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News You Can Use ---

Amendments Pass in Committee Not GA-Friendly

EAA has learned from congressional sources that the U.S. Senate Commerce, Science & Technology Committee Subcommittee on Aviation passed a modified amendment to the Aviation Security Act (S-2949) that keeps restrictions on stadium overflights intact for six months without waivers. The original amendment offered by John Breaux (D-LA) on September 19 called for enforcement of FAA NOTAM 1/3353, which prohibits flights within 3 nautical miles/3,000 feet AGL of large open-air assemblies and major sporting events; and FAA NOTAM 2/9583 which eliminates all waivers to 1/3353 for one year. The amendment was modified to six months, enforced at events with more than 30,000 attendees on weekend only.

EAA aggressively opposes this amendment on several fronts:

- Such legislation would doom the already precarious banner towing industry.
- Pilots flying cross-country must remain 3 miles clear of major open air assemblies and sporting events including collegiate events, without navigable reference for identifying the location of these facilities.
- Equally as important, pilots have no practical means of determining where events are actually scheduled to take place.
- There has never been a satisfactory definition of what constitutes a major sporting event or open-air assembly, leaving the matter entirely to interpretation.
- The pop-up TFRs around these events randomly shut down general aviation airports within three miles of such events across the country.
- The peak period for general aviation flight activity is during weekends, at which times many collegiate and professional sporting events occur.
- A pilot may not be not aware of violating an airspace restriction until the stadium at issue passes under the wing of the airplane.

Chapter 1121 Holding 'Pancakes 'n Spam' Breakfast

A "Pancakes 'n Spam" breakfast will take place this Saturday, September 21, at Brookside Airport in McCordsville, Indiana (I21), sponsored by EAA Chapter 1121. Proceeds of the event will go toward a possible permanent site for a club house.

Organizer Leroy Wheeler says that several projects should be on hand, as well as one of only six Waco Taperwings still flying. Brookside airport is just 3 miles north of Mt. Comfort Airport. For more information, e-mail Leroy at FlyBoy3847@aol.com.

UPCOMING EVENTS

September 25

Newnan, GA 27th Annual International Cessna 120/140 Assoc Convention, dorchen@msn.com

September 26-27

Mexico, MO Zenith Aircraft Factory sponsored metal workshop.

A [second amendment](#), offered by Bill Nelson (D-FL), would require all foreign flight training students to undergo notification and background checks regardless

Columbus County Airport -
Whiteville, NC Chapter 1114
- Jim & Sandy Dukeman
919-362-9252

Smith Reynolds Airport -
Winston Salem, NC Chapter
1083 - Lewis Brown
336-752-2574

Mather Airport - Sandusky,
OH Chapter 50 - Ben
Gleason 440-967-6284

Riverside Airport -
Zanesville, OH Chapter 425 -
Ron MacLean 740-452-8949
- Rain Date of 9/29

Independence Airport -
Independence, OR Chapter
292 Jerry Medlock
503-838-2902

York Airport - Thomasville,
PA Chapter 1041 - Dick
Golden 717-642-5656

Columbia Downtown Owens
- Columbia, SC Chapter 242
-

Paul Carter 803-794-1438

Killeen Municipal Airport -
Killeen, TX Chapter 542 -
James Livingston
254-699-4509 - Rain Date of
10/5

Mineral Wells Airport -
Mineral Wells, TX Chapter
1318 - Ronald Pyles
817-512-4731

September 29

Aurora Municipal Airport -
Aurora, IL Chapter 579 -
Alan Shackleton
630-460-4193

Westchester Co Airport -
White Plains, NY Chapter
1081 - Hank Grudberg
914-722-1903

Sonex Is Featured Desktop Image For September



Featured desktop image for
September is a Sonex
homebuilt sport plane

Adam Aircraft Announces New Dealership Network

Adam Aircraft Industries recently announced plans to establish Adam Sales and Service Centers for the A500. "A quality dealership network is the best way for us to provide our A500 customers with the responsive product support they need and the quality service they expect," said Chris Finnoff, President of Adam Aircraft Sales/ Executive Vice President of Adam Aircraft Industries. "We think that distributors located worldwide will enable us to offer local representation and enhanced product support, making it more convenient for our customers."

Besides handling new aircraft sales, every domestic and international dealer will serve as an Authorized Adam Service Center by providing spare parts, technical support, and service. Appointments of the Adam Sales and Service Centers are expected before the end of the year. For more information, visit www.adamaircraft.com or call 866/AdamAir (866/232-6247).

Orlando FSDO Names Co-Safety Award Winners

Hugh Hardy & Cheryl DeFilippo were named Aviation Flight Safety Counselors of the Year by the Orlando Flight Standards District Office (FSDO).

The two joined the FAA Production crew as volunteers in July 2000 and were appointed as safety counselors with the Orlando FSDO. They have vigilantly served the aviation community in a cooperative effort to ensure that pilot safety is a priority in the flying community. Hugh and Cheryl have participated at numerous Safety Seminars and other related functions throughout the district. Hugh served as a Technical Director at the FAA Safety Center & Production Studios at the Lakeland Linder Regional Airport Sun 'n Fun Complex. Cheryl is Public Relations Chairman for the Studio. They have both received the Exceptional Volunteer on the Production Crew for Sun 'n Fun and the FAA Production Studio "2001 Above Beyond Award."

Fire-Related TFR Information Online

Pilots can find out the latest information regarding temporary flight restrictions at fire locations by logging on to the Interagency Airspace Website www.fs.fed.us/r6/fire/aviation/airspace. The site is updated with TFR and fire locations every 30 minutes. The site is maintained by the USDA-Forest Service (nationally) and the Bureau of Land Management (Pacific Northwest Region).

Q & A: Question of the Week

Question for EAA Aviation Information Services:

If my memory serves me right, earlier this year I found a website with a list of homebuilts meeting the 51% rule that included the "Aventura HP" seaplane. Now that I am ready for the inspection I was told by the FSDO that it's not on their list of approved kits. In addition my search for that website where I saw it listed has been in vain. Can you help me with this?

Answer:

The Aventura series aircraft are not on the current FAA approved kits list. You can look at the list at the following website:

<http://av-info.faa.gov/dst/amateur/ama-kit.doc>

The aircraft does not have to be on the list in order to be licensed as an amateur-built aircraft. This only means that the kit manufacturer has not yet gone through the procedure of having the kit placed on the list. There are many kits that qualify for amateur-built certification that are not on the list.

For aircraft kits that do not appear on the list, it's up to the builder to document that the kit meets the major portion requirement (commonly called the "51%" rule) for licensing as an amateur-built aircraft. To do this, you can use the same form the FAA uses when adding a kit to their list of approved kits. This form is FAA Form 8000-38, Fabrication Assembly Operation Checklist. The form lists all the fabrication and assembly tasks that the FAA considers when determining that a kit meets the major portion requirement. It has two columns after each task—one for the kit manufacturer and one for the amateur builder. Simply check who did each task. If the number of tasks completed by the amateur builder is greater than the number completed by the kit manufacturer, the aircraft meets the major portion requirement and can be licensed as experimental/amateur-built.