

Press Release

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PRA Seminar at 50th Anniversary Fly-in has received FAA approval for WINGS safety credit.

The Popular Rotorcraft Association (PRA), working in conjunction with the FAASTeam, the FAA's safety education program, has received approval to grant WINGS continuing education credits to pilots attending the August 1st 2pm to 4:30pm Seminar on *Radio Use in the Traffic Pattern by Pilots of Light Sport Aircraft* (LSA). This webinar will be of value to pilots of low-mass, high drag small aircraft as well as pilots of larger faster aircraft wanting a better understanding of what to expect when flying with these slower aircraft in the traffic pattern.

Course author Tim O'Connor, a Certified Flight Instructor, Advanced Ground Instructor and FAASTeam Representative Volunteer received notice from FAA FAASTeam Program Managers that the PRA seminar attendees will be eligible for WINGS credit and all interested attendees will have the class added to their WINGS instructional record.

The PRA is an international organization formed in 1962 that remains the only U.S organization that is devoted exclusively to pilots and builders of personal rotorcraft such as gyroplanes and small helicopters. The PRA will be continuing its efforts to work with the FAA to improve personal rotorcraft safety and hopes to continue collaborating with the FAA in efforts to offer quality free education events.

The FAASTeam exists to improve the nation's aviation safety record by conveying safety principles and practices through training, outreach and education. Also, the FAASTeam managers and program managers will establish meaningful aviation industry alliances and encourage continual growth of a positive safety culture within the aviation community.

The August 1st webinar *Radio Use in the Traffic Pattern by Pilots of Light Sport Aircraft* is free and both student pilots, and seasoned pilots are invited to attend, however, one-day attendance for the PRA convention is \$5. The seminar will include basic instruction on radio use by pilots in LSA aircraft and discuss pattern operations at non-towered airports. The program focus is on flying and flying with low-mass, high-drag small aircraft such as small airplanes, trikes, powered parachutes, gyroplanes and light helicopters in the traffic pattern.

To learn more about the August 1st seminar *Radio Use in the Traffic Pattern by Pilots of Light Sport Aircraft* or to register for the PRA 50th Anniversary Convention and Fly-in go to www.PRA.org. Pilots flying into the convention to attend the seminar should be cautious because high pattern traffic is expected during the fly-in event. One-Day admission to the fly-in is \$5. To learn more about the FAASTeam and to register for the FAA WINGS program visit <http://www.faasafety.gov>.