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TOWN HALL MEETING DEALING WITH TSA INTRUSIONS SET FOR MARCH 27, 2010, AT PEACH STATE AIRPORT

The Looming Crisis with TSA

Imagine having to get permission from the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) before taking off in your aircraft with your friends or family members. Imagine having to vet your family members by way of a watch list service provider that you would pay for before you could board people in your airplane. Imagine having to develop a security system for your airplane including an aircraft security coordinator, an inflight security coordinator, and ground security coordinator.

Imagine you operate from a remote airfield and a large aircraft (which the TSA deems a weapon of mass destruction) lands at your airport and your airport has to be closed until the large aircraft departs or is otherwise secured. Imagine being required to have multiple badges to operate on various areas of a single airport and further consider that the security badge you have for your home airport is not valid when you land at other airports deemed reliever airports by the TSA.

Imagine the TSA personnel appear at your airport, empty the contents of your car, empty the contents of your hangar and subject you to searches of your person. Imagine the TSA bypassing the Administrative Procedure Act and promulgating security directives without any opportunity for the American public to comment on them, much less oppose them.

The portrait of an Orwellian America devoid of civil liberties and dominated by a control structure designed to frustrate the purpose for having your aircraft is not fantasy, it could soon become a reality if you do not take action.

The Time and the Place

On March 27, 2010, at 2:00 p.m. EST at the Peach State Airport (GA2) southwest of Griffin, Georgia, there will be a town hall meeting where members of the general aviation community can learn more about the TSA ambitions to build its empire at the expense of general aviation. Ron Alexander has graciously offered his facilities at the Peach State Airport where pilots can learn more about (1) the TSA's Large Aircraft Security Program (LASP), (2) TSA Security Directives SD-8G and SD-8F, and (3) the TSA's classified program called "Operation Playbook."

Skipper Hyle, a devoted Warbird pilot will be available to make a presentation about these issues along with the author.

The misadventures of the TSA have been circulated widely in the press following the events surrounding the attempted bombing of a Northwest Airlines flight by Umar Farouk Abdulmuttallab on Christmas day of last year. More disturbingly, on two separate occasions, the TAS has been clumsy enough to post its security manual on the Internet for the terrorists to read and digest. The same people who brought you the misadventure of Abdulmuttallab have aspirations of determining when and under what circumstances you can operate your aircraft and who can be aboard. It is time to stop punishing the American people. It is time to recognize the true threats to our society and not dominate and coerce pilots and loyal Americans.

A Call To Action

Please attend the meeting at the Peach State Airport on March 27, 2010, at 2:00 p.m. to learn more about what you can do to establish a network across America to defeat the TSA's ambitions to dominate and hinder general aviation in the United States.



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