



## Chapter 736 Newsletter for March 2005

### **Sport Pilot Application/Certification Form Now Available**

The form that sport pilot examiners and instructors use when issuing sport pilot certificates-8710-11, "Airman Certification and/or Rating Application - Sport Pilot"-is now available for download on the [FAA website](#) as a PDF file.

### **FAA withdraws proposal to require plastic pilot certificates**

#### *Will "reexamine" congressional mandate for photos on certificates*

The FAA has withdrawn a proposed rule that would have required pilots to replace their paper certificates with upgraded, counterfeit-resistant plastic certificates. Just before the 90-day Office of Management and Budget (OMB) review period expired, the FAA pulled back the proposal, saying it needed to reevaluate the plan because of a "new" congressional requirement for a picture on the pilot certificate.

In that latest push, Congress said the FAA should start issuing upgraded, counterfeit-resistant pilot certificates with photos by October 2005. And while it wasn't required, Congress also suggested that the FAA include biometric data, such as a fingerprint or retina scan.

That means that if the FAA chooses to, it could have aviation medical examiners (AMEs) take the pilot's photo as part of the medical examination and forward it to the agency to include on a new certificate.

### **Light-Sport Aircraft Standards Published in Federal Register**

The first industry-developed consensus standards for light-sport aircraft, which were accepted by the FAA [last month](#) at an FAA-EAA summit at EAA headquarters, were officially published on March 3, in the [Federal Register](#). The standards were developed over a more than two-year period by ASTM International's F-37 Light-Sport Aircraft Committee, which includes representatives from throughout the aviation community. The accepted standards bring ready-to-fly special light-sport aircraft (S-LSA) and experimental light-sport aircraft (E-LSA) kits one step closer to reality.

## Upcoming FAA Seminars

**NOTE:** The FAA has discontinued mailing the monthly calendar of safety seminars to licensed pilots, A&P's and IA's. The last hard copy calendar published was in September 2004.

This newsletter will list as many upcoming local seminars as practicable. To be sure to get all event announcements from the FAA, log on to their website at <http://www.faa.gov> and register to receive notifications via e-mail.

### Event 1

<b>Title</b>	<b>"Making Traffic Patterns Safer"</b>
<b>Topic</b>	Airport Traffic Patterns
<b>Date and Time</b>	Thursday, March 17, 2005, starting at 6:00 pm
<b>Speaker(s)</b>	Mary Build, ASC
<b>Brief Description</b>	Due to the increase in traffic in some local uncontrolled airports, the FAA is sponsoring this safety seminar to lower the risk factors that now exist. Since traffic patterns are not required, but suggested, pilots are too frequently flying in a variety of patterns raising considerable concerns. Come and see what the FAA has to offer for your safety.
<b>Location of Event</b>	<b>Auburn Lewiston Airport</b> 81 Airport Drive Auburn, ME 04210

### Event 2

<b>Title</b>	<b>"Operations at Non-Towered Airports - Chili Cookoff"</b>
<b>Topic</b>	Ops at Non-Towered Airports - Chili Cookoff
<b>Date and Time</b>	Saturday, March 19, 2005, starting at 10:00 am
<b>Speaker(s)</b>	Ann Marie Walko
<b>Brief Description</b>	Learn how to operate safely at non-towered airports. There will be a chili-tasting contest following the seminar.

**Location of Event**

**Wicked Good Aviation** 96 Chewonki Neck Road Wiscasset, ME 04578

**Directions to Venue**

U.S. Rte 1 in Wiscasset to Rte 144. On Rte 144, turn right after RR tracks. Follow signs to airport. Go to large tan hangar.

**Full Description**

What are the accepted methods for entering a traffic pattern at a non-towered airport? Are straight-in approaches legal? What is the proper way to communicate your position and intentions? How do you best utilize info on sectional charts when planning your arrival or departure? Join us as we answer these questions and discuss all aspects of ops at non-towered airports. Learn how to become a safer, more aware pilot. After the seminar, join Aviation Safety Counselors Ann-Marie Walko and Mike Muchmore for a chili-lovers feast. NOTE: Ann-Marie Walko was selected as the 2004 Portland FSDO and New England Region Certified Flight Instructor of the Year. Mike Muchmore was selected as the 2004 Portland FSDO Aviation Maintenance Technician of the Year. Prior to the seminar, we will make an award presentation. Join us as we honor these two exemplary airmen. Sponsored by Wicked Good Aviation and the Maine Aeronautics Association.

**Event 3**

**Title**

**"Helicopter Safety Symposium"**

**Topic**

Helicopter Safety

**Date and Time**

**Thursday, March 24, 2005, starting at 8:00 am**

**Speaker(s)**

Harry Urwiler, LCDR Rick Christoffersen, Robert Fregeau

**Brief Description**

Multiple speakers will address diverse topics directed toward improving safety in helicopter flight operations.

**Location of Event**

**Augusta State Armory** 179 Western Ave Augusta, ME 04330

**Directions to Venue**

I-95 to Exit 30. East on Rte 202. Armory Building is approx ½ mile on left (prior to Airport entrance road).

**Seating**

100 seats at the facility, 83 remaining for online registration. [Click here to register online now!](#)

**Contact  
Information**

John Marino Phone: 207-973-5291 [jmarino@keystonehelicopter.com](mailto:jmarino@keystonehelicopter.com)

**Full  
Description**

We will be discussing a wide range of subjects pertaining to both flight operations and maintenance. The day will feature the following: Situational Awareness (Harry Urwiler, ATP/CFI, ASC FSDO 17); Preflight Risk Management Matrix (LCDR Rick Christoffersen-USCG); Pilot Judgement & Decision-Making (FAA Aviation Safety Inspector); FADEC Principle and Operation (Robert Fregeau-Pratt & Whitney). This is a full day event. Come for the whole day or part of the day. NOTE: Breakfast and lunch provided by Lifeflight. NOTE: Bring a driver's license and automobile registration for security screening purposes. Sponsored by Life Flight, Inc.

**Reminder**

The Gathering of Eagles event will be held at the Owl's Head Transportation Museum on Sunday, March 20<sup>th</sup>. It will begin at 10:30 a.m. and run until 12:30 p.m.

**Next Meeting**

Our next meeting will take place at OWK, Tuesday, March 15 at 7:30 p.m.