

Fox Todd

From: Fox Todd
Sent: Wednesday, May 28, 2014 12:06 PM
To: Eric.L.Horstmeyer [REDACTED]
Cc: Fox Todd
Subject: RE: Drag 'N' Fly Banners (Waiver/LOA)

Inspector Horstmeyer,

Thank you for confirming that the both the accident airplane (N4519Y) and the pilot (Mr. Brian Veatch) had been approved by the FAA to operate on the banner-tow waiver.

Sincerely,
Andrew Todd Fox
NTSB, Air Safety Investigator

From: [Eric.L.Horstmeyer](#) [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, May 28, 2014 11:46 AM
To: Fox Todd
Subject: RE: Drag 'N' Fly Banners (Waiver/LOA)

Todd,

Good morning. This office was notified August 5, 2013 per the waiver that was in effect to add Mr. Veatch. The office was also notified to add 4519Y on February 14, 2014. An Inspector authorized the addition of the pilot and aircraft. An Inspector went and inspected the attaching device, banner and pole on March 24, 2014 and found it satisfactory. I attached the waiver that was in effect.

We are looking into our internal process on waivers and the addition of pilots/aircraft.

Regards,

Eric L. Horstmeyer
Principal Avionics Inspector
FAA Denver Flight Standards District Office, NM03
Office [REDACTED]
Fax [REDACTED]

From: Fox Todd [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, May 28, 2014 9:59 AM
To: Horstmeyer, Eric L (FAA)
Cc: Fox Todd
Subject: Drag 'N' Fly Banners (Waiver/LOA)
Importance: High

Inspector Horstmeyer,

Were you able to determine the correct issuance date of the waiver/letter-of-authorization... and if the accident pilot, Mr. Brian Veatch, was a listed pilot on the waiver/letter-of-authorization.

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION
CERTIFICATE OF WAIVER OR AUTHORIZATION

COPY

ISSUED TO

Thomas N. Mace
Drag 'n' Fly Banners

ADDRESS

[REDACTED]
Larkspur, CO 80118-6637

This certificate is issued for the operations specifically described hereinafter. No person shall conduct any operation pursuant to the authority of this certificate except in accordance with the standard and special provisions contained in this certificate, and such other requirements of the Federal Aviation Regulations not specifically waived by this certificate.

OPERATIONS AUTHORIZED

AERIAL ADVERTISING/BANNER TOWING

AREA OF OPERATIONS:

Forty Eight Contiguous
States

LIST OF WAIVED REGULATIONS BY SECTION AND TITLE

91.311; 91.313 a, c, e

STANDARD PROVISIONS

1. A copy of the application made for this certificate shall be attached to and become a part hereof.
2. This certificate shall be presented for inspection upon the request of any authorized representative of the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration, or of any State or municipal official charged with the duty of enforcing local laws or regulations.
3. The holder of this certificate shall be responsible for the strict observance of the terms and provisions contained herein.
4. This certificate is nontransferable.

NOTE— This certificate constitutes a waiver of those Federal rules or regulations specifically referred to above. It does not constitute a waiver of any State law or local ordinance.

SPECIAL PROVISIONS

Special Provisions No. 1 to 15, inclusive, are set forth on the attached pages.

This certificate is effective from May 18, 2012, to May 31, 2014, inclusive, and is subject to cancellation at any time upon notice by the Administrator or his authorized representative.

BY DIRECTION OF THE ADMINISTRATOR

[REDACTED]
Jeffrey H. Graves
Manager, DEN FSDO

Northwest Mountain Region
May 18, 2012

SPECIAL PROVISIONS

1. Operations under this waiver are limited as follows:

AIRCRAFT MAKE & MODEL	MAXIMUM NUMBER OF LETTERS ON BANNER	MAXIMUM LETTER HEIGHT	PILOTS AUTHORIZED
Eagle DW-1 Piper Pawnee PA-25-B2C - 5	55	5' or, 7'	Thomas N. Mace Robert Bruce Palmer Benjamin E Jones
Eagle DW-1 Piper Pawnee PA-25-B2C-5	Bill Board	50'x110' 30'x 80'	Thomas N. Mace Robert Bruce Palmer Benjamin E. Jones

2. All banner tow operation shall be conducted in VFR weather conditions as required by 14 CFR part 91, § 91.155. Operations shall be conducted only between the hours of official sunrise and official sunset.
3. The certificate holder shall obtain the airport manager's approval to conduct banner tow operations.
4. If the airport involved has an FAA control tower, the holder shall inform the FAA control tower of the time of the banner tow operation and operate in coordination with the FAA control tower during banner tow operations.
5. Appropriate airport officials will be notified in advance when banner tow operations will be in close proximity to an uncontrolled airport.
6. Tow attachment and release mechanisms on the aircraft shall be approved by the FAA.
7. A thorough inspection of the aircraft and special equipment shall be made prior to each day's operation.
8. When banner tow operations are conducted around congested or any other areas, due care will be exercised so that, in the event of emergency release of the banner and/or tow rope, it will not cause undue hazard to persons or property on the surface.
9. The tow rope will be dropped only in a designated area at least 500 feet from persons, buildings, parked automobiles, and aircraft. If the tow plane lands with the rope attached, due care will be exercised to avoid trailing rope and endangering other aircraft in the air, or persons, property or aircraft on the surface.
10. Only the aircraft on the list above may be used under the terms of this certificate while being flown by the pilot(s) listed. The certificating office must be notified in writing at least 5 days in advance of any intended additions to the enclosed list.
11. This certificate and these special provisions do not supersede any local, state, or city ordinance(s) prohibiting aerial advertising.
12. For operations outside the geographic area of the issuing FSDO or operating in another FSDO's jurisdiction, the operator will coordinate with the issuing FSDO in advance to add other geographic areas. If there are special provisions for the added geographic area(s), those provisions will be added to those originally issued by the original certificating FSDO. The operator will comply with all special provisions attached to its authorization.
13. A current copy of the Certificate of Waiver or Authorization is to be carried onboard all aircraft.
14. Operations over congested areas or open air assemblies of persons must not be lower than 1,000 feet above the highest obstacle within a horizontal radius of 2,000 feet and operations elsewhere shall be in compliance with § 91.119(c). **91.119 is not waived.**

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DATE ISSUED: May 18, 2012
VALID: May 31, 2012 to May 31, 2014
ISSUED BY: NM03

15. All operations must be conducted in compliance with current NOTAMS and/or waivers issued by the FAA or the Transportation Security Administration (TSA).

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