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AIRWORTHINESS BULLETIN

TO : OWNERS AND OPERATORS OF AIRCRAFT REGISTERED WITH RECREATIONAL AVIATION AUSTRALIA INC.

STATUS : THIS AWB IS A TEMPORARY AMENDMENT TO SECTION 7.0 OF THE RECREATIONAL AVIATION AUSTRALIA INC TECHNICAL MANUAL.

PAGES : 3

SUBJECT : NEW PLASTIC REGISTRATION CARD REQUIREMENTS.

DATE : 01 March 2010

EFFECTIVE FROM : RECEIPT OF NEW REGISTRATION CARD AND ADHESIVE PLASTIC COVER

EFFECTIVE UNTIL : NEXT ISSUE OR AMENDMENT OF THE RA-Aus TECH MANUAL.

Background:

Several aircraft have been found to have RA-Aus Registration Numbers on them but the registrations have either expired or the aircraft is unregistered, with a few having been allocated a number but never having been registered.

Discussion:

The circumstance outlined above is a major concern to RA-Aus, since the operation of unregistered aircraft is illegal and brings adverse attention to recreational flying. An aircraft ceases to be legally registered at midnight on the date indicated on the registration certificate and plastic registration card. Operating unregistered aircraft is a very serious offence which also has insurance cover implications. To help overcome some of these problems a new registration card has been developed and will be sent to aircraft owners when the aircraft registration is renewed or is registered for the first time with RA-Aus. This card has the expiry date in large numbers and letters across the centre of the card.

This has several advantages including that it is more obvious to both the aircraft owner and others when the registration expires.

Airworthiness Notice 150210 -1 (Issue 1), issued 15 February 2010, did not adequately explain the intent of the requirement and has been cancelled. This Airworthiness Bulletin has taken its place. An Airworthiness Bulletin is issued in cases where a requirement does not directly affect airworthiness but affects an administrative requirement, which is the case in this instance.

Parts of Section 4.09 of the Operations Manual will be amended to include this new requirement.

Requirements:

On receipt of your new card and pocket, the owner/operator of the aircraft must place the card in a position where it can be read from outside the aircraft cockpit when the aircraft is ready for flight.

With this new card you will be provided with a self-adhering plastic wallet; this wallet has been tested on plastic surfaces and should not cause any damage to aircraft surfaces (with the exception of fabric).

The new registration card will fit into this wallet.

Several people have made a small bracket with a single piece of heavy clear plastic (similar to the registration sticker carrier for a motor bike, caravan or trailer), joined to it which is the same size as the wallet provided and then placed it in a position in the cockpit where it can be seen but is not interfering with the operation of the aircraft. The wallet is then glued to the plastic.

The new registration card can be placed into this wallet with the date facing out and be replaced at each renewal.

Future Action

An article will be placed in our RA-Aus Magazine to ensure the above requirements are fully understood by all RA-Aus recreational aircraft owners, and a letter explaining these details will be forwarded with the new registration card.

Cancellation of this Bulletin:

This Bulletin will be cancelled with the issue of an amendment to the RA-Aus Technical Manual or a cancelling Bulletin.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stephen Bell". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped initial 'S'.

Stephen Bell
Technical Manager