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2019 AIRMAN OF THE YEAR



This year's NATA Airman of the year was born in central Nebraska where he was raised on a ranch near Cotesfield. At a young age, he was interested in cars, motorcycles, and anything that went fast.

His enthusiasm for aviation began with his dad's interest in aviation. He began taking flying lessons in high school. He soloed his junior year of high school, and earned his private pilots license while in college. He attended the University of Nebraska in Lincoln. While in Lincoln, he married his wife Kaye in 1975, and then graduated with a degree in Ag Economics in 1976. After college he moved back to Cotesfield to the family farm. While on the farm, he continued his love of aviation by purchasing his first airplane and teaching flight instruction. One of his proudest moments was teaching his father how to fly which had been a lifelong dream of his father.

While working on the family farm, military jets would often fly over central Nebraska. Seeing these jets fly over and having a desire to go fast. He decided to join the United States Air Force in 1980 and serve his country. He finished his officers training school in San Antonio, TX and began navigation school in Sacramento, CA. He graduated 2nd in his class and chose to fly the F-111 (F- one eleven) Aardvark.



He began training and flying the F-111 (F- one eleven) at Mountain Home Air Force Base in Idaho from 1981-1984. Mountain Home was one of his favorite places in the Air Force. He enjoyed flying the back-country of Idaho in his Super Cub.

From 1984-1986 he was stationed at Lakenheath Air Force Base in England. His squadron was involved in the bombing of Libya in 1986. After 2 years in England, due to the unexpected death of his father, he returned home to manage the family farm.

After a few years of farming, his need for speed wasn't satisfied by the tractor. He joined the Nebraska Air National guard from 1989-1993 flying the F-4 Phantom. He also flew a Beach 99 and Cessna 402 for GP Express out of Grand Island 1990-1993.

In 1993, he purchased Pletcher Flying Service from Dick Lutrell in Scotia, NE while continuing to farm and raise cattle on the family farm. He renamed the business Wells Air Service, and has owned it to the present day.

He has always operated Agcats. He has flown radial engine Agcats for most of his ag career and has recently converted to TPE 331 turbine engines. Wells Air Service currently runs two turbine Agcats with a third scheduled to be finished for the 2020 season. He has been a long time member of NATA and has attended almost every convention over the years. He is also a longtime member of the NAAA and has attended several national conventions.

Wells Air Service has always been a family business. His wife Kaye has always been willing to run any last minute errands or provide lunch support during the busy season. His youngest son Aaron began working for the business in 2009 while finishing up his commercial pilots license and began spraying in 2013. His oldest son Nate is a teacher in Ord and works in the summer managing the office and loading Agcats.

In addition to his business, he enjoys general aviation flying his Varga, Cessna 180 and Cessna 182. He has also been active in fighting numerous grass fires across the state and assisting local emergency responders with search and rescue. He has been recently instructing numerous student pilots. A few years ago, one of his aviation highlights was getting to fly in a P-51 Mustang.

He has always made time for flybys and never misses an opportunity for airplane rides for the grand kids.

The 2019 Airman of the Year is Garry Wells.



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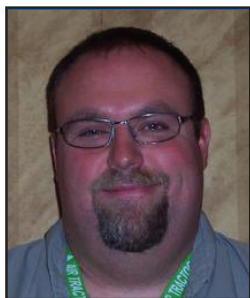
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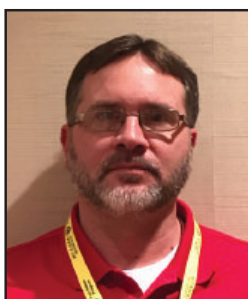
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February 28 - March 2, 2022
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2020 CONVENTION COMPARISON

Convention Attendance	2017	2018	2019	2020
NATA Members	131	137	126	137
Spouses	9	12	10	11
Tuesday PAASS Only	8	12	15	11
Convention Only	15	20	13	25
PAASS	113	108	108	114
Exhibits	47	52	48	47
Exhibitor Reps	101	92	112	88

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The 2020 NATA scholarships are available to any Nebraska high school senior or individual continuing their education.

Application forms must be received by March 15, 2020. The form can be found online at www.gonata.net.

Please read the general instructions before completing your scholarship packet. The essay topic is: "UAV's and Safety for the Aerial Applicator." The essay must be a minimum of 400 words and must be typed and double spaced.

Application must include the signature of a Voting member of the Nebraska Aviation Trades Association.

If you have any questions, please contact Taylor Moore, Nebraska Aviation Trades Association at 531-289-8323 or email: taylor@youraam.com

Please send the completed application form to:
Nebraska Aviation Trades Association
Scholarship Taylor Moore - 521 First Street,
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Don't Forget to Renew Your NATA Membership Before March 15th to be Included in the 2020 NATA Directory!



Membership Application

2020

Lifetime Membership \$1,500 \$ _____

2020 Voting Membership - **(Pt. 137/Owner/Operator/Pilot)** - \$150 \$ _____

2020 Non-Voting Associate Membership **(Non-Pilot/Employee)** - \$75 \$ _____

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40% of your dues not tax deductible due to lobbyist expenses

Total Enclosed: \$ _____

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Please complete the below form and return with payment by March 15, 2020.

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Contact: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

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Fax: _____

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