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Press Release

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Former NASA Astronaut Charlie Precourt to Chair Newly-Formed CJP Safety Committee

CJP HEADQUARTERS, ENTERPRISE, FL (March 23, 2017) – The Citation Jet Pilots Owner Pilot Association (CJP) recently announced the formation of a dedicated Safety Committee to engage with its CJP members on methods and procedures for operating their Citation aircraft in the safest possible manner, and to share safety-related resources for use by its CJP members and the broader aviation community.

"For many of our members, owning and operating a Citation represents the pinnacle of their aviation experience. We intend for the CJP Safety Committee to elevate the discussion of safety within our owner/pilot community, and across the entire general aviation industry," said Andrew Broom, CJP Executive Director.

The new Safety Committee is chaired by noted industry professional Charlie Precourt, a former Air Force F-15 test pilot/instructor and a four-time NASA space shuttle astronaut who was inducted into the NASA Astronaut Hall of Fame. Precourt holds a commercial pilot certificate with instrument and certified flight instructor (CFI) ratings, and has accumulated over 11,000 hours of flight experience in 90 different aircraft types, including several versions of the Cessna Citation.

"I'm delighted by the opportunity to lead CJP's new Safety Committee, and I look forward to discussing safety philosophies and best practices with CJP members," Precourt said. "As one of the largest owner/pilot organizations in the world, CJP's efforts will help promote safety throughout general aviation."

In the coming weeks, CJP will release its first safety-focused publication, CJP Right Seat, outlining the Safety Committee's goals and to engage its CJP members in collaborative discussions about the issues affecting the safe operations of their Citation aircraft.

"Over the past nine years, CJP has evolved from a small group of Citation pilots and owners, to offering a variety of membership and operational resources for our members," said CJP President Kirk Samuelson, who also chairs CJP's Safety, Learning, and Best Practices Committee. "With this new Safety Committee, we are taking a highly proactive approach in elevating the overall safety record for Citation pilots."

Additional CJP Safety Committee initiatives and programs will be announced throughout the year, including at CJP's annual Convention taking place Oct. 4-7, 2017 at the Arizona Biltmore in Phoenix, AZ.

About CJP:

The Citation Jet Pilots Owner Pilot Association (CJP) is the only member organization dedicated to the ownership and operation of the Cessna Citation family of jets. Open to anyone who owns, flies or supports a Citation, the organization offers a wide range of educational, networking, and social benefits all with the common goal of helping each member get the most out of their Cessna Citation.

An annual convention features top-tier educators and experts, world-renowned aviation luminaries, as well as opportunities for networking with Citation owners from around the world. Regional events, a robust Web site with resources and discussion boards, and significant discounts with major aviation companies are among the other benefits members receive. In addition, CJP recently introduced the Russ Meyer Citation Library, the Citation community's most extensive depository of Citation knowledge, technical data and expertise.

Finally, the CJP Hall of Honor, presented at the Annual Convention recognizes the contributions of Cessna Citation heroes and legends. Past recipients are Cessna Chairman Emeritus Russ Meyer, Jr., retired Citation design master and company leader Bruce Peterman, golfing legend and renowned Citation pilot Arnold Palmer, and Williams International Founder Dr. Sam Williams.

CJP's annual convention will convene at the Arizona Biltmore in Phoenix, AZ this fall from October 4th to 7th. For more information, visit www.citationjetpilots.com.# # #