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## **SC Aviation Association Names Aviation Maintenance Technician of the Year**

*William B. Clamp Honored for 59 Years of Service in South Carolina*

**Newberry, S.C.** – William “Bill” Clamp, owner of Clamp Aero, was named the 2021 South Carolina Aviation Maintenance Technician (AMT) of the Year in a surprise ceremony at Newberry County Airport 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.

“Mr. Clamp has been maintaining and repairing aircraft in South Carolina for 59 years,” said South Carolina Aviation Association President Terry Connorton, who presented the award to Clamp. “For nearly six decades he has gone out of his way to assist aircraft owners to ensure work was done to FAA and manufacturer specifications, as well as to the satisfaction of the customer.”

Clamp was one of six nominees for the award. Combined, the field possessed more than 230 years of service in aviation maintenance, more than 180 years maintenance experience in South Carolina, and numerous FAA and manufacturer-specific certifications.

“Mr. Clamp was selected from among a highly-qualified group of candidates,” Connorton said. “In addition to his work as an AMT, he has served as an ambassador to aviation, often providing local citizens their first airplane ride.”

South Carolina Aviation Week is a statewide celebration of the economic and educational impact of airports and the aviation industry. It was planned in partnership by South Carolina Aviation Association and South Carolina Aeronautics Commission and celebrated August 15-21, 2021.

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](http://scaaonline.com).

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