

TRAINING BY SPORT-PILOT ONLY INSTRUCTORS LIMITED BY FAA



Regulations do not permit training from a sport pilot instructor to be applied to meet the dual instruction requirements for a private pilot certificate, a recent letter of interpretation from the FAA chief counsel states. AOPA, EAA, and GAMA continue to object to the rule as it stands and advocate including a change in the FAA's upcoming bundle of modifications to the sport pilot regulations. "This rule as written requires student pilots who want to transition from seeking a sport pilot certificate to a private pilot certificate to start over again with respect to the flight-instruction requirement," said AOPA Senior Director of Regulatory Affairs Rob Hackman. "The industry has been working with the FAA's Flight Standards office to bring the rule more in line with the intent of the sport pilot regulations." According to the FAA, a student may apply all solo time and total flight time received from an instructor with only a sport pilot rating toward training for a private pilot certificate; dual time with that instructor cannot count toward the dual time required for the private pilot certificate. However, if the CFI giving dual time for a sport pilot is also a private pilot CFI, the dual time does count toward the private pilot certificate..

EAA AND AOPA TO WORK TOGETHER



With the letters "EAA" emblazoned across a crisp blue Wisconsin sky, the presidents of the world's two largest aviation associations on July 29, 2009, signed a memorandum of understanding that harnesses the power of the two organizations to bring about improvements to



general aviation. Under the agreement, EAA and AOPA pledged to support each other's efforts to promote, protect, and expand the general aviation community. "EAA welcomes AOPA's support of our outreach efforts to expand the pilot population, especially through our Young Eagles program," said EAA President Tom Poberezny against a backdrop of the Airbus A380, the world's largest airliner. "And we are looking forward to supporting AOPA efforts to polish GA's public perception with its General Aviation Serves America campaign." *From AOPA August 21, 2009.*

WORK ON PEOPLE MOVER UPGRADE UNDERWAY

EAA 172 Secretary John Magnan spent about 15 hours in the hot sun during the past month unbolting and removing school bus seats and frames from discarded school buses at Gerald Ballard's Truck & Tire salvage yard in Augusta. The previously used seats had been assembled by Dennis Allen, Al Patton, Charlie Connell, and others about 15 years ago. They are currently falling apart and have had to be held together with duct tape during the past few years when used at the Boshears Skyfest. The four sets of seats are fastened to two 16 foot trailers pulled by John Deere tractors. They are used to transport people around each year's Boshears Skyfest. Rick Dant has volunteered to obtain additional bracing steel and Mig weld the four sets of seat frames. The new seats are in good condition and won't need duct tape!



John Magnan removing bus seats in Gerald Ballard's salvage yard.