

As a Central Florida pilot, with an IFR rating, I cannot stress enough the need to keep the airspace around Orlando as "clutter free" as possible. With Orlando's class B and Disney's TFR it is already too difficult for pilots to fly VFR in Central Florida, especially in and around Orlando.

With the growth of the Light Sport category and the amount of people retiring to Florida every year, the amount of pilots in Central Florida is going to increase, not decrease, especially in and around Orlando. I believe the FAA estimates this segment to be the largest growing segment for new pilots. If this is true, the FAA should lend credence to their statistics and facilitate these new pilot's travels...not try to set-up road blocks to their activities and travels.

I realize this reality has to be balanced with Sanford's increasing charter traffic and training vocation ... but that should not bar VFR pilots from easily flying in and crossing the State. Many Class D airspaces handle these realities in the USA, safely and efficiently. A class C airspace at Sanford would have the effect of impeding VFR traffic and not improve safety or flow.

Finally, with the FAA hinting they are trying to go to a "user fee" system, implementing anything that would divert or reduce traffic around Sanford/Orlando would not serve their interest. So in the name of "self preservation" maybe the FAA should consider keeping the airspace around Sanford "as is", to allow VFR pilots to fly somewhat more freely around Orlando and therefore increase, or at least preserve, air traffic numbers in the Sanford area of Central Florida.