NTSB Presents Safety Seminar on Technically Advanced Aircraft

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WASHINGTON – The National Transportation Safety Board is presenting a seminar highlighting the lessons learned from NTSB’s accident investigations involving technically advanced aircraft. The seminar will be held on Saturday, November 8, 2014 at the NTSB’s Training Center in Ashburn, Virginia.

This is the fifth in a series of safety seminars presented by the NTSB focused on general aviation accidents. The 4-hour event will explore some of the causes of these accidents, the current government and industry efforts to prevent them, and the resources available to the pilot community. It is designed for pilots, mechanics and other members of the GA community and is free of charge. Pilots participating in the FAA’s WINGS program will receive credit for attendance.

NTSB Board Member Earl Weener will be a featured presenter, and attendees will also hear from NTSB staff who have investigated these types of accidents.

In recent years, the cockpits of many general aviation aircraft have undergone a transition from conventional analog flight instruments to digital-based electronic displays, or “glass cockpits.” While these “glass cockpits” represent a significant change and potential improvement, they also represent challenges for pilots in the GA community.

An NTSB safety study completed in 2010 concluded that “glass cockpit” aircraft experience a lower total accident rate, but a higher fatal accident rate, than the same type of aircraft equipped with conventional analog instrumentation. With “glass cockpit” aircraft comprising a high percentage of the general aviation fleet, the NTSB remains committed to reducing the number of accidents.

The NTSB welcomes participation in this event from representatives from the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association and the Federal Aviation Administration.

The seminar is open to the public. However, it is not a news media event. Space is limited, therefore, early registration is highly recommended. The doors will open at 8:00 am, and the seminar will run from 8:30am-1:00pm. A state or federal government issued photo ID, such as a driver’s license, is required for entry to the building.


Additional details about the Seminar will be posted here as it becomes available: http://www.ntsb.gov/news/events/2014/taa_seminar/index.html

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