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Plane-spotters to require government license. The article spins it as a “benefit” for ground-based aviation buffs, but this is just one of those “two steps back, one step forwards” things. Plane-spotters were outright banned from airports in the summer of 2003. Now they can go back, but they’ll need to shell out £15 for the privilege. And if I, random small-time aviation buff, want to go out and look at the pretty planes as they fly overhead, I’m out of luck. The “authorized” plane admirers might even report me as a security risk.

I hope I won’t be convicted of international espionage.

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