

Interim Enhancements

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1. We have fixed numerous instances of connection timeout errors. You should now notice an improvement in overall site speed, and there should not be any timeout errors!
2. When approving a SPANS event, the City and State did not appear with the ZIP Code when viewing details of the event. They do now!
3. Also on the Accept Event page, the % seats available was the same number as the seats available, e.g., 15 seats and 15%, or 50 seats and 50%, even though 100% seats available was actually entered by the creator. We fixed that problem, so now you will see the correct percentage available.
4. We corrected the bad links that did not point to the Wright Brothers Master Pilot page and the Charles Taylor Master Mechanic page, and we fixed the language and link on those pages to be the same for the respective Roll of Honor.
5. There is now a link that goes directly to the Wright Brothers Master Pilot page (<http://faasafety.gov/MasterPilot>) and another link that goes directly to the Charles Taylor Master Mechanic page (<http://faasafety.gov/MasterMechanic>). We will be able to imbed these new links in other web sites and in online documents, as well as PowerPoint Presentations. You are free to use these links as necessary, and give them to others, as well.
6. We improved the search utility that is used to search for a validator. It now includes entering a last name as well as a first name or partial name, or even just a letter. We also added a 2-mile radius search choice. But to keep this page speed reasonable, we will only return up to 150 names. It will now also return all Representatives and FPMs as validators, as well as all CFIs.
 - a. I will provide a list to the contractor to “hard code” certain people out of this validator list. This exclusion list will include all National staff, all Regional Managers, and all Assistant Regional Managers, unless I am notified that they want to be available to the general public for credit validation purposes.
7. Some CFIs were not showing up in the Validator list. We think we’ve fixed that. Please let us know if you become aware of a CFI who is not in the validator list.
8. When viewing the “Expertise” information about a Representative or FPM, the text was constrained to a short line, making any long entries, really long! We increased the line width, so it is easier to read and doesn’t use as much space.
 - a. We also increased the space available in the entry box for this Expertise text box.
9. It was recently pointed out that users could ask for a WINGS pin in the Seaplane Pilots Association (SPA) area of the Team Member Rewards feature. We fixed that so users now can ask for a WINGS pin from Avemco and a Sea WINGS pin, if qualified, from the SPA .
10. We’ve discovered several thousand user accounts that only have a last name entered. Unfortunately, the last name consisted of the first, middle, and last name! The contractor ran a script that fixed all but about 755 of those accounts. This small balance will take an individual effort over many months to correct.