



A message to ILA-34 from Dale Johnson, former ILA President, 1994-96



Thanks to years of hard work and commitment by many ILA members, E-Loran is finally becoming a reality. Congratulations to the association for a job well done in “encouraging” common sense to prevail. It has been a long journey, but well worth the effort.

E-Loran was only a dream and a wish among many of us 12 years ago, when the DOT announced the Loran system would be shut down in the near future. Some of you may remember that announcement was made about one month after I took the gavel as president of the Wild Goose Association. I was very grateful to have John Beukers’ expertise and a very capable Board of Directors working together in those years.

I recall an experience a few years ago when one of the pilots in our small air carrier operation experienced a RAIM alert during a GPS approach in the winter ice. The airport had no other instrument approach, so after descending through the ice, he had to climb back up through the ice again and divert to his alternate airport. He was not happy to say the least. The new combined Loran/GPS system will offer the best of both systems and serve all users well.

I was looking forward to being with you this year to learn the details of the fine work you are doing and to renew old friendships. Unfortunately, my commitment to an air carrier project out of the country commands my presence. God bless you all and thank you for the work you are doing.

Warmest regards,

Dale

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