

## **BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES FOR BRUCE POPP**

Bruce Popp is a graduate of Eastern New Mexico University's Aviation Maintenance program. He holds a current Airframe and Powerplant license that was granted in 1970. Bruce currently manages a section of the Strategic Projects Department for Federal Express. As the name implies, Strategic Projects is the organization that looks into and develops long-range technologies that benefit Federal Express and possibly the entire airline industry. Before Federal Express, Bruce was employed by LTV, then for a fixed base general aviation Cessna dealership and later for Pan American Business jets. Bruce was hired by Federal Express in 1972 and holds employee number 18

From the beginning of Bruce's aviation career, he has been involved in programs that focused on aviation safety: In 1971, he received the FAA's Mechanic Safety Award for the state of New Mexico for developing safer equipment and techniques to accomplish aviation maintenance. While managing Structures Engineering for Federal Express, Bruce saw the need to update the basic structure of their aging 727 fleet and was the architect of the Supermod Program. That effort preceded the tragic Aloha structural failure on April 28, 1988 by more than three years. After the Aloha accident, Bruce served on the Supplemental Inspection Program Steering Committee, which defined inspection criteria and procedures for aging aircraft. He is presently involved in battery safety study groups and serves as a technical advisor to Federal Express in areas relating to hazardous material safety, fire safety and explosive articles.

During Bruce's 35 year tenure at Federal Express he has held various positions including Mechanic, Maintenance Manager, Structures Engineer, Engineering Manager, Senior Manager Powerplant Shop and Powerplant line, Managing Director of Fleet Acquisitions, Managing Director of Quality Control for the last six years Bruce has lead a small team that developed Federal Express's Fire Suppression System.

Bruce has twice received Federal Express's highest award the Five Star.