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IPA LAUNCHES NEW ENHANCED MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN

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The UK pilot union, the Independent Pilots Association (IPA) has launched a new enhanced membership campaign today aimed at increasing its membership numbers from within the professional pilot community.

Campaign release statement

Do you want to be part of a UK pilot association and union run by pilots for pilots?

A pilot association and union that delivers effective representation for professional pilots and whose driving principle is to protect flight safety, improve pilots' professional standing and salaries and to promote British aviation.

The Independent Pilots Association (IPA) is that association/union.

The IPA. Run by pilots for pilots.

We have listened to an ever growing number of professional pilots tell us they want an alternative choice and that they want that choice now.

We have listened and we have made changes.

Pilots run the IPA and remain in control of their union at all times.

We do not, nor will we, have a secretariat running your union.

Our union is run by pilots, for pilots. It's that simple.

The IPA contributes expertise towards the development of British and international aviation safety standards.

The IPA regularly makes submissions to government and safety authorities to ensure the interests of IPA members are recognised and effectively represented.

The IPA as an Association was formed as a consequence of extremely poor support and representation in a time of great need, following the collapse of Air Europe in 1991.

Over the subsequent 20 years, the IPA has grown considerably, as more and more professional pilots have come together to make a difference and protect the values of our profession.

The IPA doesn't have crippling overheads.

We didn't recently have to pay over UK£ 1.6 million of your money into an employees' pension fund.

We don't pay our General Secretary £140,000 (or anything close to that).

The IPA invests in research and projects that make a difference to your working environment and lifestyle.

The IPA is very active on vital issues like employment, training, pilot fatigue, flight safety, and protecting the core values of being a professional pilot.

The issues that affect you.

The IPA protects and improves employment conditions for our pilot members.

IPA members, from mid December 2011, will be entitled to unique discounts on an extensive range of relevant products and services. These range from favorable rates on health care, food, fuel, discount on new cars to reduced rates on luxury hotels and restaurants.

How does the IPA make a difference?

The IPA as a founding member, hosted the inaugural meeting of the Global Cabin Air Quality Executive (GCAQE) in 2006. The GCAQE is a global coalition of health and safety advocates committed to raising awareness and finding solutions to poor air quality in aircraft. The GCAQE has secured over US\$1.5 million of research to date, ensuring much needed data and change occurs.

The IPA alongside other international pilot and cabin crew unions continues to make a difference, a very large difference.

The IPA is building partnerships and affiliations both domestically and overseas. This will give our members global support and global reach.

Time for change?

The IPA has listened to you, professional pilots who want a solid, alternative, choice.

We have re-positioned our structure and funding to actively obtain further recognition in companies throughout the industry.

Join the IPA today, have the effective representation you demand and deserve.

Ensure that your subs are directed to resolving issues that affect you, ensure your money is put entirely into protecting your needs (and not diverted into propping up crippling pension funds).

Our income is spent on our reason for being, you, the professional pilot.

Join the IPA today.

Make and feel the difference.

To join the IPA visit our website at www.ipapilot.com

Two of the founding members of the Independent Pilots Association stated today:

“The IPA core value has always remained pilots looking after pilots. This has continued since our inception nearly 20 years ago in 1992 and continues today.”

“Our membership continues to grow. In the last few months for example our membership in Virgin Atlantic has doubled.”

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