

Applegate Airport Employee Wins Two Prestigious Awards

Applegate Airport (5MO) in Queen City, Missouri, recently hosted a celebration for Maurice Bonnel, recipient of the prestigious FAA Wright Brothers Master Pilot Award and the Charles Taylor Master Mechanic Award for 50 years of exemplary flight and aviation maintenance experience. FAA Aviation Safety Inspector, Jason Glass, presented Mr. Bonnel with the awards.

Maurice began flying lessons in 1972 and completed his check-ride in 1974. He attained a bachelor's degree in Aviation Technology and later became an instructor in the Aviation Maintenance Program at Indian Hills Community College in Ottumwa, IA. He has flown several different aircraft over his fifty years, but his favorite is his Challenger II just because he can see the world a bit more slowly. Over the years, Maurice has continued to provide mechanic services to many local pilots to help restore and maintain general aviation aircraft. His friends at Applegate Airport certainly appreciate his willingness to help with the many aircraft based at their airport.



Congratulations Maurice!