

As of August 18, 2009

Changes of Interest to General Users

1. Events and seminars are now categorized into two main categories: Pilots and Mechanics. Therefore, when mechanics click on events and seminars in the Maintenance Hangar, they will see only maintenance-related events and seminars. Likewise, pilots will not see Mechanic events. Of course, users can search the entire database for any event or seminar in the system.
2. Some emails sent to some users contained odd characters. We believe we have fixed this anomaly.
3. We are in process of correcting names that were imported incorrectly from the FAA Registry. Some user names were imported such that the entire name ended up in the Last Name field, thereby making the account unusable. This is a time-consuming process, so please bear with us as we make these corrections. An email to Support@FAASafety.gov will get you assistance if you are having problems with your account.
4. System assigned CFI permissions temporarily disappeared if any user information was changed by administrators. We found the problem and it is now fixed.
5. Some online courses that were available for printing could not be printed. We have corrected that problem.
6. There was confusion about how the flight review date was determined when a **WINGS** record was made available to 3rd parties. It has been clarified in the email sent to insurance companies, flight schools, etc., whether the flight review date is provided by the airman or determined by completion of a phase of **WINGS**.
7. To properly recognize the achievement accomplished by pilots earning a Phase of WINGS, the National FAA Safety Team Manager, Kevin Clover, will send a congratulatory email when a phase of WINGS is earned.
8. When a WINGS credit is about to expire, the system sends an automated email to users advising them to replace or renew that credit. It is now clear that this does not require user’s to re-take the DC SFRA online course. Naturally, if you have not already done so, another credit will need to be completed to fill that spot for credit in the **WINGS** program, but the DC SFRA course only needs to be taken once by an airman.
9. An error in the Lending Library that returned an incorrect location for you has been corrected.
10. An incorrect reference to the Advisory Circular for the Charles Taylor Master Mechanic Award is corrected.
11. The icons for **WINGS** credits, and the space used by them, has been replaced by a link; just hover over the link that says “View Credit” to see the applicable credits. Now, each entry uses only two lines, allowing a much better display of events, seminars, and activities.

Activity Number	Activity Name	Credit
ALC-25	Flight Review Prep Guide	View Credit 
ALC-35	Normal Approach and Landing	View Credit 
ALC-40	Aviate - Navigate - Communicate	View Credit 

12. Some users were not getting New Event Notifications. We have corrected this problem.

Changes of Interest to Representatives, FAASafety Program Managers, and Regional FAASafety Program Managers

1. The design of the SPANS event creation process has been updated. It is now easier to read, a longer event title is possible (99 characters, including spaces, instead of 80), it has been reduced to two pages from three, and the Preview Post Card button has been moved to the bottom of page 1.

2. Representatives and FPMs can now give credit directly to a user for an activity or event. Under the Administrative Link “Credit Administration” there is a new link called “Give Credit.” On that page, you enter the user’s email address, the activity number, and the date of completion. As you type the email address, the system will start to guess the user you intend; simply click on the user to whom you wish to give credit. Likewise, as you type the activity or event number, the system will try to guess the one you want to use. When you hit “Submit,” the user is given immediate credit for that activity or event. The information is presented for your review, so if there is an error, you can reenter the correct information. In addition, if you credit someone by mistake, you must send an email to Support@FAASafety.gov and ask that the incorrect credit be removed from the user’s account.
3. There has always been a small problem with SPANS events and their close-out time. To remedy this issue, here is what we did.
 - a. Events will now be “open” for 15 hours after the start time entered (using Mountain Time as the pivot time zone) when creating the event.
 - b. Attendance rosters can now be printed in every time zone as late as necessary before the event.
 - c. Presenters should now tell attendees who did not pre-register that for most events, they can still register for the event until early the next morning.
 - d. This also means that the event cannot be closed until after the 15 hours has passed.
4. Events and seminars are now categorized into two main categories: WINGS and/or AMT/IA. Therefore, when mechanics click on events and seminars in the Maintenance Hangar, they will only see maintenance-related events and seminars. This means you must make a selection when creating the event. And, yes, you may choose both if that is appropriate. After you make your choice, the appropriate default syllabus will be loaded. As always, you can change that, if necessary.

● WINGS / AMT
 The most commonly used syllabus is autofilled for your convenience. If this is not the appropriate credit for this event, click on "Click to Add Syllabi" to add or change as appropriate.

Please select which award programs this event should be associated with:

WINGS AMT/IA

Check here if this event is going to have WINGS or AMT Credit.

5. The SPANS Post Card has been redesigned to be more attractive and informative. It also allows more room for a longer sponsor name, or multiple sponsors, and room for a longer title of the event (99 characters rather than 80). You may want to re-think the way you enter event information, so it appears as user-friendly as possible on the post card.
6. There is now a default graphic image that will appear on your Directory page if you have not uploaded an appropriate picture.
7. We have returned to the practice of inviting airmen who register on the FAA Airman Registry website to take advantage of the safety information on FAASafety.gov. The email they get invites them to activate an account, but lets them know if they do nothing, there will be no account on FAASafety.gov. If you get inquiries, you can let airmen know this.
8. FPMs and above can now view all users on the system, even those outside their District or Region. Naturally, maintenance can be performed only on users in your District (FPM) or Region (RFM).

Changes of Interest to FAASafety National Managers

1. The online course reports now include all course activity, even if a course is no longer active.