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**Federal Aviation
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Owner/Operator of Experimental – Exhibition Aircraft

Annual Program Letters

During a recent review of Exhibition Aircraft files it has come to our attention that many operators of Exhibition Aircraft are not submitting an **Annual Program Letters**. The Flight Standards District Office (FSDO) needs the accountability for these aircraft. Regardless the aircraft is airworthy, not flown or non-flyable. The FAA Order 8130.2, Chapter 4, Section 10, Paragraph 159 quotes: Note: ***Applicants that do not submit a specific program letter do not meet the intent of FAR § 21.193 and must not be issued a special airworthiness certificate.***

The FAR 91 Subpart D, § 91.319, aircraft with experimental certificates must hold **Operating Limitations**. We require that you provide our office with a current copy of your operating limitations and a copy of previously submitted program letter, along with your proposed program letter for the fiscal year. If you do not have operating limitation assigned to the aircraft in your possession, contact the FSDO POC for assistance.


The operating limitations should state “that the owner/operator of this aircraft ***must submit an annual program letter*** update to the local FSDO that lists airshows, fly-ins, etc., that will be attended during the next year, commencing at the time this aircraft is released into phase II operation. This list of events may be amended, as applicable, by letter or fax to the FSDO POC prior to the intended operation amendments. A copy of the highlighted aeronautical chart, when applicable, must be carried aboard this aircraft and be available to the pilot.” The **Annual Program Letters** must have current contact information and the physical location of the aircraft.

If you no longer own this aircraft or no longer are in our district, please inform us of this information. In accordance with § 47.45, the FAA Aircraft Registry must be notified within 30 days for any change of the aircraft registrant address. Such notification is to be made by submitting Aeronautical Center Form 8050-1 to AFS-750 in Oklahoma City.

Please provide the above requested information to our office no later than 30 days from the receipt of this letter. Then thereafter all future Annual Program Letters will be accepted during December and no later than January 31, (each year). If this office has not received your annual program letter prior to the aircraft's ***Date of Issue*** originate on FAA Form 8130-7, the aircraft will be considered in violation of the federal aviation regulations.

We look forward to hearing from you soon. If you have any questions or if we can be of any assistance, please don't hesitate to contact this office POC at (916) 422-0272 ext. 229 and or email: richard.t.dilbeck@faa.gov

Sincerely,



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