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SC Aviation Association Names Aviation Maintenance Technician of the Year

South Carolina Aeronautics Commission Director of Maintenance Honored

West Columbia, S.C. – John “Chuck” Hyer, director of maintenance at South Carolina Aeronautics Commission, was named the 2020 South Carolina Aviation Maintenance Technician (AMT) of the Year in a surprise ceremony on August 20.

The South Carolina AMT of the Year award is part of the South Carolina Aviation Week initiative. AMTs are integral to the aviation industry, keeping aircraft operational by performing repairs, inspections and scheduled maintenance.

“Chuck embodies the characteristics of the ideal aviation maintenance technician. He is thorough in his work and is committed to providing flawless aircraft maintenance, all while adhering to a higher standard in aviation safety,” said South Carolina Aeronautics Commission Executive Director James Stephens.

Hyer was one of five nominees for the award. Combined, the field possessed more than 150 years of service in aviation maintenance, more than 100 years maintenance experience in South Carolina, and numerous FAA and manufacturer-specific certifications.

“Chuck was selected from among an elite group of candidates,” Stephens said. “His dedication to his responsibilities, his consistent quality of work, and his philosophy of sharing his knowledge and experience with others are what make him stand out.”

South Carolina Aviation Week is a statewide celebration of the economic and educational impact of airports and the aviation industry. Celebrated August 15-22, 2020, and centered around National Aviation Day on August 19, Aviation Week is planned in partnership by South Carolina Aviation Association and South Carolina Aeronautics Commission.

South Carolina Aviation Association actively promotes and encourages aviation and airport development to meet air transportation needs and assist the state in achieving economic development goals. Its membership is comprised of airports and aviators across South Carolina, as well as aviation industry partners. For more information, please visit scaaonline.com.

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