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EAA ULTRALIGHT TRAINING PROGRAM TO CONTINUE

Ultralight Council approves updates for new era

EAA and its Ultralight Council are working to ensure that ultralight pilots have access to thorough training even after the current FAA exemption for ultralight flight training expires on January 31, 2008.

The FAA ultralight training exemption allowed use of two-place ultralight aircraft to teach prospective ultralight pilots. The movement of those two-place training aircraft into the light-sport aircraft category, as part of the sport pilot/light-sport aircraft rule, has sparked questions on how future ultralight pilots will receive adequate instruction.

"We know there is a significant segment of the recreational flying community who would prefer to fly, or continue flying, ultralights under FAA Part 103," said Timm Bogenhagen, EAA's ultralight programs manager. "EAA is committed to supporting them and ensuring their safe operations, just as EAA has since the beginning of the ultralight movement in the early 1980s."

The EAA Ultralight Council - consisting of experienced ultralight enthusiasts who volunteer their time to help set policy and design programs to benefit ultralight fliers - explored the matter at its fall meetings in Oshkosh on Oct. 27-28. The council made a series of recommendations to maintain the growth and vitality of the ultralight community as an economical, safe and fun way to experience flight.

Those recommendations include:

- Maintain the ultralight student, pilot and vehicle registration programs;
- Continue cooperation with the United States Ultralight Association (USUA) and Aero Sports Connection (ASC), who with EAA have trained and endorsed ultralight instructors for more than a decade;
- Explore ways for student ultralight pilots to receive flight instruction from certified flight instructors, using aircraft that have similar flight characteristics as ultralight;
- Find ways to use sport pilot test standards as an additional instruction standard for ultralight training;
- Expand ultralight-specific training materials for each category of ultralights.

Upcoming FAA Safety Briefing

Title	"Airman Legal Issues, and a Flight Review Potluck Discussion."
Date and Time	Wednesday, November 29, 2006, starting at 7:00 pm
Speaker(s)	Ken Hovermale, Michael Lessard
Brief Description	How to protect yourself legally after an accident, incident or violation, and a flight review potluck discussion.
Location of Event	Main Terminal Building at Portland International Jetport 1001 Westbrook St Portland, ME 04102
Directions to Venue	I-95 to Exit 46 in Portland. Follow the signs to PWM. Park in the main parking garage. Go into the Main Passenger Terminal Building and up the escalator. The second floor conference room is at the top of the escalator. It will be the one with all the cookies and goodies on the table! Please bring your parking ticket with you, as it will be cheerfully validated!
Seating	50 seats at the facility, 31 remaining for online registration. <u>Click here to register online now!</u>
Sponsoring Division	FAASTeam, Portland FSDO
Contact Information	MICHAEL ANTHONY LESSARD Phone: 207-422-3015 flyer007@gwi.net
Full Description	<p>An excellent opportunity to learn what you should do to protect yourself legally after an aircraft incident, accident or violation. Learn about NTSB issues and the NASA form. Ken Hovermale is an aviation attorney, and a member of AOPA Legal Services Plan. Take advantage of this opportunity to chat with him about the legal processes that follow these events, and what to do when you are suddenly and unexpectedly involved. Michael Lessard is an active CFI. He will present a discussion on topics where pilots are often found to be weak when conducting flight reviews, as well as topics chosen by the attendees. When was the last time you asked a CFI about your pitot/static system, aerodynamics, airspace classifications and rules, or the dreaded regulations? What questions do you have? Bring them to this highly interactive discussion where the participants create the seminar in real time! It is sure to be fun and exciting for all of you! This event will be co-sponsored by the FAA, North Atlantic Aviation LLC, and Hovermale Law. There will be lots of great homemade refreshments, door prizes and socializing! So come out and be part of this fun and interesting evening.</p>

Next Meeting:

Our next meeting will be held at 7:30 on Tuesday, Nov 21 at Jeff Young's workshop in Albion. Jeff is building a Pietenpol.

Directions and map to Jeff's shop follow.

From Augusta – Take Route 202 all the way to the head of China Lake. The Landing ice cream stand and Lakeside Country Store will be on your left. Turn right onto Pleasant View Ridge Road and go approximately 1/2 mile. At the Y, turn left onto Danforth Road* and go approximately 9/10 mile. Jeff's house will be on the left, Box # 177.

From Winslow – Take Route 137 to the blinking light in China. Continue straight through light (don't turn left), heading toward China Lake, now on Route 202. At the head of China Lake, Lakeside Country Store and The Landing ice cream stand will be on your right. Turn left onto Pleasant View Ridge Road and go approximately 1/2 mile. At the Y, turn left onto Danforth Road* and go approximately 9/10 mile. Jeff's house will be on the left, Box # 177.

***NOTE:** The street sign for Danforth Road is very short, only about 3 feet tall. If you're looking up for the sign when you reach the fork in the road, you'll miss it (believe me).

