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Dear Friends

I hope you are well. I am writing this again on my way to Sydney. There sure is a lot of SYD flying and a lot of away time from home. Luckily laptops are portable and working is possible even from the other side of the world, although it is never the same as personal meetings and working face to face.

Our AGM is approaching rapidly. As for this I would like to present the agenda and a reminder that we have elections for 3 posts.

These posts are:

- President (= Antti)
- Secretary General (= Xavier)
- #2 TEC Expert (= René)

If you have your own nominees you would like to present please send all important details to our Secretary General as quickly as possible, no later than 17/4/2024, to allow him to take the steps required by our statutes. The electronic address is:

general.secretary@epfu.eu

No news about the AVGAS situation other than I have already communicated in previous letters. As usual I shall share all news from anywhere. As we all know the deadline for the TEL ban is approaching rapidly (2025) I really hope to have some news for you in-time.

René's summary of the current international General Aviation topics follows, as well as a reminder that the AERO MESSE is held just one week before the our AGM

Stay safe and fly high!

Florian Guillermet starts new role as EASA Executive Director from start of April

The Board of the European Powered Flying Union and the members of the national organisations **present** best wishes to Mr. Guillermet for good luck, for the support required, and for wise decisions while promoting aviation in a not so clement situation.



Spring comes to Finland too.





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The Leading Show for General Aviation April 17 - 20, 2024

For all information as regards this event please go to

<https://www.aero-expo.com/>



EASA at AERO Friedrichshafen 2024

17/4/2024 to 20/4/2024

For more details please go to

<https://www.easa.europa.eu/en/newsroom-and-events/events/easa-aero-friedrichshafen-2024>

EASA Safety Week 2024

22/4/2024 to 26/4/2024, online event

For more information:

<https://www.easa.europa.eu/en/newsroom-and-events/events/easa-safety-week-2024>



EASA Mental health in aviation safety (MESAFE) conference

23/4/2024 to 24/4/2024, on-site event at HQ Cologne

For all details please go to

<https://www.easa.europa.eu/en/newsroom-and-events/events/mental-health-aviation-safety-mesafe-conference>





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FAA Readies for PAFI Unleaded Fuel Tests

Martin Ryff found this in “AVweb”:

“The FAA says engine cell testing of one of three contenders actively being considered as a replacement for 100LL avgas will begin later this year at the agency’s William J. Hughes Technical Center in Atlantic City. In a statement to AVweb, the agency said the fuel developed by a partnership between LyondellBasell Industries and VP Racing will also undergo flight testing as part of the approval process through the Piston Aviation Fuels Initiative. If it meets all the various standards required for a new fuel, it will earn “fleet authority” and be approved for use in all piston aircraft.” For more information, here is the “link”:

<https://www.avweb.com/aviation-news/faa-readies-for-pafi-unleaded-fuel-tests/>



EASA publishes study on wind turbine impact on aviation safety

11/3/2024 This report is the product of contract EASA.2019.CEI.14.EC021 on the assessment of safety impacts, including appropriate mitigation measures, of wind turbines in the vicinity of aerodromes and air routes and provide regulatory recommendations on the detection, lighting and marking of wind turbines. For more information:

<https://www.easa.europa.eu/en/document-library/general-publications/safety-impact-wind-turbines-vicinity-aerodromes-and-air>

EASA 1st Workshop on Safety Management & Emergency Procedures in case of Thermal Runaway of Personal Electronic Devices in Cabin and Cockpit

Online event 9/4/2024, 13.00 . 15.00 h CET (UTC +2). For more details:

<https://www.easa.europa.eu/en/newsroom-and-events/events/1st-workshop-safety-management-emergency-procedures-case-thermal-runaway>

Terms of Reference (ToR), Notices of Proposed Amendments (NPA), Comment Response Documents (CRD), Opinions, Agency Decisions, and Public Consultations published between 5/3/2024 and 28/3/2024. Titles or text parts in bold characters means that the texts are at least partially important for our community:

ToR: None

Focused Consultation: None.

Notices of Proposed Amendment:

Repetition



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6/2/2024 NPA 2024-01 Introduction of a regulatory framework for the operation of drones — Enabling innovative air mobility with manned VTOL-capable aircraft (RMT.0230)

Expiration date for comments: 6/5/2024

EASA writes: This NPA proposes amendments to existing AMC and GM and the creation of new ones to illustrate the means to show compliance with the operational requirements applicable to manned VTOL-capable aircraft (VCA). The specific objectives of the proposed amendments are to:

- enable operators to safely implement the applicable regulations to operate manned VCA in the single European sky (SES);
- ensure that the conditions are met as regards the safe operation of manned VCA in the ATM environment;
- support innovation and development in the field of innovative air mobility (IAM) through the implementation of an efficient, proportionate, and well-designed regulatory framework which does not unnecessarily hinder the development of the manned VCA market;
- provide guidance to the competent authorities of the EU Member States for the application of the regulations on manned VCA;
- provide guidance to manufacturers and operators of manned VCA for the deployment of operations with manned VCA.

For more information please go to

<https://www.easa.europa.eu/en/document-library/notices-of-proposed-amendment/npa-2024-01>

NPA 2024-02 Regular update of the air operations rules — Enhanced implementation of FDM programmes and miscellaneous amendments (RMT.0392)

22/3/2024 EASA published the NPA mentioned above. **Comment period ends on 24/6/2024.**

For the full set of information please go to

<https://www.easa.europa.eu/en/document-library/notices-of-proposed-amendment/npa-2024-02>

Agency Decisions

22/3/2024 ED Decision 2024/002/R Design or production organisations of ATM/ANS equipment. Not our core business, but interested parties may go to

<https://www.easa.europa.eu/en/document-library/agency-decisions/ed-decision-2024002r>

22/3/2024 ED Decision 2024/001/R Conformity assessment of ATM/ANS equipment. As above! The address for more information:

<https://www.easa.europa.eu/en/document-library/agency-decisions/ed-decision-2024001r>

Comment Response Documents (CRD): None



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EU Have your say Consultations:

Aviation – EU-wide performance targets for 2025-2029 (Single European Sky)

22/3/2204 The Single European Sky performance and charging scheme improves air navigation services through a gate-to-gate approach covering en route and terminal services. It is not of direct importance to our community, commercial air transport operations are affected.

This initiative sets EU-wide performance targets for the fourth reference period of the scheme, which covers 2025 to 2029. Comment period ends on 19/4/2024

<https://ec.europa.eu/info/law/better-regulation/have-your-say/initiatives/13941-Aviation-EU-wide-performance-targets-for-2025-2029-Single-European-Sky- en>

EU Regulations: None.

EU Decisions: None.

EU Publications: None.

The “Smartflyer” Electric Aircraft Project

will be presented to the audience of EPFU’s 2024 AGM. Mr. Philipp Glocker, head of electric systems of Smartflyer Ltd. will give us an overview on the work done, on the challenges of the months behind as well as an outlook on the next steps.

For more details about the event contact

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Murphy’s Law COMPLETE, compiled by Arthur Bloch

On page 277 we find Mr. Kierkegaard’s observation: “Life can only be understood backwards, but it must be lived forwards.”

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Best wishes for good luck and perfect health,
kind regards,

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FI-16900 Lammi, 29 April 2024

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