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Dear Readers

We had a successful 2017 Annual General Meeting of 25 February 2017 thanks to the perfect support of Suomen Ilmailuliitto. My special thanks go to Antti Kääriäinen who always answered positively to my requests and "last minute changes".

The draft of the minutes will be prepared very soon and distributed via the ordinary channel.

This News Flash contains, as usual, several items hopefully interesting you. Happy reading!

René Meier, President

Sorry for the delay!

This one day delay occurred because I had to bring one my assistants to an urgent medical treatment. "He" is on the way of recovery now, but not yet as fit as on the picture here:



NPA and CRD 2016-05 CS-23 / CS-VLA (RMT.0498)

According to my news sources we can expect the decision of the Agency to be published in August 2017. This is good news.

NPA 2016-09 (A) and (B) Requirements for Air Traffic Services

was commented in-time by 28 February 2017. The comments submitted concentrated on appropriate, risk-based and affordable "Aerodrome Flight Information Services" (AFIS) units as well as on the creation of so-called "UNICOM" ground stations.

As in the end it always is the pilot in command who has to decide, nobody else, we also made statements saying that no services on the ground at all are acceptable to us. More emphasis must in future be put on "flexible use of aerodromes" to make most of the investments done. Not be allowed to use an aerodrome simply because no ATS (when not really needed) or because no UNICOM is available is not a solution for the future. We all were trained to cope with such a situation.

Interestingly, "language to be used" was a "hot topic", "drones/RPAS/UAV never were mentioned.

NPA 2016-13 Technical requirements and operating procedures for airspace design, including flight procedure design

This is the ,link' to the text:

<http://www.easa.europa.eu/system/files/dfu/NPA%202016-13.pdf>

Comment period now ends on 31 March 2017, more effort of mine is required...



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Electric propulsion rendez-vous at Grenchen (LSZG) 9 and 10 September 2017

We have full support of the Federal Office for Civil Aviation, we are now preparing programme details, website and "facebook" will get regular treatment to promulgate latest news.

This special meeting dedicated to electric propulsion in aeronautics will be held at Grenchen (LSZG) on the weekend of 9 and 10 September as already stated, please reserve the date.

We expect a wide variety of visiting aircraft on this weekend, we received the first registrations immediately after a first article in a regional newspaper, and we hear positive echoes from across Europe. This is encouraging, and EPFU is onboard.



What about Part-ML

The deliberations on Part-ML were removed from the agenda of the EASA Committee Meeting of mid-February. For clarity reasons some texts need a review, we learned. We shall inform you on the outcome of this review. We hope Part-ML to be ready for the next EASA Committee Meeting in summer, it is essential for us, we have been waiting now for some 12 years, if I am right, to get appropriate, risk-based provisions for an affordable maintenance of our aircraft. Well, if "VSOP" has the meaning of "very sophisticated organisational processes" 12 years might be acceptable...

Repetition

NPA 2016-16 Regular update of Part-FCL, part of Regulation (EU) No 1178/2011, and other parts

The objective of this NPA (RMT.0587), published on 30 November 2016, is to address a non-controversial safety and regulatory coordination issue linked with pilot training and licencing requirements of Annex I (Part-FCL), Annex III (Conditions for the acceptance of licences issued by or on behalf of third countries), Annex VI (Part-ARA) and Annex VII (Part-ORA) to Regulation (EU) No 1178/2011 (the Aircrew Regulation).

This NPA proposes to clarify already existing rule text in order to make the regulatory framework more precise and effective, as well as to correct the current inconsistencies and editorial errors. Comment period ends on 17 March 2017. In the meantime I received a few comments. In order to harmonise our proposals to the Agency I shall meet with Rudi Schuegraf of Europe Air Sports. This is the link to the NPA:

<http://www.easa.europa.eu/document-library/notices-of-proposed-amendment/npa-2016-16>

Please feel free to look at this text and to send me further comments. Many thanks.

Abbreviated Repetition

NPA 2016-19 Alignment of Implementing Rules (IR) and Acceptable Means of Compliance (AMC)/Guidance Material (GM) with Regulation (EU) No 376/2014 - Occurrence reporting



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This is the “link” to the document

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These are the contents:

- **Initial Airworthiness:** Part-21 and related AMC/GM;
- **Continuing Airworthiness:** Part-M, Part-145 and related AMC/GM;
- **Aircrew:** Part-ARA, Part-ORA and related AMC/GM;
- **Air Operations (Air OPS):** Part-ARO, Part-ORO and related AMC/GM;
- **Aerodromes (ADR):** Part-ADR.AR., Part-ADR.OR and related AMC/GM;
- **Air Traffic Management (ATM)/Air Navigation Services (ANS):** Part-ATM/ANS.AR, Part-ATM/ANS.OR;
- **Air Traffic Controllers (ATCOs):** Part-ATCO.AR, Part-ATCO.OR and related AMC/GM;
- **AMC-20** ‘General AMC for Airworthiness of Products, Parts and Appliances’

Comment period ends on 20 March 2017, I only will find the time required to fulfil this task next week.
Please send me your comments by 13 March 2017.

The series of slides presented at the AGM at Helsinki

will be distributed shortly, serving you as preliminary edition of the minutes we shall prepare.

Many thanks to those attending the 2017 AGM at Helsinki, I am looking forward to meeting soon, AERO 2017 at EDNY could be a place, pictured here by Florian Sindermann for “airliners.net”:



The “link” to the event:

<http://www.aero-expo.com/aero-en/>

Kindest regards, best wishes!

René Meier

CH-2540 Grenchen, 2 March 2017

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