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LIGHT SPORT AVIATORS' MODEL CODE OF CONDUCT LAUNCHED

OSHKOSH: SecureAv today announced the launching of the *Light Sport Aviators' Model Code of Conduct* (Code of Conduct). The Code of Conduct seeks to advance flight safety and airmanship by presenting a vision of excellence in the light sport community and makes recommendations across a wide spectrum of issues related to the specific needs and concerns for those flying Light Sport Aircraft.

The Light Sport Aircraft category is the fastest growing sector of general aviation. Light Sport Aircraft are defined as having a maximum gross weight of 1,320 pounds, no more than two seats, and a maximum level-flight speed of 120 knots.

Ram Pattisapu, President of Indus Aviation, remarked "The Code of Conduct will be tremendously helpful to those of us involved in formulating a responsible and comprehensive aviation safety environment, particularly in the emerging aviation markets such as India and China. The Light Sport Aircraft industry in the USA grew out of the aviation industry's need to monitor itself. The Code of Conduct addresses the areas essential to developing the thought patterns and concerns of a safe and competent pilot. We welcome this document to assist us in creating the proper infrastructure for General Aviation."

Jim Lauerman of AVEMCO greeted the announcement with enthusiasm. "The Light Sport Aircraft movement promises to spark a resurgence of activity in the grass roots of general aviation. Broad use of the AMCC principles will ensure that this exciting new industry gets off on the right foot. Let's not just do it, let's do it right."

The drafting team for the *Light Sport Aviators' Model Code of Conduct* Drafting Team includes Michael S. Baum of SecureAv; Paul D. Hamilton of Adventure Productions; Scott Toland of the Aero Sports Connection and ASTM F37 Subcommittee Chair; and Martin Weaver, retired chief of the FAA's Light Sport Aviation Branch.

The Code of Conduct is a "living document" reflecting changes in Light Sport Aircraft practices and environment. It 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.