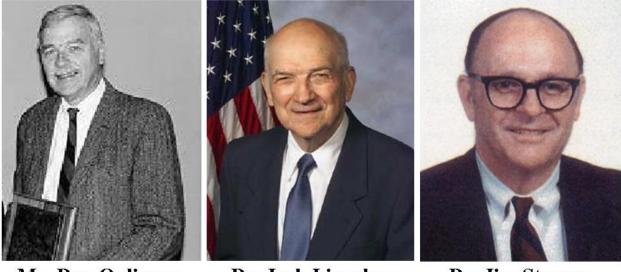
June 2004 Workshop Dedications

FAA and Industry held a Bonded Structures Workshop in Seattle, WA (June 16 - June 18, 2004). This workshop covered a wide range of technical subjects important to aircraft certification and continued airworthiness. The workshop was dedicated to three individuals, who contributed to FAA work performed with bonded structures in years before and after the workshop.

Contributions to Bonded Structures Initiatives



Mr. Don Oplinger December 2, 1928 June 12, 2000

Dr. Jack Lincoln March 22, 1928 February 10, 2002

Dr. Jim Starnes March 2, 1939 October 27, 2003

Mr. Don Oplinger led several FAA research programs on bonded joints and structures for airframe applications through the FAA Technical Center in Atlantic City, New Jersey. Don worked hard to ensure these research efforts were directly tied to industry needs with expanding applications to aircraft. Results from FAA research efforts led by Don Oplinger were reviewed during a special session held in his honor at the American Society for Composites Conference in September 2003. They were also covered during the June 2004 FAA Workshop on bonding.

Dr. Jack Lincoln was chairman for Action Group 13 of The Technical Cooperation Program (TTCP), which created a report entitled: "Certification of Bonded Structures". Jack's leadership was critical to drafting this report for release in 2001. Several members of this TTCP committee helped organize the June 2004 FAA Workshop on bonding and speak on subjects covered by the TTCP report. Content of the TTCP report was also combined with information from the June 2004 workshop to draft FAA policy for bonded joints and structures, which was released in 2005.

Dr. Jim Starnes was a leader for NASA aerospace structures that often advised the FAA on composites. Jim directed NASA support to FAA Composite Safety and Certification Initiatives, including bonded research, workshops and certification guidance development. He also led NASA teams to support the NTSB and FAA in aircraft accident investigations, which involved composites and bonded structures. Jim's support to aircraft safety and certification initiatives were essential to the 2004 FAA Workshop on bonding and related policy released in 2005.