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ANNUAL REPORT



**General Aviation
Manufacturers Association**

From the Desk of GAMA's President & CEO, James Viola

In 1970, the General Aviation Manufacturers Association (GAMA) was founded to foster and advance the general welfare, safety, interests, and activities of general aviation. Today, 55 years later, GAMA is the premier advocate for the world's leading manufacturers of general aviation airplanes, rotorcraft, powered-lift aircraft, engines, avionics, components, and related services and technologies.

It truly is a privilege and an honor to be able to lead such an impactful global organization that is known for the outstanding work it does on behalf of our membership and the general aviation industry. Since assuming the role of GAMA's President and CEO, I have been working with our great team to ensure that we continue to build on that legacy, by advocating for policies and regulations that allow for the industry to grow, flourish, and advance innovation.

While this is an exciting time for our industry, there is still a lot of work to be done to meet new and ongoing challenges. It is important that we continue to illustrate the robust opportunities and economic and societal benefits that our industry provides around the world.

Throughout this year, I have seen how effectively our team works with government officials, regulators, and other key stakeholders. This report is designed to capture many of the highlights of those efforts and engagements. It is my goal for our association to provide valuable thought leadership while continuing to provide results for the good of our membership and the entire industry.

We are thankful for your continued support of our association and the general aviation industry. My door is always open.

Respectfully,



James Viola
President and CEO





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History of GAMA

GAMA is the world's premier advocate for general aviation manufacturers, their suppliers, and those who maintain, repair, and overhaul general aviation aircraft around the world. When GAMA was founded in 1970, it started with 11 member companies. Today, the association has grown to represent 140 member companies. With offices based in Washington, D.C. and Brussels, Belgium, GAMA is able to advance its contributions to the global general aviation industry, and advocate for the innovative products and services of its membership, spanning over 50 countries.

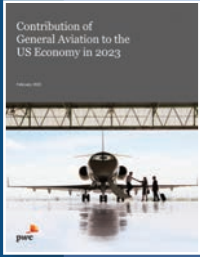
GAMA has been devoted to promoting a better understanding of general aviation and the important role it plays in economic growth and opportunity, and in serving the transportation needs of communities, companies, and individuals worldwide. GAMA, in collaboration with its member companies, regularly engages on the regulatory and policy level across the globe.

GAMA is structured so that its member companies can participate directly in the association's governance and policy committees, which provide foresight and industry viewpoints not found in any other forum. There are established standing policy committees, comprised of industry leaders and experts, to address issues within specific areas of interest and provide recommendations to the Board of Directors, which each member company has a seat on. The discussion between member company experts and regulators through the association's board-established committees help GAMA effectively focus on matters impacting general aviation and represent the interests of its member companies.

GAMA is focused on providing exceptional service to its membership and advancing the welfare of the general aviation industry with a keen eye for what lies beyond the horizon.

General Aviation Provides Robust Contribution to U.S. & European Economies

In 2025, GAMA led, with the support of other general aviation associations, two reports that illustrate the economic and societal benefits that general aviation provides in the U.S. and Europe, respectively. These reports provide valuable support for how the industry talks about the significant contributions that the general aviation industry delivers. Key facts include:



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\$339.2 BILLION

In the United States, general aviation supports a total 1,330,200 jobs and a total of \$339.2 billion in economic output.¹



440,000 JOBS
€100 BILLION

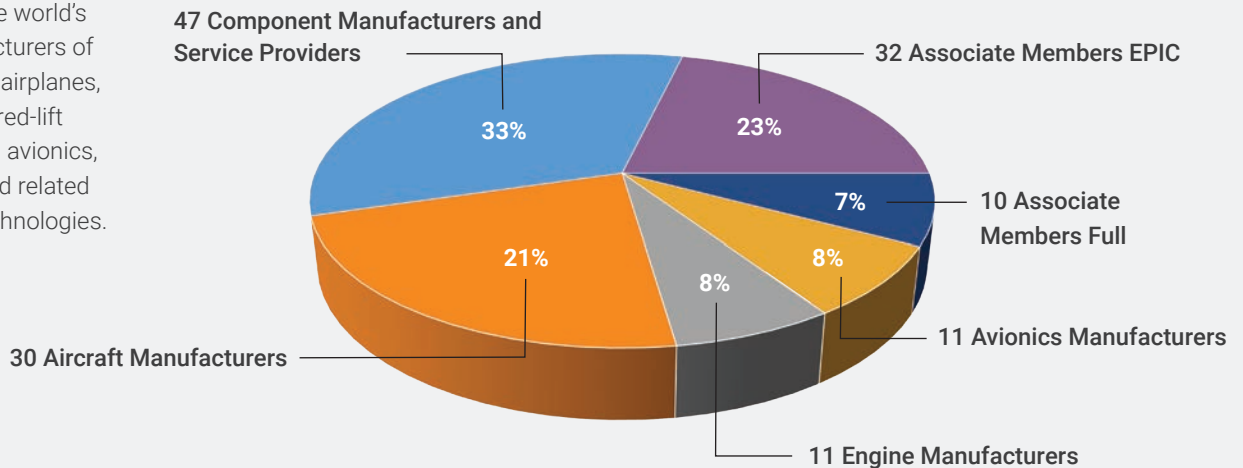
In Europe, business aviation supports 440,000 jobs and €100 billion to the European GDP.²

In the U.S., Europe, and worldwide, general and business aviation provide valuable services such as aerial firefighting, medical airlift, natural disaster response, law enforcement, agriculture protection, as well as creating the corporate connectivity to allow companies the competitive advantage needed to create more jobs and promote economic growth.

General and business aviation is the technology incubator for civil aviation – our evolution is spurring more sustainable propulsion systems, safety enhancing avionics capabilities, advanced material manufacturing, and improved maintenance, training, and support. These amazing innovations all serve as a testament to the strength of our industry being propelled by the hardworking teams that are engineering, building, maintaining, and servicing the aircraft of today and tomorrow.

The Breadth of GAMA's Growing Membership

Representing the world's leading manufacturers of general aviation airplanes, rotorcraft, powered-lift aircraft, engines, avionics, components, and related services and technologies.



In 2025 we welcomed the participation of the following new members:

Aerox
Ascendance
Electra
Loft Dynamics

DeltaHawk Engines
NLign Analytics
Robinson Helicopter Company

TAT Technologies
TECHNICAir
Whisper Aero

¹ "Contribution of General Aviation to the US Economy in 2023", PwC

² "The Socio-Economic Benefits of Business Aviation in Europe", Oxford Economics

GAMA Issues Worked

Trade/Tariffs

The global success of the general aviation manufacturing industry drives innovation, enhances safety, and strengthens economic opportunity. When the Trump Administration began to announce and implement tariffs on goods, and trading partners began to announce reciprocal tariffs, GAMA worked with industry partners to help protect the civil aerospace supply chain, which had benefited from a zero-tariff environment since 1980. We were pleased to see that trade deals began to take shape to support and foster the health and growth of the aerospace industry. While work remains to be done with some outlying countries, the deals which preserve the zero-tariff regime will help provide stability for the industry and drive competitiveness.



European Business Aviation Fuel Tax Proposal Defeated

In November, the EU's Finance Ministers failed to reach unanimity on the Energy Tax Directive (ETD), which would have introduced a €0.40/litre minimum tax on jet fuel for general and business aviation while exempting commercial airlines for 10 years. Over the past three years, GAMA and EBAA have worked closely with national governments to highlight the negative impact the ETD would have on European general and business aviation and broader competitiveness. While the failure to reach agreement is an important win, GAMA continues to monitor evolving EU-level and country-specific tax schemes for similar industry threatening measures.

U.S. ATC Modernization

In the wake of the tragic January accident in Washington, D.C., the aviation industry came together to form the Modern Skies Coalition. GAMA is a founding member of the Modern Skies Coalition and part of its steering committee. This broad group of industry stakeholders includes airlines, operators, manufacturers, labor unions, and airports.

The Coalition is prioritizing robust funding for FAA to make critical ATC technology and infrastructure investment, and to strengthen controller and technician staffing and training; prudent divestment from legacy U.S. National Airspace System elements and effective deployment of state-of-the-art technology; realignment and modernization of ATC facilities; exempting the FAA from government shutdowns; and continuation of general fund support for FAA operations and consideration of additional flexibility within the Airport and Airways Trust Fund to manage long-term facility and technology upgrades.

The U.S. Congress took a big step forward in terms of progress on air traffic control investment with a \$12.5 billion downpayment. These funds are focused on the replacement of FAA radar and information display systems, construction of a new air traffic control center and realignment of existing facilities, recapitalization of terminal radar approach control facilities, and other safety and infrastructure investments. While this is an important step, much more work remains to modernize the U.S. ATC system, which GAMA will continue to champion.



Implementation of 2024 FAA Reauthorization Act

The U.S. Congress provides direction to the FAA every few years. GAMA members and our committees started work last year to support the implementation of several of the provisions of the 2024 FAA Reauthorization Act. GAMA was pleased to work in support of provisions in the act related to FAA safety oversight, FAA and industry workforce development, type certification processes, improvements in rulemaking, clearance delivery via the internet, human factors, ADS-B equipage and defining electronic conspicuity, data recording capabilities, and cybersecurity. Plenty of work will continue into 2026.



SMS for Design, Manufacturing, & Maintenance Organizations

Safety is and always has been essential for the aviation industry. In December, GAMA published Issue C of the International Industry Standard (SM-0001) "Implementing a Safety Management System in Design, Manufacturing, and Maintenance Organizations", which was developed within a joint working group with GAMA, ASD Europe, AIA, AIA-Brazil, and AIA-Canada. This latest revision incorporates several enhancements, including strengthening global applicability for maintenance organizations; strengthening safety culture principles and providing guidance for their enablers and disablers; strengthening the need to ensure independence of the staff making decisions affecting safety/airworthiness; and considers the updated FAA Part 5 mandating SMS to certificate and production certificate holders. The revision is intended to support demonstration of compliance with applicable SMS requirements from aviation authorities or for voluntary SMS implementation.

U.S. AAM National Strategy & Comprehensive Plan

In December, the U.S. Advanced Air Mobility (AAM) Interagency Working Group, which was established by Congress through legislation that GAMA championed and led industry support efforts, put forth its national strategy and comprehensive plan. This strategy puts forth a plan to lead the AAM sector's integration into the national airspace system with a focus on adapting and improving infrastructure; strengthening the aviation workforce; expanding security, safety, and automation; and furthering community planning and engagement. These efforts will further facilitate the growth of AAM in the U.S. and worldwide.



FAA Expansion of Safety Continuum for GA Manufacturers

During EAA's AirVenture the final rule for the FAA's Modernization of Special Airworthiness Certification (MOSAIC) was made. The rule expands the scope of light sport aircraft category, reducing regulatory burden consistent with the FAA safety continuum that will in turn support opportunities to improve certification processes for Part 23 aircraft. This rule plays a crucial role to ensure the U.S. regulatory structure is better designed to advance safety, innovation, and the utility of general aviation.

GAMA-led Policy Recommendations

GAMA convened a series of joint industry/FAA roundtables on aircraft automation that informed the FAA's inaugural Safety Framework for Aircraft Automation, providing common terminology and task-based categorization to guide certification, pilot qualification, and operational approvals. GAMA's Lithium Battery Working Group delivered the Propulsion Battery System Thermal Runaway Design Philosophies resource paper to four State of Design CMT authorities in October, advancing a performance-based, multilayer approach (prevention + containment) and setting the stage for a follow-up summit in 2026. Additionally, GAMA coordinated member input and submitted association comments on the FAA's proposed Part 108 Beyond Visual Line of Sight (BVLOS) and Part 146 (Third-Party Service Providers) NPRMs – emphasizing performance-based outcomes, flexible means of compliance, and international harmonization.

GAMA Events



Hill Day

GAMA's Hill Day took place in May. We had over 80 Board Members and member company representatives spend the day educating policymakers on critical issues. In total we were able to meet with over 120 congressional offices. Talks focused on the impact that tariffs have on aviation innovation and industry growth, the importance of modernizing the U.S. air traffic control system, and the need for continued implementation of the 2024 FAA Reauthorization to support the industry workforce and competitiveness.



AERO Friedrichshafen

During AERO Friedrichshafen, the GAMA team and membership were featured throughout the conference and press programs. This included GAMA moderating the pre-show press conference and opening of the new Business Aviation Show Hub with the Business Aviation Leadership Panel. The GAMA team also led panel discussions on General & Business Aviation's Role in Maintaining European Competitiveness; Single Engine Turbine Operations; Innovation; Sustainability and Workforce. Additionally, GAMA assisted in setting up engagement meetings for members with both EASA and FAA (the FAA attended the show for the first time).



Paris Airshow

During the 2025 Paris Airshow, GAMA hosted a roundtable with U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) Secretary, Sean Duffy, and then acting FAA Administrator, Chris Rocheleau, to discuss the emerging AAM sector with some of our member companies. We highlighted the progress of the sector and the importance of having the federal government continue to work with the industry to meet challenges head on so that we can continue to advance innovation and facilitate industry growth. The event culminated with the announcement of a National Aviation Authority (NAA) agreement/roadmap for certification and validation of AAM aircraft between U.S., UK, Australia, New Zealand, and Canada.

GA Days

In June, GAMA, in partnership with IAOPA-Europe, hosted the 3rd edition of GA Days at the Egelsbach Airport in Germany. During our robust two-day event, we hosted European Commission Aviation Director, Filip Cornelis; EASA Executive Director, Florian Guillermet; and the full EASA Executive Committee; as well as a diverse mix of 35 EASA and national authority managers and experts. We successfully facilitated an immersive and hands-on GA experience covering a range of domains – Certification/Validation, Flight Operations, Pilot Training, Maintenance, and Innovation.

We were grateful to have 18 aircraft flown in by GAMA members which performed over 150 demonstration flights. All European Commission, EASA, and EU member state regulator attendees enjoyed at least one demonstration flight in our members' aircraft.

This event established a clear set of policy messages with our European regulators that will form the basis for our ongoing work in Cologne and Brussels to deliver a more proportionate regulatory framework across the spectrum from small airplanes to business jets to rotorcraft.



AirVenture

During EAA's AirVenture GAMA was able to coordinate visits for member companies with U.S. DOT Secretary Duffy, FAA Administrator Bedford, FAA Deputy Administrator Rocheleau, and U.S. Representatives Graves, Nehls, and Wied. We also hosted visits with members of the NTSB and congressional staff as well as help coordinate over 35 meetings with the FAA Certification Team. These tours and meetings helped create a better understanding of the work being done within the industry and the challenges we are facing.



Aviation Design Challenges

U.S.

GAMA completed our 14th annual GAMA Aviation Design Challenge. The Challenge introduces high school students across the U.S. to the science of flight and the principles of aircraft design through a hands-on curriculum which incorporates flight simulation and aircraft design. We were pleased to have 72 schools participate, spanning 24 states.

The first-place team from Porter High School (TX) received a CubCrafters Manufacturing Experience, the second-place team from Cambridge High School (GA) received a Redbird Flight STEM Lab and the third-place team from El Segundo High School (CA) received ForeFlight Premium subscriptions and a tour of Robinson Helicopters.

Europe

GAMA hosted the inaugural Aviation Design Challenge Europe. This European Challenge was open to European students ages 14 to 17 and challenged them to produce and publish a video for social media of an aircraft model for the future.

There were over 20 submissions, and 10 finalists were selected to attend the Paris Airshow to learn more about the industry and receive prizes from sponsors. The second and third-place winners also received aircraft models, and the two grand prize winners received a special manufacturing experience at Elixir Aircraft in La Rochelle, France.

We appreciate those members who sponsored these Aviation Design Challenges in 2025. Their support helped in our work to further youth outreach.



General Aviation Air Safety Investigators

30th Annual Workshop

Hilton Hotel, Fort Worth, Texas

September 15-17, 2025



GA-ASI
GENERAL AVIATION
AIR SAFETY INVESTIGATORS

GA Air Safety Investigator Workshop

The 30th annual GA Air Safety Investigator Workshop, hosted by GAMA's Safety & Accident Investigation (SAI) committee, was held in Fort Worth, Texas, with over 110 attendees. Participants included representatives from the NTSB, FAA, BEA France, the Australian Transport Safety Bureau, Germany's Bundesstelle für Flugunfalluntersuchung, and Sweden's Statens Haverikommission. The workshop provides a forum for annual safety training across government and manufacturer air safety investigators. We were honored to have NTSB Board Member Todd Inman deliver the keynote address.

GAMA Board of Directors Meeting Guests

For each GAMA Board of Directors meeting, we work to have special guests come to speak and interact with members about the issues and challenges facing the industry and to help shape GAMA policy positions. Throughout the years, we have been fortunate to have key policymakers, regulators, and influential champions of the industry take the time to speak with our members. In 2025, we were privileged to have U.S. Senator Tim Sheehy (Montana), ICAO Secretary General Juan Carlos Salazar, U.S. Deputy Secretary of Transportation Steven Bradbury, U.S. Deputy Assistant Secretary for Aviation and International Affairs Dan Edwards, and FAA Deputy Administrator Chris Rocheleau join our meetings.



Maximizing Your GAMA Membership

Participate in Committees – GAMA engages with member company regulatory, policy and technical experts through its committees to facilitate the development of association and industry-wide positions to address the issues facing the global general aviation industry. This ability to speak collectively and authoritatively as an industry ensures the recognition and respect of GAMA's advocacy work.

Participation in GAMA policy committees is open to all member companies. Each standing committee is chaired by a member of the Board of Directors who also serves on the Executive Committee. Most committees meet two to three times per year at the discretion of the Chair. In addition, GAMA has mailing lists and working groups comprised of member company subject matter experts to address specific issues/tasks.

Complete State/Country Data Sheets – Each year, GAMA requests information from all member companies for current facility locations and headcounts at each site. Having up-to-date data about our membership's collective footprint assists in our advocacy efforts in the U.S. and in Europe.

Participate in GAMA PAC – The GAMA Political Action Committee (PAC) leverages our advocacy efforts by developing, sustaining, and growing relationships with key policymakers in the U.S. Congress to grow and protect the general aviation industry. GAMA PAC is regularly used to support Members of Congress, from both political parties, who are pivotal to general aviation issues and/or are in districts and states represented by GAMA member companies.



Attend Board of Directors Meetings – GAMA hosts three Board of Directors meetings each year, along with a Strategic Planning meeting. These meetings tend to take place each quarter, with our annual meeting taking place in the fourth quarter. During the meetings, GAMA updates its membership about the work taking place and arranges for topical discussions and guest speakers.

2026 Meeting Schedule

Quarter 1 Board Meeting – February 18-19; Washington, D.C., USA
Quarter 2 Board Meeting – May 6-7; Brussels, Belgium
Quarter 3 Strategic Planning Meeting – July 30; Bend, Oregon, USA
Quarter 4 Annual Board Meeting – October 9-10; Santa Barbara, California, USA



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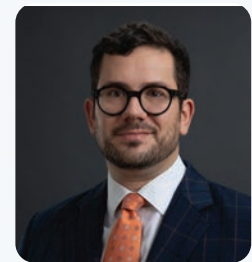
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