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Fellow Aviators!

I'd like to start with a phenomenon that, in my opinion, has unfortunately become an inescapable part of our lives. René pointed out the "yellow pilot's goggles"!

False information is being spread in my name. This isn't the first time, and it most likely won't be the last. So if you receive any strange requests from "me" via email or any other channel: DO NOT respond! I will NEVER ask for money or other valuable items via email, letter, or any other channel!

So here's the usual bunch of information from us. Many thanks to Manfred Kunschitz and Martin Ryff for their contributions!

Enjoy the summer and take care of yourselves!!!

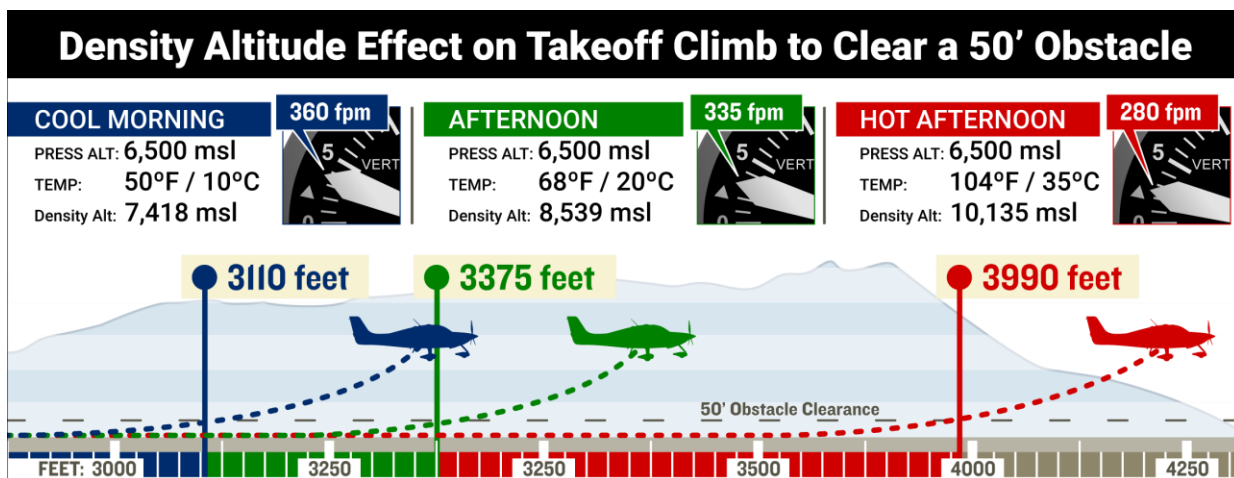
Antti Kääriäinen, your president



Midsummer feelings

Density Altitude...

As of the time this News Flash was completed, the METAR report for Samedan (LSZS) indicates an outside temperature of 12°C, but temperatures in the Alpine region are expected to rise in the coming weeks. "Density altitude" will then become an important factor in flight preparation. Here are relevant figures, found in the internet, first published by AOPA four years ago:





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Notice of Proposed Amendment: None.

Focused Consultations: None.

Agency Decisions:

19/6/2026 ED Decision 2026/004/R Regular update of the ATCO licensing rules — Training the next generation of ATCOs: Setting performance standards for initial training output, based on CBTA principles, enabling virtualisation of training and acceptance of third-country ATCO licences. For all details please go to

<https://www.easa.europa.eu/en/document-library/agency-decisions/ed-decision-2026004r>

Opinion:

Opinion No 04/2026

Regular update of Regulation (EU) 2023/2117 - Repository of civil-aviation-related information (RMT.0749)

26/6/2026 This Opinion proposes to amend Regulation (EU) 2023/2117 which lays down the necessary rules and detailed requirements for the functioning and management of a repository of civil-aviation-related information. For more information please go to

<https://www.easa.europa.eu/en/document-library/opinions/opinion-no-042026>

Comment Response Documents: None.

EU Consultations/"Have your say": None.

EU Regulations: None.

The Close Calls We Don't Talk About

25/6/2026, by Matt Ryan: A Senate aviation subcommittee hearing held Tuesday arrived only days after a Delta Air Lines flight at Boston Logan International Airport executed a go-around as an American Airlines aircraft departed an intersecting runway.



The moment fit the hearing title, "Close Calls: Improving Safety Across the National Airspace System," and it gave lawmakers an immediate example of how thin margins can become on an active airfield.

Much of the discussion around close calls in aviation followed the expected path. Senators and witnesses talked about ADS-B In, runway status lights, surface surveillance, controller staffing, artificial intelligence and air traffic control modernization.

For the entire text please go to

<https://avweb.com/insider/the-close-calls-we-dont-talk->



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US-Louisiana Governor Signs Ban on ADS-B Billing

New law restricts use of ADS-B data for fee and tax collection from certain aircraft operators.



22/6/2026, by Matt Ryan. Louisiana Gov. Jeff Landry has signed HB 730, a bill prohibiting the use of ADS-B data to calculate, generate or collect fees or taxes from certain aircraft owners or operators in the state. The law applies to aircraft weighing below 12,500 pounds on Part 91 flights and goes into effect Aug. 1.

The measure passed the Louisiana Senate unanimously and the Louisiana House by a vote of 91-8. Federal Debate Continues: The issue has also become part of aviation safety discussions in Congress. A provision included in ALERT Act legislation passed by the U.S. House would **prohibit a person, government agency or other entity from using ADS-B data to identify aircraft for revenue collection from pilots without their consent.**

FAA Administrator Bryan Bedford addressed the issue during a Senate Commerce Subcommittee on Aviation, Space, and Innovation hearing earlier this year. **Sen. Tim Sheehy, R-Mont., asked Bedford whether ADS-B should be used by airports or government entities to assess fees or taxes.** “No, sir. It was intended to be a safety and situational awareness tool,” Bedford said. “We frown on the concept of using ADS-B information for revenue collection at airports, and if we need to step up that in terms of how aggressively we dissuade that, we will.”

For more information please go to

<https://avweb.com/aviation/adsb/louisiana-governor-signs-ads-b-billing-ban/>

A Simpler Digital Experience for MOA and MTOA Organisations

18/6/2026 Maintenance Organisation Approval (MOA) and Maintenance Training Organisation Approval (MTOA) holders can now benefit from a more streamlined and digital way of interacting with EASA through the Organisation Approvals Tool (OA Tool) and the EASA Service Portal. Related domains: Aircraft & products. For more information please go to



<https://www.easa.europa.eu/en/newsroom-and-events/news/simpler-digital-experience-moa-and-mtoa-organisations>

Danish Investigation Finds No Proof Drones Caused Copenhagen Airport Shutdown



25/6/2026, by Miriam McNabb.

Nine-month investigation underscores the need for better airspace awareness, not just more



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speculation.

News and Commentary. A nine-month investigation into the temporary shutdown of Copenhagen Airport last September has concluded without finding evidence that drones were responsible for the disruption.

For the entire article please go to

<https://dronelife.com/2026/06/25/airport-drone-detection-copenhagen-investigation/>

Repetition

EASA Artificial Intelligence Days 2026, 9-10/9/2026

Hybrid event (partially online and partially on-site), EASA Headquarters at Cologne.

Related domains: Aerodromes Air Operations Air Traffic Management Aircraft & products Aircrew & Medical Cybersecurity Drones & Air Mobility Research & Innovation Rotorcraft & VTOL

Event dates: 9/9/2026, 08:30 - 18:00, 10/9/2026, 08:00 - 17:30, all times local.

For more information and/or a registration please go to

<https://www.easa.europa.eu/en/newsroom-and-events/events/easa-artificial-intelligence-days-2026>



Repetition

10th Electrify-In, Bern Airport, Switzerland

Save the Date! The dates for **11th –13th September 2026** are confirmed. With all permits already in place, the stage is set for the 10th edition of Electrify-In Switzerland. It promises to be an event you will not want to miss — so be sure to save the date for a weekend filled with innovation, inspiration and premier networking. This is the “link”

<https://electrify-in.ch/en/>



Repetition

European Technical Standard Order (ETSO) Workshop 2026, 22-23/9/2026

Related domains: Aircraft & products

On-site event at EASA Headquarters, Konrad-Adenauer-Ufer 3, 50668 Köln

Event dates: Welcoming and Registration 22/9/2026, 08:30, event start





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22/9/2026, 09:00 - 17:30
23/09/2026, 09:00 - 17:30, all times local

For more information please go to

<https://www.easa.europa.eu/en/newsroom-and-events/events/european-technical-standard-order-etsa-workshop-2026>

Repetition HOT TOPIC! General Aviation Structures Workshop 29-30/9/2026

**On-site event organised by EASA, related domain:
General Aviation**



Event dates
Day 1: 29/9/2026, 09:00 - 17:30 CET
Day 2: 30/9/2026, 09:00 - 16:00 CET

Location: EASA Headquarters, Konrad-Adenauer-Ufer 3, 50668 Köln, Germany

Description, by the Agency: "The workshop is a forum to discuss General Aviation (CS-23, CS-VLA, CS-LSA) Structures topics between the European Union Aviation Safety Agency (EASA), National Competent Authorities (NCAs), and applicants for type certificates (TCs) and supplemental type certificates (STCs).

Structural requirements along with the related acceptable means of compliance, as well as EASA policies (Certification Memorandum), related to Materials (metallic, composites, wood, additive manufacturing), Statics, Fatigue and Damage Tolerance, Aeroelasticity (Flutter), Loads and Crashworthiness will be presented. An overview of ASTM and the structures related consensus standards will also be reflected on the agenda.

Please contact structures.workshop@easa.europa.eu for queries or to suggest specific topics to be addressed."

For more information and for your registration please go to

<https://www.easa.europa.eu/en/newsroom-and-events/events/general-aviation-structures-workshop-0>



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Save the Date: Part-IS Workshop 2026 –7-8/10/2026

Related domains: Aerodromes Air Operations Air Traffic Management
Aircraft & products Aircrew & Medical Cybersecurity International cooperation Rotorcraft & VTOL.

Event location: EASA Headquarters, Konrad-Adenauer-Ufer 3, 50668 Köln. For more details please go to

<https://www.easa.europa.eu/en/newsroom-and-events/events/save-date-part-workshop-2026-october-07-08>



Repetition

SAVE THE DATE — Innovative Air Mobility Implementation Forum 27/10 2026 to 28/10/2026

Hybrid event (partially online and partially on-site). Description: “The European Union Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) is pleased to announce the second edition of the Innovative Air Mobility (IAM) Implementation Forum.

Following the strong engagement and fruitful exchanges of the inaugural event, this new edition will once again gather authorities, industry leaders, technical experts, and community representatives to discuss the evolving IAM, UAS and U-space regulatory implementation.” For more information please go to

<https://www.easa.europa.eu/en/newsroom-and-events/events/save-date-innovative-air-mobility-implementation-forum>



Murphy's Law COMPLETE, compiled by Arthur Bloch

At the bottom of page 50 we find Cahn's Axiom: “When all else fails, read the instructions.”

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Best wishes, kind regards

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