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Comments: Gentlemen,

I built an Original Firestar 15 years ago in 1986 and have been flying and maintaining it since then. I am also a registered ultralight pilot with USUA.

I have concerns about light-sport aircraft maintenance as proposed in the NPRM. With a 16 hour course, the proposal states that I can "inspect it only" and says nothing about performing repair work without 80 hours of classroom training.

Why should I be required to take an 80 hour course when I built the plane and know how to maintain it?

I think provisions should be made for the pilot/owner to perform maintenance on his/her own aircraft (light-sport) IF the plane is construction or plans-built without taking an 80 hour training course.

The assembly kit builders (with very little aircraft-building experience) are being placed into the same category as the construction builders that have a lot of building experience. These construction kit builders could teach the 80 hour training course.

I think a repairmans certificate should be given to those kit builders who have built their aircraft without taking any more training courses.

Thanks,
Ralph Burlingame
Original Firestar
15 years flying it safely