

FAASTeam presents:

Understanding Impairment Risk - Topic of the Month

Understanding Impairment Risk is the FAASafety Team Topic of the Month.

A NTSB Safety Alert discusses the need for pilots to understand impairment risk associated with the use of prescription and over-the-counter (OTC) drugs. Several studies published by the FAA Toxicology Laboratory on toxicology samples of deceased pilots indicated the presence of illicit drugs, and prescription or over-the-counter medications in 42% of subjects tested. While NTSB and FAA have not necessarily cited drug or medication use as a causal factor in these accidents; the magnitude of these findings poses two questions: Have the drugs found in recent investigations, diminished the pilot's ability to safely conduct flight operations? Have the medical conditions requiring use of those drugs compromised the pilot's ability to fly safely? Dr. Mathers is an FAA Senior Aviation Medical Examiner and is board-certified in Aerospace Medicine and Internal Medicine. He serves as Medical Director for the Aerospace Medicine Center at the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston, TX, which specializes in the evaluation of pilots with complicated health conditions, fitness for duty evaluations, and monitoring of pilots in the HIMS program. Dr. Mathers has been a private pilot since 2004.

Event Details

Wed, Sep 28, 2016 - 19:00 CDT

Carls BBQ / Weiser Airport

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Directions: Fly-in visitors are welcome for the seminar. There is airplane parking on the West side of the airport by the restaurant.

Carl's BBQ is located on Weiser Airport. Nearest major intersection is Highway 290 and Telge Rd. Carl's BBQ is a few miles Southeast of that intersection.

Driving from Houston: Take 290 northwest bound. Take Huffmeister Exit and Carl's BBQ is on your right before reaching Telge.

Driving from Cypress: Take 290 southeast bound and exit Huffmeister and make a U-turn onto the 290 feeder Northwest bound. Carl's BBQ will be on your right before reaching Telge.

A message from the National FAASafety Manager

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