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## Volunteer Pilots Wanted for Research Study

Volunteer Pilots are exceptional people--there's no doubt about that. But what motivates them? How do their experiences shape their volunteerism and sustain their interest? PhD candidate Melanie Porter wants to find out.

Her research seeks to investigate and discover the motivation factors that prompt an individual to participate in

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**REMINDER**

Nominations for the National Aeronautic Association's Public Benefit Flying Awards ends **August 31st**. Make your nominations now!!! **[Click here to learn more.](#)**

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continued volunteer engagements. The study aims to collect firsthand stories of volunteers' beginning and continued civic involvement.

Volunteers are vital to the survival of nonprofit organizations. They can also share firsthand experience and insight that allows the organization to reach more community members and help with their recruitment and retention strategies.

**Do you have a unique story to tell as to how and or why you began your volunteer service?**

**Eligible participant criteria:**

- Volunteer pilot ("Command Pilot" or PIC)
- Has served a minimum of 5 years
- Has completed a minimum of 2 flights
- Can participate in an interview for 60-90 minutes via Zoom
- Willing to be audio recorded

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*This study is part of the researcher's doctoral education program. Qualified participants will not be compensated for participation. Anyone receiving funds for service, or who has not met the minimal admissibility requirements will not be eligible.*

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**Lessons Learned from Hurricane Dorian**

The 2020 hurricane season is upon us and we've already seen above-normal activity. Before you or your organization jump into disaster relief efforts this season, take a look at this helpful article by **[Relief Air Wing](#)** that identifies some of the problems that occurred with relief efforts during the 2019 Hurricane Dorian response.

These problems are unfortunately all too common in aviation disaster response efforts. Pilot



enthusiasm can often outweigh capacity to help. We must ensure that our desire to help does not add to an already chaotic situation. Be prepared and reflect on lessons learned.

"...it was a chaotic, dangerous mess."

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## LEGAL CORNER

### Volunteer Pilot Flight or Illegal Part 135: Where is the Line?

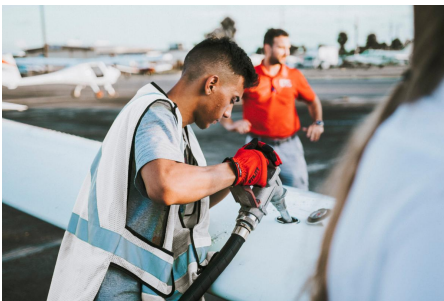


The FAA has been **cracking down** on illegal part 135 operations, increasing both investigations and enforcement actions against pilots and operators. On May 22, the FAA sent an **informational letter to pilots** reminding them of the regulatory requirements in order for pilots to act as PIC of an aircraft for compensation or hire. This came after issuance of an **Advisory Circular** in February explaining the FAA's policies on cost sharing.

There is often some confusion regarding which operations are legal for a Volunteer Pilot Organization (VPO) and Volunteer Pilots (VP) to perform under FAR Part 91 when providing free flights to members of the public. In general, if the organization owns the aircraft or the pilot is not paying the expenses of the flight, there is likely to be a violation (unless an Exemption has been obtained from the FAA)...

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### Fuel Reimbursement Exemptions Explained



What exactly is an FAA Exemption? How does an organization go about getting one, and are the requirements really *that* restrictive? We'll explain here.

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## MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Need some good news stories? We've got you covered! Here are just a few highlights from our members who continue to do incredible things to help the communities they serve through aviation.



# MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

[Bumpy Rides, Long Flights Don't Faze Pandemic Relief Pilots](#)

[Pilots N Paws Works to Rescue, Transport Pets to New Homes](#)

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*Gary was inspired by the work of the Air Care Alliance and all of the groups represented. May all continue to diligently work to help others with public benefit flying.*

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