

PACE PROGRAM
Hot Springs Municipal Airport
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What is "PACE"?

The acronym PACE stands for Pilot and Aircraft Courtesy Evaluation. What this means to you as a general aviation pilot, is that you can receive from the FAA a courtesy evaluation of your pilot skills and/or your aircraft's airworthiness. This program is offered as a method to improve your overall piloting skills and to spot check your aircraft's airworthiness thereby increasing awareness and improving the overall level of safety. PACE evaluations are offered as a courtesy and **no punitive action** will be taken as a result of them.

Who can participate?

Any certificated pilot and their owned or rented aircraft.

What can I expect?

An FAA Inspector will conduct an aircraft evaluation which will include an inspection of documents, logbook entries, AD status, markings and placards and the general airworthiness of the aircraft. The aircraft evaluation will be limited to simple inspection practices.

The flight evaluation will (if requested) be conducted upon a satisfactory aircraft evaluation. It consists of a prebriefing, takeoff, departure, basic air work, arrival and landings, followed by a debriefing. The PACE flight evaluation is designed as a skill evaluation only - not as a dual instruction period, nor as a flight check. However, the FAA Inspector will provide the pilot with a critique and, if necessary, encourage the airman to pursue further instruction from a qualified flight instructor.

What if my aircraft is found to be NOT airworthy?

Even conscientious aircraft owners and operators can miss an AD, forget to replace their ELT battery, or inadvertently fly after the due-date of their annual inspection. If the FAA inspector finds your aircraft not to meet airworthiness standards, you will be advised not to fly until the condition is corrected. In most cases, ferry permits can be issued on-the-spot to allow PACE participants to fly back home in this event. **No violations will be issued** as a result of a PACE evaluation.

The FAA's commitment to the PACE program guarantees that no adverse action shall result against a participating pilot or aircraft owner. Therefore, **no documentation of pilot or aircraft discrepancies shall be kept by the FAA.**

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