

## Re: What is the Crew Exploration Vehicle supposed to be?

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"Rand Simberg" <newsgroups@transterrestrial.com> wrote in message news:AXLQc.10750\$9Y6.1849@newsread1.news.pas.earthlink.net...

> *Dave O'Neill wrote:*

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> >> *Note that I did say "roughly analagous". But I would like to see you try to*

> >> *sell or operate an airliner without a standard airworthiness certificate.*

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> > *I seem to recall Rand likes the idea of the "Certified Passenger" – I*

> > *might be wrong on that. So that in the model I've seen him suggest,*

> > *the craft will be rated as a launch vehicle and the "cargo" has to*

> > *demonstrate ability to fly.*

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> *That model has been suggested, but the current regulations are moving in the direction of "fly at your own risk."*

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> > *This looks like a sensible initial move, but it will limit adoption*

> > *and isn't much use for a business handling significant volumes.*

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> *Why not?*

Because I think it will limit the ability to get enough people for the "Space Development" you talk about.

> > *I suppose you could run this out of Russia/Australia or other*

> > *countries – Eric Anderson talks about this in MSNBC today.*

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> > *Rand disagrees (heh) but at some point people are going to start*

> > *pushing for airline like rules for passenger carrying vehicles and as*

> > *others have pointed out it could cause the space tourism business to be still born.*

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> *This is totally incoherent. Of course "at some point" people will push*

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> *for airline-like rules,*

Right... incoherent and yet you grasped the point. Amazing!

just as, at some point, they did for airlines.

> *That has nothing to do with how the business will get started, and that*

> *point is a long way off. The important thing is that that point not be*

> *at the beginning.*

The important thing is that that point is nowhere near the beginning.

There's a really important difference and it's just one of the flaws in space tourism development model.

Dave