



2011 Maintenance Skills Competition Criteria Handbook

General Rules

The AMTSociety Maintenance Skills Competition gives teams of licensed AMTs, AMEs, students enrolled in FAA, EASA, CASA or equivalently authorized schools as well as personnel of any country's Armed Forces involved in the aircraft maintenance field the opportunity to test their combined abilities against those of their peers. This competition will help enable the constant upgrading of the standards by which today's skilled AMT/AMEs hold themselves to. The second purpose is to showcase the knowledge, skill and integrity that each and every AMT/AME, both current and future, possesses. Showcasing these cornerstones of the AMT/AME craft and profession will help raise awareness of the training and skill needed for today's AMT/AME to carry the great responsibility of providing safe, airworthy aircraft.

To enter the AMTSociety Maintenance Skills Competition as a member of a team, you must be a licensed AMT or AME involved in, and/or supporting aircraft maintenance functions at any organization, company or corporation. Also, any currently enrolled student in an FAA, EASA, CASA or equivalently authorized schools may enter. Personnel of any country's Armed Forces involved in the aircraft maintenance field are also eligible.

Each team must fill out and sign a Maintenance Skills Competition Team Entry Form. The forms must be filled out completely and signed. All completed forms must be received before January 5, 2011 along with the \$500 USD entry fee. Email, fax or mail completed forms to:

AMTSociety - Maintenance Skills Competition

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If you have any questions regarding the 2011 Maintenance Skills Competition, please contact AMTSociety Director and Maintenance Skills Competition Chairman, Kenneth MacTiernan at jetdr@verizon.net.

Team Competition

The AMTSociety Maintenance Skills Competition will consist of 12 planned events for the Team Competition.

Each Team will be given different events to complete at each stage of the competition. Team Members will compete at assigned events. The Coach, if applicable, may offer advice to any Team Member during any event at all stages of the competition, but he/she may not assist physically. Each Team Captain will inform the MSC Committee as to which Team Member will compete in which event no less than **20 minutes** prior to the start of the MSC. Each event will be given a specific time frame to be completed in. At the end of the time frame given, the Team Member is to stop and put down any tool or test equipment. If a Team Member finishes his/her event before the allotted time, he/she may assist any other Team Member still performing

their event.

Each event will have at least one judge. Each event will be scored upon total time used to complete the event plus any discrepancies assessed in the form of time penalties. The combined times from all 12 planned events will determine a team's final score.

There are five team categories to be competed in: Commercial, General Aviation, Schools, Military and MRO/OEM. The team with the lowest total time will be declared the winner for their category. The top three teams in each category will receive a plaque and the team with the lowest overall time will be awarded the William F. O'Brien Award of Excellence in Aircraft Maintenance.

The AMTSociety's Maintenance Skills Competition Committee reserves the right to remove any Team Member(s) competing in the Maintenance Skills Competition for behavior and/or actions not promoting the craft and profession of today's skilled, professional AMT.

The AMTSociety's Maintenance Skills Competition Committee reserves the right to alter the structure of the Maintenance Skills Competition but not before informing all Team Member participants of such changes.

An orientation meeting will take place with all Team Member participants who enter the proper entry forms prior to the start of the Maintenance Skills Competition. This meeting will enable all participants to ask any questions directly to the judges of the respective events making up the Maintenance Skills Competition, as well as ask questions to the Maintenance Skills Competition Committee Members. The orientation meeting will be held at 2:00 pm on February 22, 2011 in the Las Vegas Convention Center in AMTSociety's IA Renewal Theatre. This meeting is mandatory for all participating AMT/AMEs.

Events

The AMTSociety Maintenance Skills Team Competition events will consist of the following events:

Charles E. Taylor Exam

This written test consists of 20 questions relating to Charles E. Taylor's life. All questions are multiple choice. All answers can be found in the autobiography on Taylor titled: "Charles E. Taylor 1868 – 1956 The Wright Brothers Mechanician" written by Howard R. DuFour with Peter J. Unitt. This book can be purchased through Wright State University. Visit <http://www.libraries.wright.edu/special/services/store/>. A total of 20 minutes will be given to complete this event. Each wrong answer will be assessed a 6 minute penalty. The AMTA will provide a judge for this event.

NOTE: If there are problems accessing the Wright State University Book Store to purchase this book call 937-775-2092 and ask for the Director of Library Administration and Computing for assistance in buying this book.

Safety Wiring Event

This event will test each participant's skill and speed while accomplishing a series of safety wire patterns. Scores will be based upon the time it takes to complete as many of the patterns given, as well as the quality and safety of the work performed, such as but not limited to tautness of the safety wire, closeness and tightness of the pigtail to the securing hardware, and negative safety. (Reference FAR 43.13) The only tools which will be allowed and provided for this event are safety wire pliers, wire cutters, needle nose/duck bill pliers, and 32/1000 safety wire. A total of 20 minutes will be given to complete this event. Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University is scheduled to provide a judge for this event.

Regulatory and Maintenance Technical Publication Research Event

This event will test each team's skill and speed in locating and correctly interpreting regulatory and maintenance information used in a typical inspection and return to service. AMT's will be given a series of questions to research and answer using ATP NavigatorV(R) software and digital libraries. A total of 20 minutes will be given to complete this event. ATP will provide the judge for this event.

Electrical Troubleshooting Event

This event will test each Technician's ability to troubleshoot a given simple circuit. Each Technician will have 4 individual squawks induced into the circuit. The task will be to troubleshoot each problem using a multi-meter and establish the likely cause. Once one squawk has been found, the Technician will write down the probable cause and signal the judge to move onto the next squawk. That squawk will be reset and a new problem induced by the judge. Once all squawks have been found, the Technician must signal that they are finished. A total of 20 minutes will be given to complete this event. DUNCAN AVIATION will provide the judge for this event.

Avionic Troubleshooting Event

This event will test each team's ability to troubleshoot aircraft component faults on a computer based format. The AMT will be given an aircraft system's wire diagram and given a particular discrepancy. The AMT will then determine what the fault is and "replace" the suspect component. For each component "replaced" a dollar value will be given for that part. The goal of this event is to display the skills needed to repair a given "squawk" with as little cost as possible in finding the damaged component. There will be anywhere from 14 to 20 different discrepancies to accomplish. Total time used and total dollar value of parts used to repair the system will be used for the judging criteria. This event will be given 20 minutes to complete. CAE will provide the judge for this event.

Advanced Composite Materials Repair Event

This event will test each participant's skill and speed in identifying composite ancillary materials. Technicians will be given a composite flight control surface (rudder) with simulated damage repaired and a pre-cured repair patch to simulate bonding and constructing a vacuum bag, using the materials provided. Technicians will document their results/findings and determine the proper ancillary materials stacking sequence. Centering of the patch, vacuum bagging the repair and time utilized during the event. Equipment provided for this event are composite sandwich panel, pre-cured patch, adhesive comb, assorted items that should not be incorporated into a vacuum bag, vacuum bagging film, porous release film, non-porous release film, heat blanket, caul plate, three thermal couples, vacuum bagging tape (tacky tape), vacuum valve, vacuum hose, vacuum gauge, vacuum pump, plastic masking material, felt tip marking pen, breather material and bleeder material. FRCSW will provide the judge for this event. A total of 20 minutes will be given to complete this event.

Rigid Line Troubleshooting Event

This event will test each Technician's ability to troubleshoot defects to rigid tubing lines and determine which two lines have leaks. The Technician will remove the lines and fabricate new lines as per sample with the materials provided. The Technician will then replace and leak check the lines. All lines will be made from 6061-T4 .025 od. X .035 wall with AN818-4D sleeves. Scores will be based upon the total time it takes to complete the event, quality and safety of the work performed, such as but not limited to quality of bends and degree of flares. (Ref. NAVAIR 01-1A-20, T.O. 42E1-1-1). All materials and equipment will be provided. Each Team's Coach may participate in this event. Ten minutes will be assessed for each penalty. A total of 20 minutes will be given to complete this event. The USAF will provide a judge for this event.

Flight Control Rigging Event

This event will test each team's ability to rig a cable system for a flight control surface to the proper surface position in reference to a wing surface. The example to be used for this event will be similar to a B737-300 aileron system. The AMT will be given a mock-up of an aileron system with reference materials. Items to be judged for, but not limited to are: safe tying of turn-buckles with safety pins and safety wire, use of rig pins and correct control cable tension. There will also be control cable inspection for potential defects such as, but not limited to wear, corrosion and kinks. A work sheet will be provided for documentation of required data for the rig, rig tension, control surface position, size and type of cable (stainless or steel), plus other required items for the rig such as identifying cable damage and if damage is within limits. Maintenance Manual references will be provided. A total of 20 minutes will be given to complete this event. Continental Airlines will provide a judge for this event.

Event #1: Cable Damage Identification

1. Determine serviceability of cables 1 – 5 using AMM 20-20-31.
2. Using provided form note if cable is serviceable or unserviceable and why.
Cable is 1/8" 7 X 19 tinned Mil Spec W-83420 Type 1 Comp A TZ
Use Caution when examining cables, they may have damage!
Inspection of the control cable wire rope:
3. Perform a detailed visual inspection of the cable runs for incorrect routing, kinks in the wire rope, or other damage.
 - (a) Replace the cable assembly if:
 - 1) The individual wires in a strand appear to blend together (outer wires worn 40 to 50 percent) (Fig. 601).
 - 2) If a kink is found.
 - 3) If corrosion is found.
4. Perform a detailed visual inspection of the cable. To do a check for broken wires, rub a cloth along the cable. The cloth will identify broken wires by catching on them.
 - (a) Replace the 7 X 7 cable assembly if:
 - 1) There is two or more broken wires in 12 continuous inches of cable.
 - 2) There is three or more broken wires anywhere in the total cable assembly.
 - (b) Replace the 7 X 19 cable assembly if:
 - 1) There is four or more broken wires in 12 continuous inches of cable.
 - 2) There is six or more broken wires anywhere in the total cable assembly.

Event #2: Cable Rigging Event

TURNOVER: All damaged cables are replaced and routed properly and Part Numbers verified.

1. Continue cable installation from step 5. D. Ref. AMM 27-10-605.
2. Safety one turn barrel using pin method and one turn barrel using safety wire Ref. MM (Alternate method). {Brass safety wire will be used in place of stainless steel.}
3. Adjust aileron using MM.
4. "Do Not Operate" tags must be attached to control wheel during maintenance action, and removed after completion. (3 minutes added if not performed.)

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Current temperature is 70 degrees Fahrenheit.
Aircraft has been in a climate controlled hangar for 12 hours.
Aircraft should be ready for test flight when you are finished.
After successful rigging all flight tests pass.
All steps should be followed; missing steps will have time penalties.

Inspection required at steps noted in AMM – Cable Adjustment steps 11., 12. and 13. / Aileron Adjustment steps 8., 9. and 10.

Perform tool inventory upon completion, shadow board style.

Aileron Cable Replacement AMM 27-10-605 (Ref. Figure 101)

1. Install “DO NOT OPERAE” tag on control column.
2. Center Aileron Control wheel.
3. Install rig pins R-1 and R-2.
4. Install cable blocks to isolate cable to be replaced.
5. Replace cable.

- A. Remove required pulleys.
- B. Remove cable.
- C. Route new cable as required.
- D. Connect cables with turnbuckle.

6. Remove cable blocks.
 7. Remove rig pins R-1 and R-2.
 8. Tension cable to 2 times rig load. (Ref. table 501)
- NOTE: !!! Not required if using pre-stretched cable.!!!
9. Rig per AMM 27-10-108

Special tools required: Provided by Continental Airlines.

Rig pins R-1 and R-2

Trammel bar T-56

6 inch scale

0 – 10 lb. push pull scale

Tensiometer 0 – 200 lb.

Cable blocks

Basic hand tools

.032 safety wire

Turnbuckle safety clips

More event details to follow.