

**AERO CLUB OF INDIA**  
**Aurobindo Marg, Safdarjung Airport, New Delhi – 110 003**

**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COUNCIL OF MANAGEMENT OF AERO CLUB OF INDIA (ACI) FOR**  
**THE PERIOD FROM**  
**April 2009 to March, 2010**

On behalf of the Council, I have pleasure in placing before you the statement of accounts (Balance Sheet and Income & Expenditure Accounts) for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2010 and a brief report on the activities of the Aero Club of India (ACI).

**Particulars of employees :**

There are no employees falling within the purview of Section 217 (2A) of the Companies Act, 1956 read with Companies (Particulars of Employees) Rules 1975.

**Council of Management's Responsibility Statement :**

01. that in the preparation of the annual accounts, the applicable accounting standards have been followed.
02. that Council has selected such accounting policies and applied them consistently and made judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent so as to give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company at the end of the financial year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2010, and of the deficit of the Club for the year.
03. that the Council had taken proper and sufficient care for the maintenance of adequate accounting records in accordance with the provisions of the Companies Act, 1956, for safeguarding the assets of the Club and for preventing and detecting fraud and other irregularities.
04. ACI had applied for Registration under 12 AA and exemptions under Section 80G of Income Tax Act 1961. ACI have been granted registration under 12AA which exempts ACI from fringe benefit tax. The exemptions under Sec.80G are valid up to 31-03-2011.

I would request to the member clubs and associate members who have not sent their annual subscriptions as well as the Cessna Service Charges etc so far, to send their outstanding dues to ACI without further delay.

**COMPETITORS' LICENCES ISSUED DURING THE YEAR**

09 FAI Sporting Licenses have been issued and 66 FAI Sporting Licences renewed during the year.

01. **COUNCIL MEETINGS :** During the Year 2010, Council of Management meetings were held on the following dates:-
  - a) 5<sup>th</sup> April, 2010.
  - b) 18<sup>th</sup> August, 2010.
  - c) and the third shall be held today, immediately after the AGM.

02. AERO SPORTS DEVELOPMENT PROJECT UNDER 11<sup>TH</sup> FIVE YEAR PLAN (2007-2012)

FINANCIAL YEAR 2009-10.

During the Financial Year 2009-10, ACI has procured one Beechcraft Baron G-58 Multi-engine aircraft, 02 single engine simulators and 01 Multi-engine Simulator. The Baron G-58 Multi-engine aircraft has been allotted to Amritsar Aviation Club, Punjab. 01 Single Engine and 01 Multi-engine Simulators have been allotted to Delhi Flying Club(DFC), New Delhi and Second Single Engine Simulator to Patiala Aviation Club, Punjab.

The Single Engine and Multi-Engine Simulators installed at DFC have been duly approved by the DGCA for Instrument Flying Training(Ground ) and Instrument Procedure Training. A Credit upto maximum of 20 hours towards the issue of IR or issue of CPL+IR is admissible on the said simulators for Cessna 172 G-1000 and Beechcraft G-58. Capt. AK Singh, Pilot Instructor has also been approved by the DGCA for imparting Simulator training on both the simulators. DFC has started the simulator training of trainee pilots on both the Simulators w.e.f. 01<sup>st</sup> September 2010. The Simulators at DFC shall also be utilised for conducting refresher courses of CFIs and PIs of the Flying clubs on glass cockpit and also to train the DGCA Inspectors in future.

FINANCIAL YEAR 2010-11

ACI had proposed to the Ministry of Civil Aviation(MCA) for the procurement of the following equipment during the financial year 2010-11 which has been projected by the MCA in the Outcome Budget for the year 2010-11 :

- 02 Single Engine Simulators
- 01 Trainer Aircraft (for Skydiving)
- 05 Sports Training aircraft
- 02 Motor Gliders
- 04 Gliders
- 15 Parasails
- 20 Aeromodels
- 20 Parachutes
- 05 Gypsies, etc.
- Safety Workshops/seminar, including hands-on Aerosports training activities
- Project Management

MCA has made an allocation of Rs.14.40 crores for procurement of the above equipment in the Outcome Budget for 2010-11. ACI has given an Advertisement for a Global tender for procurement of the above equipment in the Times of India dated 7<sup>th</sup> September 2010, the Hindu on 9<sup>th</sup> September 2010 and the Flight International Magazine on 14<sup>th</sup> September 2010. The last date of submission of completed Bid documents is 15<sup>th</sup> October 2010.

03. RAJIV GANDHI NATIONAL CENTRE FOR AEROSPORTS (RGNCA) AT BACCHOD AIRSTRIP, HARYANA.

President- Aero Club of India(ACI), had since long perceived the vision of establishing an Aerosports Centre with a view to organise coordinated training programmes and conduct various Aerosports activities at National level, in a safe and professional

manner. In December 2009, with his continued efforts, he was able to obtain support of Hon'ble Chief Minister of Haryana to establish national level Aerosports facility in Haryana who agreed to dedicate Bachhod airfield at Narnaul in Haryana for this purpose.

The proposed centre, named as Rajiv Gandhi National Centre for Aerosports (RGNCA), was inaugurated during the inception ceremony on 31<sup>st</sup> January 2010 where Shri Bhupender Singh Hooda, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Haryana was the Chief Guest and Capt. Satish K Sharma, M.P., President ACI, presided over the ceremony. During the ceremony, the dare devil performances of Aerosports activities like Skydiving, Paragliding, Parasailing, Hot Air Ballooning and Aeromodelling showcased by ACI with the active participation of ACI members and member organisations enthralled everybody who had come to take a look. The star of the show was a 17 years old village girl Ms. Monu, a student of Class-XII, who had been specially trained and took everyone's breath away with a very courageous display of parasailing. The Chief Minister announced a special Rs.51,000/- prize for her performance from his discretionary fund. The function was given a very good publicity in the print and electronic media.

RGNCA shall be country's first ever centre of its kind set up by a State Govt. in collaboration with ACI. The Centre is located at Bacchod Airstrip, Narnaul, Haryana, which is about 100 kms. from Delhi Airport via National Highway 8. It is proposed that the centre be developed along International lines which will also help give a fillip to India's participation at world aerosports events.

Bacchod Airstrip has a 3000 ft. X 75 ft. Runway and has a total area of a little over 36 acres. The State government has issued notifications for land acquisition for runway extension, hanger and other structures and for future expansions etc. The State Govt. is also erecting boundary wall around the airfield. ACI is also pursuing with the State Govt. to provide road link directly from the Bacchod Airstrip to National Highway No.8 to reduce the distance from Delhi.

The aerosports equipment, the technical know how and trained personnel to conduct the various Aerosports activities at the above centre will be provided by ACI. ACI has kept this aspect in view while formulating BE 2010-11. The infrastructure like runway extension, airfield fencing, airfield security, construction of hangars and other connected structures etc. shall be provided by the Haryana Govt. It has been reported that the Haryana Govt. has already sanctioned Rs.2 Crores for construction of the Hangar.

ACI is planning to organise Aerosports activities at Bacchod Airstrip, Narnaul, on 14-11-2010 (the Children's Day) in coordination with Haryana Government.

04. ROLLING TROPHIES FOR THE BEST PERFORMING FLYING CLUBS OF THE YEAR 2009-10:

ACI received flying returns from the member flying clubs for consideration for the best performing flying clubs of the year 2009-10. Based on the details received and the recommendations of the committee constituted for the purpose, this year's trophies for the best performing flying club and the runner up club have been decided. The result shall be announced by the President, later in the meeting.

05. FAI YOUNG ARTISTS CONTEST 2010:

To promote interest in air sports in particular and in aviation and space generally, Federation Aeronautique Internationale (FAI) conducts a global competition "Young Artists Contest", every year, in which FAI member countries participate through their National Aero Clubs (NAC) situated all over the world.

Aero Club of India(ACI) conducted FAI YOUNG ARTISTS CONTEST -2010. The Theme was "Flying with the Sun".

Among the countries who participated in the YAC 2010 were China, Czech Republic, France, India, Japan, Mongolia, Philippines, Poland, Russia, Serbia, Sweden, Turkey, Ukraine and USA.

We are glad to inform that among the entries of India, Master Soumyajit Bagachi from Kendriya Vidyalaya School, AFS, Barrackpore, West Bengal won 2nd Prize in the category II (Ages 10-13). ACI has received his medal and certificate from FAI. I would request the President to kindly present the same along with the Certificate from ACI, to Master Soumyajit.

Please give him a big hand.

06. FLYING ACTIVITY DURING THE YEAR 2009-10

ACI member flying clubs have contributed substantially to the cause of promoting civil aviation in the country by training pilots and Aircraft Maintenance Engineers indigenously. Most flying clubs have shown a trend of upgrading their infrastructure in light of the expectations of the industry.

As the members know, the aviation industry has been passing through a phase of recession for quite sometime. This has adversely affected the number of trainees approaching the member flying clubs to undergo pilot training. As per the reports received, the member flying clubs have produced 60 CPL holders and 54 PPL holders, during the period 2009-10.

07. ACTIVITIES OF ASSOCIATE MEMBERS DURING THE YEAR 2009-10

Associate Members of ACI have had an eventful year with conduct of various aerosports activities all over the country. Hot Air Ballooning, Paragliding, Parasailing, Skydiving and Aeromodelling was conducted at different locations giving opportunity to hundreds of Aerosports enthusiasts. Demonstrative events of Aerosports were also conducted to aspire the youth towards Aerosports and civil aviation. Safety workshops were also conducted in sports parachuting to inculcate no compromise for Safety.

ACI acknowledges contributions and efforts made by its member institutions- the flying clubs and the Aerosports organisations towards broad basing and promoting Powered Flying and Aerosports in the country. ACI looks forward to better performance of its members in the current year.

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## AERO CLUB OF INDIA

Established 1927

(Member : Federation Aeronautique Internationale, Switzerland)

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18<sup>TH</sup> October 2010

**MINUTES OF THE 82<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
**HELD ON 30<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2010, AT 1200 HRS (IST)**  
**AT DELHI FLYING CLUB, SAFDARJUNG AIRPORT, NEW DELHI-110 003**

*Aero Club of India (ACI) had to shift the venue of its Annual General Meeting 2010 to Delhi Flying Club, New Delhi, because of the vehicle parking problem faced in front of its premises due to the ongoing work of Jor Bagh Metro Station.*

Following were present:

1. Capt Satish K Sharma, M.P President, ACI
2. Shri Vishwa Bandhu Gupta Vice-President, ACI
3. Shri J C Sharma, DAW, O/o DGCA
4. Shri Ashok Kumar, Ministry of Civil Aviation (MCA)
5. Shri P K Devrani, MCA
6. Shri N Swaminathan, MCA
7. Shri Atul Dev Council Member, ACI
8. Capt Amarjit Singh “
9. Capt Pankul Mathur “
10. .Capt S N Reddy Andhra Pradesh Aviation Academy, Hyderabad
11. Wg Cdr (Retd) P K K Babu “
12. Capt Sabastian Joseph Madras Flying Club, Chennai
13. Capt G S Mangat Patiala Aviation Club, Punjab
14. Shri S P Das Orissa Government Aviation Training Institute
15. Capt Mihir D Bhagvat Bombay Flying Club, Mumbai
16. Shri M D Meena Rajasthan State Flying School, Jaipur
17. Shri Haren Patel Hony Secretary, Gujarat Flying Club, Baroda
18. Capt Kamal Kishore Haryana Institute of Civil Aviation
19. Shri V Thulasidas Rajiv Gandhi Academy for Avn. Technology, Kerala
20. Capt Rachpal Singh Amritsar Aviation Club, Punjab

21.	Gr Capt P Joshi	Air Force Adventure Foundation
22.	Wg Cdr R C Tripathi	“
23.	Shri Harsharan Singh	Ballooning India Association
24.	Brig. Arun Chugh	Army Adventure Cell
25.	Lt Col M S Chawla	“
26.	Shri Satish Pathania	Leading Edge Club
27.	Shri S Krishna Moorthy	Co-opted Council Member, ACI
28.	Capt R K Wason	“
29.	Lt Col (Retd) Sellaraj John	“
30.	Wg Cdr (Retd) Sanjay Thapar	“
31.	Capt M P S Gill	Individual Member, ACI
32.	Capt S S Kang	“
33.	Ms Rachel Thomas	“
34.	Wg Cdr Jayashankar	“
35.	Capt PJB Khorana	“
36.	Shri J S Wazir	“
37.	Ms Sangita Singh	“
38.	Shri Satish Bhasin	“
39.	Capt S B Solanki	”
40.	Capt Narinder Singh (AMAI)	
41.	Shri J K Sardana	Returning Officer
42.	Shri V K Lalla	M/s Chandiok & Gulliani, ACI Auditor
43.	Shri R C Kanda	Secretary General, ACI

Shri K Gohain, Consultant-ACI attended the meeting, as an invitee.

Master Soumyajit Bagachi - FAI Young Artist Contest 2010 2<sup>nd</sup> prize winner was also present, as a special invitee, to receive his award.

- A. Lease of absence was granted to all the members who could not attend the Annual General Meeting (AGM).
- B. Capt Satish K Sharma, M.P, President, ACI chaired the meeting. Chairman welcomed all those present for the AGM and the meeting was called to order.

Secretary General (SG) informed that Shri V K Malhotra, an individual member of ACI, passed away in January 2010. He stated that this was informed by his son in September 2010. He also informed that, as reported, Shri R L Dogra and Shri R R Rao, both individual members of ACI, have also passed away since the last AGM.

Two minutes silence was observed by the general body in memory of the departed souls and the following resolution was passed :

**Resolution**

“The General Body of Aero Club of India (ACI) deeply mourn the death of Shri V K Malhotra, Shri R L Dogra and Shri R R Rao, members of ACI, who had a long association with ACI. Their untimely demise is a great loss to ACI. The General Body conveys its deep sympathies to the members of their bereaved families.”

It was decided that a copy of the Resolution passed will be sent to the bereaved families.

**Agenda Item No.1 : To read the Notice convening the meeting and the Auditors Report to the members:**

SG informed that the Auditors Report has already been sent along with the Notice for AGM to all the ACI members and hence it may be treated as read.

**Agenda Item No.2 : To confirm the minutes of the last AGM:**

SG informed that the Minutes of the 81<sup>st</sup> Annual General Meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> September, 2009, was circulated to all the ACI members and ACI has not received any amendments to the said minutes. Shri Pankul Mathur proposed and Capt R K Wason seconded and the said minutes was confirmed by the AGM.

**Agenda Item No.3 : To consider and adopt the Annual Report of the Council and the Audited Accounts for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2010 :**

SG informed that the Audited Accounts for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2010, was forwarded to all the members along with the AGM Notice and ACI has not received any comments on the same.

The Annual Report of the Council for the year 2009-10 was read out by Secretary General. (A copy of the same is enclosed with the minutes).

Lt Col (Retd.) Sellaraj John proposed and Shri Haren Patel seconded and the Annual Report of the Council and Audited Accounts for the year 31<sup>st</sup> March 2010 were adopted by the AGM.

**Agenda Item No.4 : To appoint an auditor or auditors and to fix his or their remuneration :**

- (a) SG informed the AGM that M/s Chandiook & Guliani, the present auditors of ACI, have agreed to be the auditors for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2011 at the same remuneration as that of last year i.e Rs.10000/- p.a plus Service Tax.
- (b) SG informed the AGM that M/s Chandiook & Guliani have also agreed for auditing the accounts of ACI Aero Sports Development Project for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2011 at the same remuneration as that of last year i.e Rs.7500/- p.a plus Service Tax.

Capt Amarjit Singh proposed and Wg Cdr Sanjay Thapar seconded and M/s Chandiook & Guliani was appointed as auditor for Aero Club of India as well as ACI's Aero Sports Development Project for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2011 at the same remuneration as that of last year i.e Rs.10000/- p.a plus Service Tax and Rs.7500/- plus Service Tax respectively.

**Agenda Item No.5 : To elect members of the Council of Management:**

SG informed that the members due to retire this year from the ACI Council of Management are Shri V.B. Gupta (Gliding Slot), Shri Pavan Varma (Gliding Slot), Shri A.S. Verma and Shri Atul Dev. He also informed that all of them are, however, eligible for re-election.

Capt R K Wason proposed and Capt Kamal Kishore seconded the name of Shri V B Gupta.

Shri Atul Dev proposed and Capt Pankul Mathur seconded the name of Shri Pavan Varma.

Capt Amarjit Singh proposed and Capt R K Pankul Mathur seconded the name of Shri A S Verma.

Capt Sebastian Joseph proposed and Lt Col (Retd) Sellaraj John seconded the name of Shri Atul Dev.

Shri V B Gupta, Shri Pavan Varma, Shri A S Verma and Shri Atul Dev were re-elected, un-opposed, to the ACI Council of Management by the General Body. All members present congratulated them with applause.

**Agenda Item No.6 : To elect a President:**

SG informed that as per the ACI Constitution Capt Satish K Sharma, M.P, President of ACI is to retire in the current year and is however eligible for re-election.

Shri Vishwa Bandhu Gupta proposed and Capt Amarjit Singh seconded the name of Capt Satish K Sharma, M.P, and he was unanimously elected by the General Body as President of ACI for one more term. All the members present congratulated him with applause and Capt Satish K Sharma thanked the members for electing him as ACI President for another term.

**Agenda Item No.7 : To elect a Vice-President**

SG informed that as per the ACI Constitution Shri Vishwa Bandhu Gupta, Vice-President of ACI, is to retire in the current year and is however eligible for re-election.

Capt R K Wason proposed and Lt Col (Retd) Sellaraj John seconded the name of Shri Vishwa Bandhu Gupta and he was unanimously elected by the General Body as Vice President of ACI for one more term. All the members present congratulated him with applause and Shri V B Gupta thanked the members for electing him as ACI Vice-President for another term.

**President's Speech**

President stated that with the efforts of all concerned ACI had been able to procure 2 Single Engine Simulators, 1 multi Engine Simulator and another Beech Baron G58 Multi Engine aircraft during the year. He informed that ACI has planned to utilise the simulators at Delhi Flying Club for conducting Refresher courses of CFIs and PIIs of the flying clubs on glass cockpit as available on these simulators. He expressed that ACI member flying clubs will definitely show remarkable improvement in their performance with the induction of these state of the art equipment.

President stated that he is fully aware about the problems faced by ACI member flying clubs like, levy of commercial charges by Airports Authority of India (AAI), levy of Service Tax etc. He said he has personally taken up these issues with the Hon'ble Minister of Civil Aviation, Government of India, who has directed the concerned officers in the Ministry of Civil Aviation to look into all problem areas and address them on priority. He said he will address another letter to the Hon'ble Minister of Civil Aviation on the subjects of AAI charges and Service Tax problems faced by the ACI member flying clubs, immediately.

President stated that Rajiv Gandhi National Centre for Aerosports at Narnaul, Haryana will be developed along international lines and hoped that it help give a fillip to India's participation at world's Aerosports events. He said till now, India's participation in such events has been very limited. It is planned that the centre will provide professional training and facilities to the Aerosports enthusiasts and the Centre will become the backbone for Aerosports and flying training the country as it will train trainers from all parts of India to further promote Aerosports and civil flying training activities.

President co-opted the following members to the ACI Council of Management for a period of one more year :-

Shri S Krishna Moorthy  
 Capt R K Wason  
 Lt Col (Retd) Sellaraj John  
 Wg Cdr (Retd) Sanjay Thapar  
 Ms Mohini Shroff

**Agenda Item No.8 : Presentation of Trophies to the best performing flying clubs for the year 2009-10**

Chairman announced that the trophy for the Best Performing Flying Club for the year 2009-10 goes to Andhra Pradesh Aviation Academy (APAA), Hyderabad. He presented the Trophy and Certificate to the representative of APAA. SG stated that APAA has won the trophy for the Best Performing Flying Club for three consecutive years.

Chairman announced that the trophy for the second Best Performing Flying Club of the year 2009-10 goes to Bombay Flying Club (BFC), Mumbai. He presented the Trophy and Certificate to the representative of BFC.

Chairman and other members present congratulated APAA and BFC for their achievement with big applause.

**Agenda Item No.9 : Presentation of FAI Young Artist Contest 2010 award to Master Soumyajit Bagchi of KVS, AFS, Barrackpore, West Bengal - Prize winner:**

Chairman presented the FAI Medal and Certificate, which was received from FAI Switzerland, to Master Soumyajit Bagchi of Kendriya Vidyalaya, AFS Barrackpore, West Bengal, who won the 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize in the Category II (Age 10 -13) of FAI Young Artist Contest 2010. While presenting the ACI Certificate to Master Soumyajit Bagchi, Chairman announced a cash award of Rs.21000/- to him from ACI. At this juncture Shri V B Gupta also announced a cash award of Rs.10000/- from Ballooning Club of India, New Delhi to Master Soumyajit Bagchi for his performance in an international competition.

Chairman and other members present congratulated Master Soumyajit Bagchi for his achievement with big applause.

**Agenda Item No.10 : Any other business that may be proposed.**

1. Capt S N Reddy suggested that the name of the Flying Clubs in India may be amended as Flying Institutes/Flying Academies in order to get more professional out look of the Institutions. He opined that since we are living in modern age and flying the most modern glass cockpit aircraft, it is time to come over of good old days of flying club concept. Members were of the opinion that since the nomenclature of the flying clubs were done as early as in 1928 onwards, there is no point in changing their names as proposed since many of the ACI member flying institutions are today a part of national heritage in the name of "flying club". However it was agreed that ACI's member flying clubs which are in existence for promotion of aviation and air-mindedness in the country, should also encourage hobby flying instead of concentrating only on flying training.
2. Capt S N Reddy stated that a proposal was submitted to ACI for introduction of refresher courses for Instructors in APAA. He said it is only to improve the standards and quality of training at the training institutions. ACI had already taken up with the member flying clubs to send their nominations of Pilot Instructors and Assistant Pilot Instructors for the refresher course. Capt S N Reddy was also of the opinion that flying modern aircraft require disciplined professionalism since it consists of a very advanced technology of computers in flying, glass cockpit avionics and use of GPS etc.
3. Capt S N Reddy further informed that APAA received a notice from the Dy Collector, RR District to remit the amount of licence fee, hangar fee, RNFC landing charges etc. He requested that to maintain the status-quo Ministry of Civil Aviation (MCA) orders to be expedited to circulate to Airports Authority of India (AAI) to avoid embarrassing situations. He added that NAA used to charge Rupee 1/- nominal license fee and executing an agreement for a minimum period of 5 years to the Grant-in-aid aided flying clubs. This is

due to the fact that the land and infrastructure was provided to NAA by the respective State Governments on a nominal charge of Re.1. Since, AAI occupied the assets of the NAA as per the amended Parliament Act, the liabilities as well as the existing procedure being followed by NAA should be implemented by the AAI.

4. Capt S N Reddy and Capt S S Kang suggested that it is time to introduce third pilot in the cockpit to improve safety standards. He said if one flies as third pilot for 500-600 hours and then he becomes a second officer/co-pilot and will improve the safety standards. He opined that since lot of CPL holders are there without job, to start with they can be appointed as third pilots by paying a very nominal salary. Capt S S Kang also suggested that the pilots who are retiring at the age of 60 years should be absorbed by the Airlines as third pilot provided their licences and medical are current. Similarly non-scheduled operators should also absorb senior pilots and examiners.

Capt S S Kang also suggested that for solving the unemployment among commercial pilots they could be absorbed as (i) ATCOs; (ii) Flight Despatchers and (iii) Operational jobs in Airlines – non schedule operations and flying institutions.

When asked by the Chairman, Shri K Gohain expressed his view that airline managements have their own policy of hiring pilots and therefore commercial pilots who are trained in the flying clubs/institutions should not aspire for airlines job immediately. Instead, after completing their courses they should try to get into General Aviation and build up hours and then aspire for airlines job on big jets for which they stand better chance of employment.

Capt S S Kang suggested that Indian Airlines Industry should consider having a time bound programme for replacement of foreign pilots with Indian pilots so that the present unemployment problem of the Indian commercial pilots is solved. He also opined that airlines should be emphasized to train their own captains instead of hiring from other countries.

5. Capt MPS Gill suggested that the airlines/non-schedule operators/flying institutions should utilise the services of the pilots who retire from the industry at the age of 60 years and who are qualified flight instructors and whose licences and ratings are current, so that their experience may be transferred to other junior instructors and pilots.

6. Capt S N Reddy stated that as per CAR Sec 2 Series F Part XXI, import of reconditioned and second hand spares can be imported without licence under the recommendation of DGCA. He said the export of items/spares for maintenance/repair/overhaul/re-import also can be done without import licence and require NOC issued by DGCA. Import of tools and equipment also falls in the same category. He also stated that Regional and Sub-Regional Airworthiness officers are authorised to recommend the import of spares and issue duty certificate on behalf of DGCA. He said all these were based on handbook of procedures issued by DGFT Ministry of Commerce in 1997. It is understood that the handbook of procedures has been revised by Ministry of Commerce several times and exim policy also has been revised several times. In light of this, there are confusion between DGCA and Customs. Customs are putting hindrances for spare parts and accessories like core engine exchange etc. In light of the above, he suggested that DGCA may be requested to revise the CAR as per current Rules in force. Capt S N Reddy was requested to send a proposal in this regard to ACI.

7. Capt S N Reddy informed that Lycoming Company USA, the manufacturers of IO-360-L2A engines fitted on Cessna 172R aircraft can be operated with Auto Fuel. He suggested that it may be pursued with Cessna Company to expedite approval so that operating cost will come down considerably.

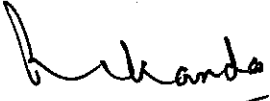
8. Capt S N Reddy opined that since the SPL is issued by the CFI of Flying Clubs, the CFIs, who are delegated persons of DGCA, should be authorised to issue FRTOL ( R) instead of the present practice of DGCA issuing the same which involves delay thereby the release of trainees for their first solo gets delayed. On being asked by the Chairman about the present status in the matter, Shri Gohain informed that after the flying clubs meeting on 15-07-2010, ACI took up the matter with DGCA and the DGCA is in the process of solving this problem in consultation with the WPC of Ministry of Communications. Shri Gohain stated that ACI is expecting a positive decision in the matter.

9. Capt S N Reddy informed that for replacement of Primary Flight Display (PFD) and Multi Function Display (MFD) panels on Cessna 172R glass cockpit aircraft calls for re-loading and configuration of software and Jeppesen Nav-Data. Since the Flying Clubs are not receiving regular updates the replacement of defective panels cannot be carried out and keeping the Nav-Data current will enhance the aircraft operational status to satisfactory levels for X-ctry Flights. Capt S N Reddy requested ACI to subscribe for the Nav-Data update from Jeppesen, as a corporate account or as a bulk account holder where reasonable discount is available, and pass on the Data to its member flying clubs concerned. Also he requested ACI for updating Maintenance Manual and Parts Catalogue. Even though ACI is already providing service by transmitting Service Bulletins, Manual Revision etc. to its member flying clubs, Chairman directed ACI to look into the feasibility of procuring bulk NAV data from Jeppesen.
10. Flying club representatives were of the opinion that ACI should consider acquiring smaller aircraft i.e 2 seater aircraft, for allotting to its flying clubs for training whose cost of operation is less. This will help the flying clubs to reduce training cost and thereby attract more students. They also opined that while selecting the aircraft ACI should make sure that the fuel used in the aircraft is available in the country. Shri Gohain welcomed the suggestion and requested all ACI member flying clubs to send their valuable suggestions in writing on the subject to ACI immediately so that while evaluation of Technical bid ACI can consider their suggestions also. He stated that representative of flying clubs will also be a part of ACI Aircraft Evaluation Committee.
11. Capt S S Kang was of the opinion that CAR Section 7 – Flight Crew Standards Training and Licensing – Series G Part III dated 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2010 – regarding English for aviation language and training assessment test and certification may be scrapped as all Indian pilots are supposed to clear all the DGCA papers and RT papers in English.
12. Shri Ashok Kumar of Ministry of Civil Aviation (MCA) stated that MCA is planning a programme to upgrade the flying standards of the country to world standard. He said that this is being done for encouraging people to do flying training in India instead of going abroad. Chairman felt that this programme will benefit the flying clubs, including ACI member flying clubs, who are the backbone of flying training in the country. He requested all flying clubs to come forward and take advantage of the MCA's programme to upgrade their flying training standards.
13. Ms Rachel Thomas congratulated ACI President and Aero Club of India for the inception of Rajiv Gandhi National Centre for Aeroports at Narnaul with the support of Haryana Government. She offered her assistance and hoped that all aeroports enthusiasts, who are members of ACI, will come forward to assist ACI in its endeavour.
14. Capt Sabastian Joseph felt that at present aeroports activities are not popular in the Southern Region of the country. He stated that Madras Flying Club propose to promote aeroports and adventure activities in Southern Region to showcase ACI. He said that at Vellore, in Tamil Nadu, there is scope for conducting aeroports activities. For this purpose he requested ACI to support Madras Flying Club by allotting some aeroports equipment for conducting aeroports like, Parasailing – Over land and over water (also Gypsy for Parasailing); Paramotoring; Motor Gliding; Ballooning – tethered to create awareness; Skydiving – static line. He said they can conduct Adventure Sports Carnivals also there. He stated that many people are interested in Aeroports for which Vast Coastline is available, large lakes are there, expertise is also available apart from support of other government departments and defence services. Chairman appreciated the idea and wanted Madras Flying Club to send a complete proposal, detailing the aeroports disciplines they are planning to conduct and infrastructure availability, including trainers, to ACI with a formal request for allotment of aeroports equipment for its consideration.

**VOTE OF THANKS :**

On behalf of ACI, Vice President of ACI thanked all the members who spared their valuable time to attend the 82<sup>nd</sup> Annual General Meeting. He thanked Planning Commission, Ministry of Civil Aviation, Ministry of Home Affairs, Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, Ministry of Human Resource Development, Ministry of Defence, Ministry of Tourism and Ministry of Communications for the kind cooperation extended by them to ACI. ACI Vice President thanked the Director General of Civil Aviation, Bureau of Civil Aviation Security, Airports Authority of India, Central Board of Direct Taxes, DG Tourism, Department of WPC, Air Headquarters, Army Headquarters, Naval Headquarters and Adventure Foundations of Air Force, Navy and Army for their valuable support to ACI for its smooth functioning and promotion of flying training and aero sports in the country. He also thanked CII, FICCI for interacting with ACI on aviation and tourism related subjects. ACI Vice President stated that last but not the least, ACI appreciate its employees for the devotion and dedication towards this organisation.

With a Vote of Thanks to the Chair the meeting concluded.

  
R C KANDA  
SECRETARY GENERAL

Dated : 18<sup>th</sup> October, 2010