

GOVERNMENT/INDUSTRY AERONAUTICAL CHARTING FORUM 00-02

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Recommendation Document

Subject: One of the biggest concerns we in the general aviation (GA) community face is the availability of critical flight information. This need has been further punctuated by a forthcoming FAA Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) calling for the addition of a new temporary flight restriction (TFR) regulation to address specific traffic management procedures for aircraft operations in the vicinity of aerial demonstrations or major sporting events. The Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association (AOPA) contends that further regulatory mandates will have little positive impact without improvements in the availability of TFR information.

Background/Discussion: The International Council of Air Shows (ICAS) petitioned the FAA to amend the current regulations with the belief that such regulatory action would address known safety deficiencies that exist in certain operational environments. ICAS cited 48 reports of "intrusions" over an eight-year period to illustrate the need for tighter regulatory control. While AOPA recognizes the dangers inherent to having a mix of high and low performance aircraft occupying the same airspace, the real opportunity to affect a positive increase in safety is through improvements in how information is disseminated to the aeronautical public. Clearly no pilot wishes to put him or herself in harm's way, and by making such information available through a greater variety of sources, an immediate safety benefit can be realized.

Recommendation: In its NPRM, the FAA cited 11 examples of events requiring the establishment of a TFR. Although the regulation calls for a 30day notification (unless the FAA finds good cause for exception), most of the published events are scheduled at known venues well in advance of the 56day printing cycle for Airport/Facility Directories (A/FD). AOPA proposes the addition of a TFR section to each AIFD to include the aforementioned information. This would allow pilots to use a familiar, easily accessible resource for obtaining information concerning TFRs. Additional contact information could also be provided directing pilots to other sources for current TFR information. The addition of a few pages of text in each A/FD would impose little cost when compared to other educational initiatives. Furthermore, it would be an important step toward achieving the goals of an existing FAA rulemaking action.

Comments: This recommendation affects the vast majority of the GA community as well as the FAA personnel required to adopt and implement this change.

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00-02 MEETING: This issue was submitted by Mr. Mike Brown, AOPA. AOPA proposed that a new Temporary Flight Restriction section be added to the AFD. This section should cover

airshows, sporting events, etc. that do not change from year to year. NACO supports AOPA's request. This issue is will remain open pending the outcome of the NPRM.

01-01 MEETING: Mr. Dick Powell reported that this issue is on hold by the direction of the Administrator.

01-02 MEETING: Mr. Dick Powell reported that this issue was sent to the Federal Register on September 11, 2001. There is a question of how to maintain these things. What do we publish? What are the criteria? If pursued the A/FD specs will need to be amended. Mr. Powell reported that regional 530s initiate TFRs and that the regional 530s must meet charting deadlines and provide adequate information. Mr. Eric Secretan stated that this is only a subset of all the data and asked why we should do this if the pilot still needs to go elsewhere for the all the TFR information. Mr. Hall Becker stated that the NOTAM system sometimes falls short for smaller events. **ACTION:** ATA-100 and NACO.

02-01 MEETING: Mr. Dick Powell reported that he felt that the NOTAM system was the way to disseminate TFR information in the class L NOTAM publication. Mr. Laydon stated that it would be difficult to comprehensively cover TFRs. **ACTION:** AOPA, ATA-100 and AVN-500.

02-02 MEETING: Mr. Dick Powell reported that a meeting was held with AOPA. Mr. Hal Becker stated that only TFRs under 91-145 air shows and sporting events need be published in the A/FD. AOPA would like a list of events, dates, and the type of TFR as well as a note for users to look for NOTAM information. Mr. Dick Powell said that ATA-100 has a list and that he could send the list to NACO for publication in the appropriate A/FD. ATA-400 will send the list to NACO. NACO will also publish the Presidential TFRs. **CLOSED**
