



RECORD OF CONVERSATION

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The following is a summary of statements made by Mr. Straight:

The NPPA has about 9,000 members nationwide, and some of their members are involved in airborne operations. They have no official safety group, but they do have a safety advocacy group. They have established procedures for ground operations, but not for air. They would like to have safety and risk management procedures for airborne photographers, and would participate in an industry group to establish guidelines.

Many members report their concerns to the organization; however, there is no formal process. The organization might email executives, or publish the concerns on their website. They also offer lawyers who can offer advise to their members. They do not track the complaints. Most complaints involve pilots who have duties other than being a pilot, such as also being the reporter. He is not aware of periodic meetings among various groups engaged in ENG operations, but thinks that they would be useful, and the organization would support attendance at such meetings.


Jim Straight

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