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ACCIDENT FORGIVENESS FOR GENERAL AVIATION: STAYING SAFETY CONSCIOUS CAN SAVE MONEY

Palm Springs, CA - The Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association announced that AIG Aviation, Inc. and the AOPA Insurance Agency have joined its AOPA Air Safety Foundation initiative aimed at improving pilot safety-consciousness while helping to lower a pilot's out-of-pocket expenses in the event of an accident. Through this collaboration, AIG Aviation has developed an accident forgiveness and deductible reward program to support its client pilots' participation in the AOPA Air Safety Foundation program*.

   And best of all, the program is free.

   "All it takes is a couple of hours a year," said Karen Gebhart, AOPA's executive vice president of non-dues revenue. "Pilots simply take one of many select AOPA Air Safety Foundation online courses, or attend a seminar in person, every six months."

   According to AIG Aviation, its client pilots who present a certificate for having completed an AOPA Air Safety Foundation course or seminar within six months **prior** to the date of loss may be eligible for up to a $100 deductible reward, while those qualifying for accident forgiveness won't see an increase in the policy renewal premium as a result of the accident.

   The program applies to non-commercial owned and non-owned policies underwritten by AIG Aviation and is applicable only to gliders and piston powered aircraft.

   Said one AIG policyholder, "I don't intend to ever have an accident, but it's nice to know that if the unthinkable happens, the ASF online courses I've been taking for years could save me a whole lot of money."

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AOPA is delighted with this important new relationship, which draws upon both AOPA's and AIG Aviation's shared passion for improving aviation safety. Both AOPA and AIG Aviation are confident that the Air Safety Foundation Program will have a positive effect on member pilots' air safety and risk management efforts.

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The Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association has represented the interests of general aviation pilots since 1939 through information, education and representation. The AOPA Air Safety Foundation plays a vital role in keeping the GA accident rate down, and providing safety education to all pilots. General aviation includes all flying except the scheduled airlines and the military. Some two-thirds of the nation's pilots are AOPA members.

Accident forgiveness and deductible reward program may not be available in all states.

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