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GASCo takes on GA Safety Evening Programme for CAA  
The UK Civil Aviation Authority has contracted the General Aviation Safety Council (GASCo) to deliver the General Aviation Safety Evening programme over the winter months of 2010/11.  
The CAA's Safety Evenings provide GA pilots with an opportunity to develop their knowledge and understanding of all aviation safety matters. The events form part of the CAA's commitment to working with the GA community to improve air safety. Around 20 Safety Evenings are held throughout the UK each year. Last year, over 1,000 people attended the events, which took place at locations from Cornwall to Scotland.

Chris Finnigan, Head of General Aviation at the CAA's Safety Regulation Group said:

"While the CAA has a clear obligation to undertake safety promotion work, having GASCo run the Safety Evening programme on our behalf does not mean the CAA is in any way abrogating its responsibilities. Indeed, the CAA will remain in firm control of the safety messages that GASCo deliver and we will continue to produce GASIL and Safety Sense Leaflets.

"We will also carry on influencing safety promotion activity in Europe, where we have already had some success in co-ordinating the best examples of our own and other EU States' material for publication across the Community."

Gerald Hackemer, Chairman of GASCo, said:

"We are looking forward to working alongside the CAA in its Safety Promotion and Education programme. GASCo is able to reinforce the CAA safety material capitalizing on the safety efforts of our members and we hope to engage with other organisations such as NATS to add variety and depth to the delivery of Safety Events delivered on behalf of the CAA.

"We plan to introduce gradually a Regional Safety Officer scheme which will increase the number and frequency of safety events available to flying organisations nationally reaching out to the whole General Aviation Community in the UK. These safety officers will have a passion for safety promotion and education and, when the scheme is fully implemented, will increase the vital contact at individual and club level."

Flying Clubs and Associations wishing to host a Safety Evening in future should contact GASCo. [www.gasco.org.uk](http://www.gasco.org.uk)

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Notes to Editors

1. GASCo is an educational charity dedicated to the improvement of flight

safety in all forms of General Aviation in the United Kingdom. It was founded in 1964 to provide a forum for the General Aviation organisations to share safety information. Initially, there were only a few members but today almost every UK organisation that represents those who supply, maintain, control, support, regulate and, most importantly, fly each and every kind of flying machine is a member of GASCo.

2. GASCo publishes the quarterly Flight Safety magazine, runs a number of safety seminars each year, produces reports into specific flight safety issues as well as other flight safety related publications and aids, the GASCo stand, manned by volunteers, is a familiar sight at General Aviation events around the country. This all round involvement in General Aviation safety over many years makes GASCo the natural choice for the CAA to partner with to ensure that the safety message is disseminated as widely as possible throughout General Aviation"

3. The CAA is the UK's specialist aviation regulator. Its regulatory activities range from making sure that the aviation industry meets the highest technical and operational safety standards to preventing holidaymakers from being stranded abroad or losing money because of tour operator insolvency.

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