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B I S M A R C K A E R O C E N T E R

25th Anniversary

The year 2015 is a very special year for our small family business. April 12th, marks 25 years of Bismarck Aero Center serving our local area and the aviation community. This is a huge accomplishment for us and something that we look forward to sharing with all those that have helped us get here. From past and present customers to every employee that has or does call Bismarck Aero Center home, we are truly grateful.

For those who don't know, Bismarck Aero Center is a true example of a small business that grew through the passion and hard work of its owners, Bob Simmers and Mike Aarestad. The two first met in 1987 as a problem developed with an aircraft Bob was flying and Mike was just the man to fix it in time to avoid any delays. Their friendship began to grow from this point and created one of the most defining moments in our company's history.

Bob, commercial aviator for 31 years and pilot for over 50 years today, founded the company as Aircraft Management Services in 1990 and put up the very first company hangar. He started by providing pilot services for a group of local doctors looking to expand their business, while also doing flight instruction and aviation consulting. As time progressed, Aircraft Management Services began to expand and provide more services.

Mike, a Director of Maintenance of nearly 40 years today, got together with Bob and the two formed a partnership in 2002. They expanded Aircraft Management Services to provide quality aircraft maintenance and repair to the aviators in the Bismarck/Mandan area. Over the next few years, the two continued to expand the company, and built 2 additional hangars and a new office building. As growth continued, so did their positive reputation. Both Mike and Bob were being recognized for their expertise, and for being honest to customers.

As the years went on, Aircraft Management Services continued to grow through the addition of key personnel and services despite the tough economic times. In 2006, the company received a Limited Repair Station Certification and added avionics sales and repair. Then in 2008, became Bismarck's newest full service FBO. Along with these changes, came one big transformation. Aircraft Management Services became Bismarck Aero Center.

As Mike and Bob would tell, not every year was a good year. We went through our trials and tribulations. There were troubles and hard times, but no one gave up. Now, here we are 25 years later, still being able to fulfill our passion of working in aviation. We are thankful to all those who have become part of our family and hope that we are able to serve the aviation industry for another 25 years.



2002



2006



2008



2015

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO THE



25th Anniversary Cocktail Party

April 17th, 2015 from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.
Bismarck Event Center, New Expansion Hall A

To commemorate this milestone, we would like to invite all friends and family of Bismarck Aero Center to a 25th Anniversary Cocktail Party. We could not think of a better way to celebrate this achievement, than spending it with those who we worked with and that have supported us through all the years.

This family friendly event is free and welcomes all ages to attend. The event will start with a social at 6pm followed by a short celebration program at 7pm. Food will be provided and adult beverages will be available. Everyone that attends will leave with a 25th Anniversary Commemorative gift and will have a chance to win great prizes including a one week stay in beautiful Steamboat Springs, CO. There will also be live music, flight simulators, Bismarck Aero Center trivia and the unveiling on our official 25th Anniversary video.

If you have any questions about the event or would like more information as the event gets closer, email Shae at Shaeh@bismarckaero.com. We would love to see you there.



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