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### **The Mitsubishi MU-2 Pilot's Review of Proficiency (PROP) Program is set for 2012**

*PROP success contributes to MU-2's outstanding safety record*

**Las Vegas, NV** - Four cities will host the 2012 every-other-year PROP program that is credited with being an aviation industry innovator resulting in a safer flying experience for owners and operators of the MU-2 turboprop.

Attendees at the 2010 PROP gave the program an almost perfect rating in every category, which included: Technical Issues, Accident Analysis, NEXRAD, SFAR Review, Operational Tips and Techniques, Engine Operations, and SMS training presented by former NTSB investigator Greg Feith with WAAS/LAAS presented by SimCom's Tom Goonen.

Turbine Aircraft Services (TAS) President Pat Cannon promises an equally compelling line-up at the 2012 PROP.

"We will continue to concentrate on the most pressing operational techniques and fundamentals," promised Cannon. "The "Non-Pilot Demonstration Course," for instance, is designed for a passenger to get the plane on the ground without a pilot's help and to be able to walk away." We've gotten great reviews from all students who attended the last PROP, he added.

The two-day free PROP safety seminars will take place:

- 1. March 30-31    Dallas, TX        Marriott Quorum**
- 2. April 13-14    Orlando, FL        Marriott Orlando Lake Mary**
- 3. May 4-5        Reno, NV            Silver Legacy Resort**

#### **4. May 18-19 Columbus, OH Renaissance Columbus**

- **TPE 331 Engine courses will be offered in Dallas and Columbus on Wednesday and Thursday prior to PROP**
- **SIMCOM's Non-Pilot Demonstration Courses will again be offered on the second day of all the PROP Seminars in All Cities**
- **Friday Evening Hangar Receptions will be held at Dallas, Orlando and Columbus**

The first PROP was held in 1982, discontinued after a time, but resurrected in 1994 and run regularly ever since.

PROP information, which is also attuned to the three-year-old FAA Special Federal Aviation Regulation (SFAR) that requires pilots to follow standardized operation of the MU-2, are widely credited with the MU-2's safety record reaching the top of it's class – only one fatal accident in the last five years.

Mitsubishi Heavy Industries America, Inc., SimCom and Honeywell join forces to make PROP available to the MU-2 community and others who may want to attend.

Those interested in attending PROP should watch the [www.mu-2aircraft.com](http://www.mu-2aircraft.com) web site for details and information about registration.

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