

9-ASO-Noise (FAA) <9-ASO-Noise@faa.gov>

Dear Mr. Echelberry,

Thank you for your email. We appreciate you taking the time to share your concerns with this office. We understand aircraft noise may be disruptive. The Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA) mission is to ensure the safe and efficient use of our nation's navigable airspace.

Your complaint concerns noise generated from aircraft flown by recreational pilots. Recreational and/or flight school aircraft generally fly under visual flight rules (VFR) and are not under the control of Air Traffic Control (ATC). VFR is a set of regulations under which a pilot operates an aircraft in weather conditions generally clear enough to allow the pilot to see where the aircraft is going. As a result, ATC does not control where these aircraft may fly or their altitude. Pilots operating under VFR use the "see and avoid" method to conduct their flights. This is where they are responsible for separating themselves from other aircraft and any obstacles and terrain. Also, flying under VFR does not require a filed flight plan. Because of the lack of flight plan, historical flight track data is often not available to help identify aircraft by their registration numbers. In addition, there are no restrictions prohibiting any aircraft from flying over or in proximity to your residence.

We understand that aircraft generate noise, but the FAA does not determine the number of operations at an airport. Voluntary noise abatement procedures are developed by the airport, typically designed to minimize exposure of residential areas to aircraft noise while ensuring the safety of flight operations. Even so, they remain voluntary procedures. We believe airports are well-suited to respond to the noise impact of their operations on the communities they affect. Therefore, we recommend that you contact Ormond Beach Municipal Airport (OMN) at (386) 615-7019.

More information about aviation noise is available on the FAA website and the ASCENT NoiseQuest website:

<https://www.faa.gov/noise> and <http://www.noisequest.psu.edu/>.

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) reviewed your correspondence and appreciates your taking the time to share your concerns. If you file future complaints that are the same or similar to one you have already submitted, and the FAA has no new or additional information to provide, these subsequent similar complaints will likely not receive a response.

We realize this response may not provide the relief you are seeking, but we hope it proves helpful in addressing your concerns regarding aircraft noise. The FAA is continuing to manage the national airspace system in a safe and efficient manner while also continuing to explore measures to reduce noise from aircraft in the future.

Regards,

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Office of the Regional Administrator, Southern Region