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SVPA President Chuck Jopson

As you may have heard, the airmen's medical requirements have changed. My airmen's medical had lapsed so I got re-certified under the FAA's BasicMed requirements.

In a nutshell, the requirements are (from the AOPA website):

At least every 48 months, visit a state licensed physician where he or she will perform an examination and affirm the absence of any medical condition that could interfere with the safe operation of an aircraft. Every 24 calendar months, take a free, online medical education course. AOPA's online medical education course will be available to all individuals, free of charge.

For the medical exam, you print out the FAA Medical Examination Checklist and visit your family physician. He gives you an exam and checks the items off the checklist as being examined. He then signs the checklist and you keep it with your logbook along with the medical education course certificate of completion. When you download your Certificate of Completion, the medical visit information is sent to the FAA, so in theory, they know if you have been naughty or nice. The FAA, however, does NOT have a copy of the medical examination checklist, only the name, license number of the physician.

The course mostly deals with making a fly – no fly decision based on your current medical condition. It can take over an hour to go through if you are somewhat thorough. You need to pass an exam after going through the course to get a Certificate of Completion. You are allowed 8 incorrect answers on the exam. The exam is similar to a driver's license exam – mostly common sense, with a few questions thrown in to make you study a bit...

I had a period of confusion when I forgot term 'BasicMed' and I stumbled on the FAA's MedExpress website page. This page deals with the old style medical examination which requires an Airmen Medical Examiner (AME). So to find out about the NEW system, make sure you search for the keyword BasicMed.

The whole process can be quite confusing, especially if you

The August BBQ will be held on Tuesday, August 1, 2017 at the Scott Valley Airport Pilot Center at 6 PM.

are not Internet savvy. We have attached a file of BasicMed Frequently Asked Questions. Please feel free to contact me if you still have any questions.

Come to the BBQ on Tuesday, August 1st at 6 PM! Enjoy the shade of Tommy's tree!
- Chuck

Aviation History in Siskiyou

The Aviation History in Siskiyou Team is having its next meeting at the Siskiyou County Museum at 1:00 pm on Tue., Aug. 1st. Progress is great! Join us if you like. - Ed.

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