

MMOPA Survey on Safety & Training

Results Overview



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About this survey...

Background: MMOPA's Role in Improving PA46 Safety

1. How does promoting safety rank among the association's other priorities? (Rank the choices below in order of importance by clicking on arrows in the left column to move choices to the right. You can rearrange your choices vertically in the right column if necessary.)

Top number is the count of respondents selecting the option. Bottom % is percent of the total respondents selecting the option.	1	2	3	4	5
Camaraderie, friendships, social events, trip planning, networking	16 6%	10 4%	29 11%	42 16%	160 62%
Owner/fleet/issue advocacy with Piper, FAA, engine/avionics manufacturers, etc.	42 16%	43 17%	69 27%	68 26%	35 14%
Product information & support (hot lines, forums, magazine, web resources, etc.)	20 8%	50 19%	74 29%	79 31%	34 13%
Safety, education, operating tips, expert advice	131 51%	76 30%	34 13%	14 5%	2 1%
Training, instruction, proficiency, currency.	48 19%	78 30%	51 20%	54 21%	26 10%




Training More Than Once Per Year

2. Do you personally support training more than once a year?




Not necessary, don't think it would help		25	10%
Good idea, but unable, don't have the time.		27	11%
Good idea, I am considering it.		51	20%
Already train more than once per year		136	53%

Should be a PA46 insurance requirement		18	7%
Total		257	100%

3. Does/would an insurance discount motivate you to train more frequently?

No, I would train more than once a year anyway		77	30%
Somewhat of an influence		120	47%
Yes, definitely, I would not otherwise train more than once a year		60	23%
Total		257	100%

4. For mid-year flight training, what is your instructor preference?


Train with the same PA46-community instructor I use for recurrent.		72	29%
Train with a different PA46-community instructor, for a different perspective.		155	62%
Train with an instructor who does not specialize in the PA46.		25	10%
Total		252	100%


5. For mid-year flight training, what is your location preference?

Train at my location		170	66%
Train at instructor location		20	8%
Train at resort or other destination		67	26%
Total		257	100%

Background: MMOPA Voluntary Training Standards (VTS)

6. Would the use of our VTS influence your choice of instructors?




Yes		154	61%
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No		99	39%
Total		253	100%




Background: MMOPA Regional Safety Programs

Regional Safety Events - Flight Training & Attendance



7. Did you attend any of the MMSTF events in 2011 AND participate in the ½-day flight training session?

Yes, I attended both classroom and flight training.		73	28%
I attended classroom sessions, but not flight training.		11	4%
No, I did not attend either in 2011.		173	67%
Total		257	100%




8. Who set the objectives for your flight training?

I arrived with specific goals I wanted to work on.		36	24%
My instructor already had specific training objectives for our session.		27	18%
We determined the training objectives together during the session.		89	60%

9. To what degree did the classroom sessions influence your flight training?






Not at all.		53	33%
Somewhat.		73	45%
Heavily.		35	22%
Total		161	100%

10. Approximately how much of the 4-hour flight training session was spent in the air?

Less than 2 hours		46	33%
2 to 2.5 hours		56	40%
2.5 to 3 hours		20	14%












More than 3 hours		17	12%
Total		139	100%

11. Did your flight training include any of the following: (mark all that apply)

IPC		99	72%
BFR		93	67%
Specific recommendations for additional training		30	22%
Discussion of appropriate personal minimums		50	36%
Instruction on decision-making and judgment		69	50%

Regional Safety Events - Attendance

12. If you do not regularly attend our safety events, please help us understand why. Mark all that apply:

Unable due to schedule conflicts		106	55%
Cannot justify the time away from family, work, etc.		43	22%
Locations are not convenient or interesting to me		62	32%
Not really interested in the program		3	2%
Cost of the program is too high		19	10%
Related travel costs (fuel, hotel, meals)		26	13%
I prefer to arrange for my own flight training		48	25%
I have attended, but did not find the program worthwhile		5	3%
My companion is not interested in attending		20	10%
I prefer simulator-based training		6	3%
Other, please specify		45	23%

13. Would you be more or less likely to attend a 1-day, classroom-only event than the current 2-day program with flight training?

More likely, easier to work into my schedule.		60	23%
Less likely, flight training is a must for me.		104	40%
Either format works for me.		77	30%
Neither format is of interest to me.		16	6%
Total		257	100%


Regional Safety Events - Program Schedule

14. Indicate your preferences for program scheduling: (indicate all that are acceptable)

Keep current schedule: Thursday PM social, Friday & Saturday (classroom & flight training matrix)		107	46%
Offset schedule 1 day: Friday PM social, Saturday & Sunday (classroom and flight training matrix)		63	27%
Drop flight training: Saturday classroom-only sessions (2 or 3 topics) at lower attendance fee, evening dinner program/social.		22	9%
Make flight training optional: Saturday classroom-only sessions (2 or 3 topics) at lower attendance fee, evening dinner program/social. Optional flight training on Sunday for additional fee.		89	38%





15. How important is the interaction with other PA46 pilots & instructors, and social aspect of these events?

Very important, part of the reason I attend		107	44%
Somewhat important, but not a		95	39%





decision point			
Not very important. Does not affect my decision to attend		43	18%
Total		245	100%

Regional Safety Events - Costs & Location

16. Going forward, how do you feel about MMOPA general funds being used for this purpose?






General funds should not be used to underwrite this program. Increase attendance fees and sponsorships enough to fully fund the costs of the program. Let market forces prevail.		44	17%
Future changes, such as our VTS, may improve the effectiveness of this program. I think some amount of investment from general funds are justified, but not the majority share.		102	40%
Set the attendance fees as low as possible to attract the widest member participation and use general funds to make up the difference.		87	34%
Other, please specify		24	9%
Total		257	100%

17. What do you think of the \$600 attendance fee for the current 2-day program?

\$600 is too expensive		31	13%
\$600 seems about right. Would not pay more.		106	43%
I would be willing to pay more, up to \$800.		69	28%
I would be willing to pay more, up to \$1,000.		38	16%

Total	244	100%
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18. How far are you willing to fly to attend a safety & training event?




Up to 250 nm		43	17%
Up to 500 nm		108	43%
Up to 750 nm		53	21%
Up to 1000 nm		9	4%
Not a factor. I like flying to new places. It's why I have an airplane.		36	14%
Total		249	100%

Regional Safety Events

While we have your attention...

About the MMOPA Annual Fly-In Convention:



20. Do you plan on attending the next Fly-In Convention, Sept 19-22, 2012 at the Broadmoor in Colorado Springs?

Yes, would not miss it.		82	32%
Can't say right now, but considering it.		136	53%
Definitely not.		38	15%
Total		256	100%

21. If so, do you intend to fly your airplane?

Yes		192	86%
No		31	14%
Total		223	100%

22. If you do not anticipate attending the convention, please help us understand why. Mark all that apply:

Unable due to schedule conflicts		44	37%
Cannot justify the time away from family, work, etc.		32	27%

Locations are not convenient or interesting to me		17	14%
Not really interested in the convention		8	7%
Cost is too high		20	17%
Related travel costs (fuel, hotel, meals)		23	19%
Have attended in the past, but did not find the program worthwhile.		10	8%
Limited interest to attend from my companion.		26	22%
Other, please specify		32	27%

MMOPA Magazine

24. What do you think about the balance of PA46-specific content to that of more general interest?

About right		177	71%
Too generic, needs more PA46 stuff.		64	25%
Too PA46 oriented. Needs more general interest articles.		1	0%
Other, please specify		9	4%
Total		251	100%

26. Does the magazine content sufficiently contribute to our Safety agenda?



Yes		186	78%
No		42	18%
Additional comment		25	10%

27. What is your reaction to the graphic design of the new magazine?

Don't like it.		4	2%
Doesn't matter.		64	26%
On par with previous format.		66	27%
Big improvement. More readable and inviting.		110	45%

Total	244	100%
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28. How would you describe your overall satisfaction level with the new magazine?

Better than before.		128	55%
Perfect, don't change a thing.		68	29%
Bring back old magazine.		14	6%
Still needs more work. Here is my suggestion:		24	10%
Total		234	100%