & P can lead to management, sales and field engineer positions.

According to Younger, Cessna creates a culture that encourages self esteem and taking pride in one's work. They offer competitive salaries and benefit packages proving to be among the top in the industry at providing employees with the ability to live well. Younger believes that supplying a good work environment

with comfortable facilities filled with the best people who are culturally diverse with both genders, broad range of backgrounds and generations is important. It's because of these practices that Cessna maintains a high percentage of A & P employees.

~ AMT Magazine 8/2008



LOOKING UP

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TOP FIVE SHOCKING PAYCHECKS



Yahoo.com recently released an online article called **Five Shocking Paychecks**, written by Clare Kaufman. People who are in the aviation industry are not surprised to see aircraft mechanic in the top five featured occupations. Certified A&P aircraft mechanics can make \$40,000 to \$80,000 per year in salary. The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) certifies 170 trade/technical schools to train in aircraft maintenance and repair. Most of these programs take 19 to 24 months, however National Aviation Academy offers programs that takes 14 to 21 months, leading the way to fulfilling the growing number of available A&P career opportunities.



NAA Competition

With locations near Boston and in the Tampa Bay area, NAA enjoyed watching the Rays and Red Sox square off in the ALCS.



Aviation Trivia

Who was the first person to fly faster than the speed of sound?

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MORE AVIONICS TECHNICIANS!!

The need for A & P Technicians with Avionics experience and training is growing rapidly as technology becomes more advanced. An Avionics Technician installs, inspects, tests, adjusts, or repairs the new and old avionics equipment, such as radar, radio, navigation, and missile control systems in aircraft or space vehicles. In order to work on these ever advancing systems, technicians need one or two years of training involving both on-the-job experience, formal and informal training.

Wages & Employment Trends

- Median Wages: \$23.13/hr, \$48,100/yr
- Projected Need (2006-2016): 3,000 Additional Employees

AVAILABLE JOBS -Avjobs.com

Category	# Jobs (Open)	Category	# Jobs (Open)
Airport	472	Flight Attendant	144
A&P Mechanic	692	Ground/Ramp	132
Avionics	284	Helicopter	16
Cargo	52	Internships	28
Computer	20	Management	284
Dispatch	80	Office/Administration	132
Engineering/Aerospace	408	Other	340
Executive	24	Pilot	296
Reservations	48		
Sales/Marketing	168		
Temporary/Seasonal	28		

-October 2008 Statistics

A & P with AVIONICS

Technicians who are cross-trained and able to work with complex aircraft systems should have the best job prospects. Additionally, technicians with licensing that enables them to work on the airplane, either removing or reinstalling equipment, are expected to be in especially high demand.

OVERVIEW OF SALARIED AVIATION POSITIONS AS OF 10-7-08

-AVJobs.com

Career/Industry Groups	Minimum Salary	Average Salary	Maximum Salary
Airport	\$30,821.00	\$41,388.64	\$91,563.00
A&P Mechanic	\$35,000.00	\$53,343.64	\$85,000.00
Avionics	\$35,000.00	\$59,583.33	\$100,000.00
Dispatch	\$28,000.00	\$48,825.00	\$89,000.00
Engineering/Aerospace	\$24,000.00	\$69,167.20	\$150,000.00
Executive	\$56,244.00	\$64,237.50	\$72,231.00
Flight Attendant	\$55,000.00	\$57,500.00	\$60,000.00
Cargo	\$36,000.00	\$37,800.00	\$39,600.00
Helicopter	\$60,000.00	\$103,500.00	\$180,000.00
Management	\$52,900.00	\$80,801.88	\$113,000.00
Office/Administration	\$40,000.00	\$64,750.00	\$104,000.00
Pilot	\$24,000.00	\$63,621.60	\$140,340.00

**Please Note: These figures are based on the reported salaries received from AVJobs.com.

Salaries will vary depending on company, location, cost of living, certification, & experience.

NEED FOR WOMEN IN AVIATION

According to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), of the nearly 700,000 active pilots in the United States, less than six percent are women. Furthermore, women account for only 2.13 percent of the 540,000 non-pilot aviation jobs in the United States. **Women in Aviation International (WAI)** is the world leader in promoting the advancement of women in all aviation career fields and interests.

WAI began in 1990 and was formally established in 1994 as a nonprofit organization. One of their many functions is to provide resources to woman in aviation and

to encourage young women to consider aviation as a career. WAI offers educational outreach programs to educators, aviation industry members and young people worldwide. Their website, magazine, regional and annual conferences, participation in air and trade shows and through the FAA helps spread the word of the need for women in the industry. WAI online at: www.wai.org

The Association for Women in Aviation Maintenance (AWAM) is a nonprofit organization that's specifically for women's

professional growth and enrichment in the aviation maintenance fields by providing opportunities for sharing information and networking, education, fostering a sense of community and increasing public awareness of women in the industry. To find out more information about AWAM, log on to:

www.awam.org



FUTURE NEEDS FOR AVIATION MECHANICS

With the economy struggling and the unpredictable price of jet fuel, airlines are forced to cut back routes and number of flights. Consequently, airlines must downsize employees of every rank including maintenance mechanics. Furthermore, this airline trend has exposed a great deal of bad press turning young professionals away from the profession. So why

does the industry still need aviation maintenance mechanics?

Although airlines continue to downsize, repair stations and aerospace manufacturers are flourishing and they need mechanics. The greater part of this workforce is made up of baby boomers and most will be ready for retirement within the next 5 to 10

years. To offset this, repair stations and manufacturers must hire certified young adults. NAA is working to recruit high school seniors and encouraging everyone in the industry to promote this remarkable profession.

~Bill O'Brien,

Maintenance Mechanic (46 years)

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AVIATION MAINTENANCE TRAINING SCHOLARSHIPS (AEA)

Every year, the Aircraft Electronics Association's (AEA) Educational Foundation awards scholarships to students pursuing a career in aircraft electronics and aircraft maintenance for technical training and education at a learning institution. The intent of these scholarships is to identify and

reward those individuals who best exemplify the qualities that lead to success in the aircraft electronics and aircraft maintenance industry.

For the 2009-2010 academic year, the deadline for applying for AEA's various scholarships is February 15, 2009. The application process

consists of completing an application form, an official transcript, answering a few questions and a 300 word essay about the industry of aviation.

For more information and details, log on to: www.aea.net