

TIME RUNNING OUT FOR E-LSA TRAINERS

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EAA is reminding owners of E-LSA aircraft used for training, regardless if they are engaging in training operations or not, to amend their aircraft's airworthiness certificate by January 31, 2010, or it will expire and cannot be reissued. The process for allowing flight training to continue under an amended certificate has stalled within the FAA; however, owners should not wait for that situation to resolve before amending their airworthiness certificate. If the deadline is missed, the aircraft will never again be eligible for an airworthiness certificate. The amendment process is not a guarantee that an aircraft will be able to operate as previously certificated. The process will remove any allowances for flight instruction or restrictions on maintenance required for flight training operations on the airworthiness certificate. However, the new certificate will allow the aircraft to be flown after the January deadline. This will also make it eligible should a process for allowing flight training operations be issued by the FAA at a later date. Contact EAA at 888-322-4636, extension 4821, 920-426-4821, or Govt@EAA.org for further questions on this process.

Ga. Governor, GA Governor

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He may be the governor of Georgia now, but a few decades ago Sonny Perdue was commuting home from veterinary school in a J-5 Cub, watching out for oncoming traffic and power lines as he landed on Georgia Highway 96. He recalls fondly his first lessons near the family farm, fixing up the “jalopy” J-5 with his veterinary school roommate, and later using his Bellanca Super Viking to defy the electoral odds in the governor's race. “That was our jalopy,” Perdue said. “On weekends we’d go and patch that J-5 and fix it up.” Perdue decided that if he could get out and meet the people of Georgia, talk to them, and visit their communities in person, he could convince them he would make a better governor. During his campaign he would climb into his Bellanca Super Viking and head out to events throughout the state. In November 2002, Georgia voters elected Perdue their governor.

Perdue has been flying for 40 years. Since he became governor, he has built up turbine time and added a helicopter rating, but a great deal of his flight time has been in single-engine tailwheel aircraft: He recalls fondly his first lessons near the family farm, fixing up a “jalopy” J-5 Cub with his veterinary school roommate, and using the Bellanca to defy the electoral odds. His love of aviation has helped forge friendships with other pilots, strengthened his ties to communities across the state, and driven his efforts to improve Georgians’ access to airports.

You can see a reprint of the complete article in *living color* on the EAA 172 Website after the newsletter comes out in 2010.