

Thank You



I want to thank everyone for the cards and gift card for my 3 years of service as Chapter President. Normally I am pretty aware of what is going on, but I admit, John and Sid did a great job getting all your signatures without me being aware. Again, I appreciated the opportunity to lead our chapter and get to know most all of you. I am looking forward to the New Year and hope you are too!

Best regards - Al

AVIATION QUESTION OF THE MONTH

Answer to last month's question: *A pilot received flight training in a foreign country. Can the pilot's aeronautical experience be counted toward an FAA certificate?*

According to AOPA and the FAA: The answer to this question depends on whether the training received was from an authorized instructor of an International Civil Aviation Organization member state. According to [FAR 61.41](#), an authorized instructor would hold a certificate issued by an ICAO member state's licensing authority. ICAO maintains a list of member states, which can be referenced [online](#). So, as long as the training was received in a country that is a member of ICAO, the flight training received could be counted toward an FAA certificate.

This Month's Question: TRUE OR FALSE: "Aerobatics" means exceeding 60 degrees of bank and/or 30 degrees of pitch. If "False" then what are the degrees of bank and/or pitch? *(Trick question!)*

DATABASE HELPS EXPERIMENTAL-AIRCRAFT PILOTS FIND INSTRUCTORS

The Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) has published an online list of instructors authorized by the FAA to offer instruction for compensation in their own experimental aircraft "for purposes of type specific training." The organization created the resource in response to one of several recommendations addressed directly to EAA by the National Transportation Safety Board in the report, "[The Safety of Experimental Amateur-Built Aircraft](#)."



The [certificated flight instructors listed](#) are holders of an FAA-issued Letter of Deviation Authority (LODA) that makes an exception to the regulatory prohibition on "the carriage of persons or property for compensation or hire in aircraft having experimental certificates." Among the types of training acceptable under a LODA is "flight training for the operation of a specific make and model of experimental aircraft."

A LODA provides relief for instructors from FAR 92.319, which prohibits pilots from flying for compensation or hire in experimental aircraft. LODA approved instructors can provide valuable instruction for pilots constructing their own amateur-built aircraft, increasing the chances of a safe and successful first flight.

In Georgia, among the five instructors listed are Steve McGowan (Macon, GA) for the Parsons 2 place gyroplane, and Pierre Smith (Louisville, GA) for the RV-6A. None are listed for South Carolina and only one for North Carolina, Danny Hughes (Hickory, NC) for the RV-7A.

(Information adapted from the e-Hotline Dec 6, 2012, the Dec 11, 2012, Flying Magazine, the Dec 21, 2012, AOPA ePilot, and the FAA)



TOYS BROUGHT TO THE CHILDREN'S MEDICAL CENTER

Larry Garner wrote that on December 19 he delivered the toys many of you donated at the Christmas Party to the Children's Medical Center at GRU (Georgia Regents University) in Augusta.



REPLACE PAPER PILOT CERTIFICATE BY APRIL 1 OR ELSE!

Directly from the FAA – Notice Number: NOTC4465 Dated November 29, 2012: If you have already replaced your paper pilot certificate, then this message is not for you. On the other hand, if your pilot certificate is still printed on paper, please read carefully.



The FAA is under a mandate to replace all paper certificates with plastic certificates. If you do not replace your paper certificate on or before March 31, 2013, you will no longer be able to exercise your privileges! All certificated Airmen, including mechanics, repairmen, pilots, etc., are required to replace their paper copy with a plastic copy, or they will no longer be able to exercise the privileges of that certificate.

The best way to get a new replacement certificate is to follow the instructions at http://www.faa.gov/licenses_certificates/airmen_certification/certificate_replacement/.

The replacement cost is \$2.00, unless you still have your Social Security Number on your certificate and you ask to have it removed.

Avoid the Rush! Apply today! (Information directly from the FAA!)



U. S. REPRESENTATIVE WANTS LAW TO KEEP DRONES FROM SPYING

Rep. Ed Markey (D-Mass.) wants civilian drone operators seeking authorization to operate drones to submit information describing what kind of data was to be collected; how the information would be used; how long it would be kept; and in the case of law enforcement, what would happen to data that was collected that did not relate directly to the approved operation. In addition, the FAA would be mandated to create a website listing all drone operations and describing their missions in detail. In the case of law enforcement surveillance situations, agencies would be required to file a warrant for the operation of a drone, except in situations such as “imminent danger of death” or “a high risk of a terrorist attack by a specific individual or organization.” In a statement, Markey said, “Drones should be used in accordance with privacy principles that protect Americans from unlawful surveillance and searches without their knowledge or permission.”



(Information adapted from the December 20, 2012 *Flying Magazine* and thehill.com)



Weird Rules of Truth On and About Aviation

- Flying is the perfect vocation for a man who wants to feel like a boy, but not for one who still is.
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- A male pilot is a confused soul who talks about women when he's flying, and about flying when he's with a woman.
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- Asking what a pilot thinks about the FAA is like asking a fireplug what it thinks about dogs.
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- Being an airline pilot would be great if you didn't have to go on all those trips.
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- The only thing worse than a captain who never flew as copilot, is a copilot who once was a captain.