

UNAPPROVED PARTS NOTIFICATION

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AFFECTED PRODUCTS:

All aircraft, aircraft engines, and propellers maintained by Mr. Brian D. Snyder d.b.a. Smooth Landings, Inc., also known as Always Airborne.

PURPOSE:

This notification advises all aircraft owners, operators, manufacturers, maintenance organizations, parts suppliers, and parts distributors regarding improper maintenance performed on aircraft, aircraft engines, and propellers and/or falsified maintenance records.

BACKGROUND:

Information received during an investigation conducted by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) revealed Smooth Landings, Inc., also known as Always Airborne, located at RR1, Box 209A, Elysburg, Pennsylvania 17824, made numerous falsified maintenance record entries for inspection and repairs.

The investigation also revealed that Smooth Landings, Inc./Always Airborne:

- Assembled a Lycoming aircraft engine using parts of an unknown origin.
- Fraudulently affixed a Lycoming data plate to an engine assembled out of parts of an unknown origin.
- Overhauled several other engines without the use of proper tools, equipment, and technical data.
- Performed other maintenance to include aircraft striping and painting, replacing aircraft windows and improperly balancing, or installing and adjusting flight control systems.
- Used improper hardware in component and part installations.
- Made improper and undocumented structural repairs.
- In many instances, applied body filler and paint to conceal aircraft damage.
- Removed parts from aircraft and sold those parts either outright or installed them on other aircraft without owner/operator knowledge or permission. These parts include avionics, propellers, engines, engine cylinders, magnetos, starters, and flight controls.

RECOMMENDATIONS

We recommend aircraft owners, operators, maintenance organizations, parts suppliers, and parts distributors inspect their aircraft, aircraft records, and parts inventory for any parts approved for return to service by Smooth Landings, Inc./Always Airborne and procured directly or through other nonoriginal equipment manufacturer sources that are installed, or are intended to be installed, on a type-certificated aircraft. If you find any suspect part supplied by Smooth Landings, Inc./Always Airborne installed on an aircraft, you should take appropriate action.

Mr. Brian D. Snyder held a mechanic certificate with a powerplant rating issued in January 2001, an airframe rating issued in May 2001, and inspection authorization issued in April 2005. In October 2006 we revoked all of Mr. Snyder's certificates for failing to properly record maintenance performed. After revocation of his certificates, Mr. Snyder continued to perform maintenance by falsifying aircraft records with the use of forged names and numbers of other mechanics and back dating entries. In some cases, he would not record any maintenance just invoice the owner for work performed. We recommend that any and all maintenance, preventive maintenance, or alterations performed at Smooth Landings, Inc./Always Airborne should be reinspected, a determination made as to airworthiness, and appropriate logbook entries made.

FURTHER INFORMATION

You can obtain further information concerning this investigation and guidance regarding the referenced parts from the FAA Flight Standards District Office (FSDO) shown below. In addition to the above recommendations, we would appreciate any information concerning the discovery of these or similar parts, the means used to identify the source, and any action taken.

This notice originated from the FAA Harrisburg FSDO, 400 Airport Road, Room 101, New Cumberland, Pennsylvania 17070, telephone (717) 774-8271, fax (717) 774-8327.

Partial list of aircraft

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|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| N10683 | N2540Q | N38564 | N5514U | N6705P | N8155S |
| N113DW | N2588C | N3863H | N5547E | N6709X | N8292E |
| N114HP | N25TM | N3933X | N55648 | N674DT | N8296W |
| N1193G | N266PD | N3942R | N5564U | N6838P | N8298M |
| N12104 | N2824R | N3942R | N55771 | N68883 | N8323W |
| N1210X | N2855C | N3UC | N5602W | N704MT | N8358Z |
| N130BV | N2909B | N41306 | N568FL | N711MA | N8369A |
| N1311J | N3025Q | N415F | N5692W | N7139W | N8422R |
| N1328P | N3025Q | N421RM | N5692W | N714QH | N8433Z |
| N13737 | N3053E | N4264Q | N569LP | N714VB | N863DB |
| N14FP | N3054E | N43099 | N5757V | N7183X | N8688Y |
| N151MA | N316A | N4342L | N5793E | N720Z | N8898U |
| N15759 | N31743 | N4365Z | N5853Z | N72619 | N8930Y |
| N159GM | N31863 | N4417N | N5935Q | N733RD | N8979N |
| N192RG | N3207S | N44RL | N599VK | N734UU | N9131K |
| N19439 | N32305 | N4558P | N5HM | N7389G | N9319W |
| N19601 | N33534 | N4595R | N5JN | N7427Q | N9356J |
| N1993Q | N33PS | N45JL | N6000T | N7428J | N9492E |
| N1QW | N3429V | N46324 | N600JK | N7478R | N9492E |
| N201GH | N344TW | N4687S | N6032V | N75580 | N95369 |
| N201YE | N34542 | N4798T | N6056J | N7558D | N9631J |
| N2038U | N345WG | N4802D | N6084R | N759QZ | N9694J |
| N22061 | N35560 | N48BG | N61889 | N75RB | N9774V |
| N2263Q | N3562G | N49MG | N61A | N7744W | N9776K |
| N2299D | N36722 | N51069 | N63496 | N784DJ | N9794T |
| N2346W | N36722 | N51864 | N6417E | N78TS | N9835D |
| N2360T | N3682Q | N519BG | N6423U | N79050 | N999JT |
| N2373K | N369AD | N5292E | N642SP | N7926B | N9FN |
| N2381Q | N3720S | N54089 | N65172 | N8067X | |
| N2497J | N3826Q | N5451F | N66GF | N8085Z | |