



## **Boston Center (ZBW) Controllers Honored with ATCA's Andy Pitas Aircraft Save Award**

During ATCA Connect 2024, Boston Center (ZBW) members Scott Elms and Rosilla Owen were honored with the Andy Pitas Aircraft Save Award.

Elms and Owen assisted a Cessna 310 pilot who was suffering from hypoxia during an aerial photography mission. Owen was able to talk the pilot through a descent from 13,500 feet to 9,000 feet, which remedied his condition. After the pilot recovered, he told the controllers that although he had been wearing an oxygen mask, there was a kink in the line, so oxygen was not flowing properly, and thanked them for their vigilance and assistance.



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Owen and Elms were unable to attend ATCA Connect, so NATCA President Nick Daniels accepted the award on behalf of Rosilla Owen and Scott Elms. In December, NATCA New England RVP Kevin Curtiss had the honor of presenting them with their award.

Read more about their story on [Medium](#).

## 2025 NATCA Calendar Highlights El Monte ATCT

This month, the 2025 NATCA wall calendar features a photo of El Monte ATCT (EMT) taken by local FacRep Chad Smith. Located at the San Gabriel Valley Airport, El Monte ATCT has 13 NATCA members.



### 2025 NATCA Calendar: January Highlights El Monte ATCT (EMT)

Photo by Chad Smith (EMT Facrep)

The airport was originally constructed in 1936 and features a single runway. It is a hub for general aviation enthusiasts. According to Los Angeles County's Department of Public Works, El Monte ATCT sees over 97,000 general aviation takeoffs and landings each year!

## Registration for NATCA in Washington 2025 Closes Feb. 6

The next NATCA in Washington will be held March 24-26, 2025, at the Hyatt Regency in Washington, D.C. If you would like to attend this year's event, please indicate your interest by completing the following questionnaire below

no later than Feb. 6, 2025 at 11:59 p.m. PST.

Members of the National Legislative Committee (NLC) will confirm interested members' attendance on or before Feb. 17, 2025. Please note that your attendance is not guaranteed until it is confirmed by your regional NLC rep. Please do not make any flight arrangements until you receive a confirmation from your Regional NLC member on attendance. Additionally, transportation expenses are NOT reimbursed by NATCA National. Please check with your FacRep before you complete any airfare purchase to determine what expense reimbursements, if any, will be provided by your local.



The banner features a red header with the text "NATCA IN WASHINGTON 2025" and a close button. Below the header, the text "Registration is Open" is displayed in blue with red exclamation marks. A smartphone graphic shows a photo of the US Capitol building with a group of people in front. To the right of the phone, a yellow box contains the text "Closing Feb. 6, 2025 at 11:59 p.m. PST". Below this, a black line is followed by the text "Do not book flights or accommodations until you've received confirmation of attendance." At the bottom, a dark blue bar contains a calendar icon, the dates "March 24-26, 2025", a location pin icon, and the text "Hyatt Regency Washington".

If you have any additional questions, reach out to the NLC Chair David Skarphol or your Regional NLC Rep. Their contact information can be found [here](#).

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