

## Frank LaForge Announces Retirement From Aerospace Turbine Rotables

WICHITA, KS, September 9, 2011 – Aerospace Turbine Rotables, Inc. (“AeTR”), a subsidiary of First Aviation Services Inc., announces that Frank LaForge, after 46 years of service in the general aviation industry, decided to retire on September 30th, 2011. Frank amassed a robust knowledge of the aviation industry over a distinguished 5 decades long career and leaves behind a legacy of managing customer requirements with a passion for success.



Those of us who worked alongside him, the suppliers who sold product to him, the many friends and associates he has touched at other general aviation companies, and the thousands of loyal customers he has served throughout the years, will all miss him. There is undoubtedly a long list of aviation professionals whom Frank has touched over the years, who are proud to call him “friend”.

Frank began his career in 1965 at Wichita’s United Beechcraft in the parts department, his first promotion occurred soon after when he was promoted to Avionics Parts Department Manager in 1966. In recognition of his “customer first” attitude, Frank received several promotions and served in multiple roles within United Beechcraft and Raytheon Aircraft (Hawker Beechcraft) making substantial contributions to both the procurement and customer support divisions. We were very fortunate that Frank made the decision to join the Aerospace Turbine Rotables team in 2002. He has been a meaningful contributor to our success over the past 9 years.

In retirement, Frank plans to play more golf and spend time with his family. He also aspires to enter and win more car shows with his classic (and nationally acclaimed) 1956 Ford Convertible.



Frank and his classic have enjoyed a fair amount of success at car shows, and among his proudest moments are winning the “Directors Cup Award” in Biloxi, Mississippi (where Frank beat out 4,000 competitors) and his elite invitation to display at the prestigious “Concours de

Elegance” show at Honey Horn Plantation, Hilton Head, South Carolina. Sharon (Frank’s lovely wife of 43 years) has yet to report what Frank will in fact actually be doing after his long and distinguished aviation career draws to a close.

In celebration of Frank’s career, the many contributions he has made to our company and our industry, and the friendship he shares with so many, Aerospace Turbine Rotables will be hosting a day long reception and open house for Frank. Those who would like to bid him adieu and share some time with him as he navigates that final gate of his distinguished aviation career are welcome to stop by anytime throughout the day.

The reception will be from 9:00AM to 4:00PM, Friday, September 30th, at Aerospace Turbine Rotables, 3414 W 29th St S, Wichita, Kansas 67217. We are doing all we can to wrap up the celebratory activities before the page on the calendar is turned. We acknowledge that beginning October 1st, when Frank gets the urge to do something, he will have earned the privilege of napping until the urge passes..... and we certainly don’t want to get in the way of that!!!

Please join us in wishing Frank “all the best” in his retirement. Should you want to send Frank a congratulatory message, he will be receiving emails at [flaforge@turbinerotables.com](mailto:flaforge@turbinerotables.com).



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