



SPEED'S NEWS



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CHAPTER 54 MEETING: MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 1985 7:30 p.m. SANBORN AVIATION

Dear Chapter 54 Members and Friends:

In June the FAA published a proposed change to FAR part 61. If adopted, this change will make it somewhat easier and cheaper to learn to fly, but harder for pilots with less than 400 hours to remain eligible to fly. The FAA is accepting comments until September 24, 1985. You can get a copy by telephoning 202-426-8058. Ask for NPRM 85-13.

This NPRM tries to do two things:

1. Permit people to learn to fly in basic aircraft without radios.
2. Improve the safety record of private pilots by requiring periodic retraining.

If you are a --

COMMERCIAL PILOT (or higher rating): This NPRM doesn't affect you directly; but DON'T ignore it! Future pilots who don't know or care about this now are depending on you.

PRIVATE PILOT:

1. You must take 2 hours of flight instruction (1 hour-ground, 1 hour-air) within a two-month period each year. It doesn't matter how long you've had your license or how much you've flown -- you have to do it.
2. Unless you've logged 400 hours or have an instrument rating, your biennial review now must be done each year.
3. If you've logged less than 400 hours total and haven't flown as P.I.C. in the last six months, you must have a flight instructor check you out and endorse your competency in your logbook.

NON-LICENSED PILOT: You have a new option - you can become a "recreational pilot." The flight training requirements are almost the same as for a private pilot's license. There are fewer training flights required, and you don't have to learn radio or VOR procedures. You'll be restricted, though, because you don't have radio or VOR experience. i.e.:

- no night flight
- no flights longer than 50 miles
- no flights into or out of controlled airports
- 180 hp maximum, fixed gear, 4 seats or less (airplane or helicopter), single - place gyroplane. No gliders, balloons, or airships
- No flight above 10,000' MSL (2,000' AGL)
- No international flight

I urge you to write immediately and address your comments to:

FAA
Office of Chief Counsel
Attn: Rules Docket (AGC-204) Docket #2469
800 Independence Ave. SW
Washington, DC 20591

JOHN RENWICK

CHAPTER ELECTIONS:

The October meeting is traditionally the time for election of officers. Interim VP George Mathiesen has been contacting members in order to present a slate of nominees at the September meeting. We have 60 members and will need a quorum present on election night. Please show your support by being present at these next two very important meetings.

See you soon!

Eleanor