

FAA DAR Available for EAB, ELSA, & SLSA Airworthiness Inspections

On May 22, 2017, G. Michael “Mike” Huffman wrote that he is an FAA Designated Airworthiness Representative (DAR) authorized to issue airworthiness certificates for amateur-built and light-sport aircraft. “That includes converting Special Light-Sport Aircraft (SLSA) to Experimental Light-Sport Aircraft, a popular alternative for SLSA owners.” He added that he would be “happy to answer any questions EAA 172 members have. He also suggested that he would “enjoy the opportunity to attend one of your chapter EAA meetings to speak on those subjects.” In addition he wrote “I invite you and your members to visit my website listed below.”

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AVIATION BUSINESS GROWING AT THE LOUISVILLE AIRPORT

We have written in the past few months about James Watson who is member Pierre Smith's stepson. Watson was introduced to aviation in the hangar he currently operates out of, owned by his stepfather, long-time Louisville-based crop duster Pierre Smith. As we wrote in past issues, Watson is an A&P/IA – (Airframe and Powerplant mechanic with Inspection Authorization). For the last eight years Watson has been working on airplanes and has recently opened Watson Aero LLC, a general aviation mechanic's shop based at the Louisville, Georgia, airport ([2J3](#)). He is licensed to rebuild engines and has factory certifications from Lycoming Engines and Continental Motors, the two primary manufacturers of light sport airplane engines. His phone number is 706-550-8628.

See this [Jefferson County News & Farmer May 5, 2017 article](#).



FEDERAL APPEALS COURT QUASHES DRONE REGISTRATION

The U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia has ruled the FAA's drone registry is unlawful. The [ruling](#) was handed down Friday, May 19, 2017. So far 820,000 drones have been registered. Nearly all paid a \$5 fee. The ruling came from a challenge by model aircraft buff and insurance lawyer John A. Taylor. The judges agreed that the program “directly violates [a] clear statutory prohibition.” Writing for the court is Circuit Judge Brett M. Kavanaugh: “The 2012 FAA Modernization and Reform Act provides that the FAA ‘may not promulgate any rule or regulation regarding a model aircraft,’ yet the FAA’s 2015 Registration Rule is a ‘rule or regulation regarding a model aircraft.’ Statutory interpretation does not get much simpler. The Registration Rule is unlawful as applied to model aircraft.”



There were dozens of comments from different people and organizations about this ruling. One person wrote “All I can say is, I want my \$28 back. That’s what the FAA dinged me when I registered my drone, probably because I checked the commercial-use box.” The Academy of Model Aeronautics government relations blog notes the May 19 ruling “is effective immediately. As such, if you have not registered with the FAA, you are no longer required under the law to do so. But, those involved with agriculture (crop dusting/spraying) were not too happy. Helicopter Association International issued a [statement \(PDF\)](#) this week saying it “strongly disagrees” with the ruling, adding that helicopter pilots “are deeply concerned about our ability to fly safely in airspace where pilots could encounter any unmanned aircraft, be it commercial or otherwise.” The National Agricultural Aviation Association also issued a statement this week, asking Congress to reverse the change. Agricultural aircraft are used to treat crops, fight fires and combat pests, consistently operating at the same low altitudes as drones, the NAAA said.

(Information adapted from AvWeb 05/22/17→[Court Quashes Drone Registration](#), General Aviation News→[Recreational drone registry ruled unlawful](#), AvWeb 05/24/17→[Ag And Helicopter Pilots Decry Drone Rule Change](#), EAA eHotline 05/25/17→[Court Ruling Leaves Drone Registry in Limbo](#), FAA→[UAS Registration](#))

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EAA 172 member Larry Garner sold his Cherokee aircraft. He has many aircraft related items for sale. Larry wrote on February 4, 2016: "Since I sold my Cherokee , been going thru what airplane stuff I've accumulated over the years and this is some of what I have. I am very open to offers, just have to start somewhere. I did research current selling prices."

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