



THE BALCHEN / POST AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN THE PERFORMANCE OF AIRPORT SNOW AND ICE CONTROL



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Once again the INTERNATIONAL AVIATION SNOW SYMPOSIUM will sponsor the BALCHEN/POST Award for excellence in the performance of airport snow and ice control during the winter of 2007-2008.

The awards will be presented to the personnel of the airport snow and ice control teams who have throughout this past winter demonstrated determination for excellence in their efforts to keep their airports open and safe.

There will be six awards – one to each of the winners in the following categories:

COMMERCIAL AIRPORT – providing scheduled service and holding a Part 139 certificate
(not including a limited Part 139 certificate)

Large:	Over 200,000 scheduled operations annually
Medium:	100,000-200,000 scheduled operations annually
Small:	Less than 100,000 scheduled operations annually

GENERAL AVIATION AIRPORT – including limited Part 139 certificate airports

Large:	50,000 or more total operations annually
Small:	Less than 50,000 operations annually

MILITARY AIRPORT

(The above airport classifications are for award selection purposes only)

Your assistance in helping select potential candidates worthy of consideration is requested. A completed application for your airport should be submitted to the committee at the address below and postmarked no later than March 31, 2008. Airports are encouraged to submit completed applications including their snow plan, airport layout plan and other supporting material before the deadline. Applications also are available on the Northeast Chapter website: www.necaaae.org.

The awards – six in total – are to be announced and presented during the Awards Luncheon at the annual International Aviation Snow Symposium to be held in Buffalo, April 30, 2008.

For additional information or applications contact:

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COL. BERNT BALCHEN 1899-1973

The polar feats of this famous Norseman are legendary. In 1928 Balchen piloted a relief plane to Greenly Island, the first of his many Arctic rescues. In 1929 he flew Richard Byrd across the South Pole. He later became chief pilot of the Lincoln-Ellsworth Antarctic Expeditions.

In World War II, Balchen helped build – and later commanded – the secret U.S. airbase on Greenland. He carried out rescues and led bombing missions against German forces.

After the war Balchen became president of Norwegian Airlines. He was awarded many honors, including the Distinguished Service Medal and the Harmon International Trophy, presented by President Eisenhower. A 1949 flight from Alaska to Norway made him the first pilot to fly across both poles.

Balchen was a founder and honorary chairman of the International Aviation Snow Symposium. He is buried in Arlington National Cemetery next to Byrd.

WILFRED M. “WILEY” POST 1914-1996

Post was a founder and served as general chairman of the International Aviation Snow Symposium for 20 years.

His involvement in aviation began in 1936, when he earned a degree in aviation administration and then began flying for an air-commuter service.

He served as manager of Allentown-Bethlehem-Easton airport from 1938 to 1983. During World War II, Post organized the base operation at A-B-E Airport that trained more than 1,500 aviation cadets.

Post became a charter member of the National Aviation Trades Association in 1940 and served on its board of directors. He was an Accredited Airport Executive and served on the board of directors of the American Association of Airport Executives.

PURPOSE OF THE AWARD

The purpose of this award is twofold: to promote better snow and ice control, and to recognize those *individuals responsible* for outstanding performance.

THE AWARD

At the Awards Luncheon during the 2008 International Aviation Snow Symposium, April 26-30, 2008, the Balchen/Post Plaques will be awarded to the employees of the airport who in the judgment of the Awards Selection Committee have demonstrated excellence in the performance of snow and ice control.

ELIGIBILITY

In establishing the Award, it is with the realization there are many variables to be considered, such as:

- Type and size of airport
- Type of snow and amount normally experienced
- Temperature ranges
- Other phenomena peculiar to a particular area

Due to these many variations, the matter of rating an airport becomes a factor of judgment rather than a mathematical or more precise method of measurement.

The Awards Selection Committee will be responsible for reviewing nominees for the award and making the final selection. The committee will consist of nine members, one each from the following organizations: International Aviation Snow Symposium, ALPA, AOPA, ATA, DoD, FAA, MWAC, NBAA, and RAA.