

GYROPLANE AVIATORS' MODEL CODE OF CONDUCT LAUNCHED; FIRST ADOPTERS ANNOUNCED

September 9, 2006 - The *Gyroplane Aviators' Model Code of Conduct* (Code of Conduct) was launched today. The Code of Conduct seeks to advance flight safety and airmanship by presenting a vision of excellence within the gyroplane community and makes voluntary recommendations across a wide spectrum of issues related to the specific needs and concerns for those flying gyroplanes.

Martin Weaver, Drafting Team member and retired manager of the FAA's Light Sport Aviation Branch stated, "the *Gyroplane Aviator's Model Code of Conduct* is a step forward in providing the gyroplane community a tool to enhance aeronautical decision making at all levels, by pilot and flight instructors alike. If used by the community it should have a positive impact on reducing gyroplane accidents."

Don LaFluer, Director of Marketing for the Rotary Air Force, the manufacturer of the successful RAF-2000 gyroplane, announced adoption of, and agreement to distribute the Code of Conduct with all new gyrocopter deliveries. "All pilots must take responsibility for their actions. In my book, any document that helps define pilot responsibility and lays out the steps to meet those responsibilities is a godsend for this industry. Moreover, pilots need to act with humility and a positive attitude, recognizing that there is always more to learn about gyro plane aviation -- and always more to do to make it more enjoyable and safe for the entire community. In each of these areas, the *Gyroplane Aviators' Model Code of Conduct* excels," said LaFleur.

Jim West, President of the RAF Pilots' Association and well-known gyroplane enthusiast, said "I am pleased to announce that two gyroplane organizations, the RAF Pilots' Association and the relatively new Gyro Nation, have published the *Gyroplane Aviator's Model Code of Conduct* on their respective websites (*available at* <<http://rafpilots.com/training.htm#Code>>, and <<http://gyronation.com/>>). It is also available at <<http://www.secureav.com/GAMCC-v1.1.doc>>.

The *Code of Conduct* was spearheaded by Martin Weaver. It is derived from the *Light Sport Aviators' Model Code of Conduct* (LSAMCC), which is a "living document" reflecting changes in LSA practices and environment. The LSAMCC is available as a free public service together with supporting materials at <<http://www.secureav.com>>. The Permanent Editorial Board for the *Aviators' Model Code of Conduct* is presented at <<http://www.secureav.com/PEB.pdf>>. For further information about the Code of Conduct contact <PEB@secureav.com>.