Flight School Seeks to Reduce Accident Rate with Advanced Training

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Today, RWR Pilot Training announced the availability of a higher level of training for pilots of the Piper PA46 Matrix, Malibu, Mirage and Meridian aircraft. According to Master Instructor Dick Rochfort, accident rates are much higher for this technically advanced aircraft and a higher level of discipline, knowledge and skill is needed to improve safety.

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and The National Transportation Safety Board agree that the PA46 is a good and capable aircraft, and that these accidents suggest a deficiency in pilot training. Further study suggests that pilots who train to professional standards twice per year have fewer accidents. Rochfort concedes that educating the PA46 pilot community about this important concept is the most difficult part of the improvement process.

The aircraft insurance industry has been very effective in mandating training for the PA46 aircraft beyond the minimum FAA standard for private pilots; however, the single-pilot PA46 owner-operator community has remained a moving target with respect to safety improvement. Pilot training is additionally challenged by fast paced changes in avionics in both new and used aircraft. These new levels of avionics performance can dramatically improve pilot situational awareness and safety, but to date, this remarkable capability has not translated to improved safety.

RWR Pilot Training now offers a program in which pilots train to FAA Airline Transport Pilot (ATP) standards. This advanced program is available to any PA46 pilot who wishes to participate. Pilots who are willing and able to demonstrate ATP level knowledge and skills and who agree to adopt PA46 Standard Operating Procedures (included with the training) will receive the coveted aviator's "Pro-Card". The Pro-Card documents the aviator's professional attitude with respect to the technically advanced PA46 aircraft. Additionally, many insurance underwriters are willing to offer significant discounts to pilots who carry the Pro-Card because it demonstrates a commitment to measurable improvements in aviation safety.

About RWR Pilot Training

RWR Pilot Training is headquartered in Baltimore, MD and offers insurance approved, efficient, type-specific training for pilots of the Piper PA46 Matrix, Malibu, Mirage, and Meridian aircraft world-wide. The company also provides aircraft relocation and consulting services including pre-purchase activity and expert witness. RWR Pilot Training delivers the best value available today in excellent pilot training for the PA46 aircraft. RWR Pilot Training is a National Industry Member of the FAA Safety Team (FAASTeam).

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