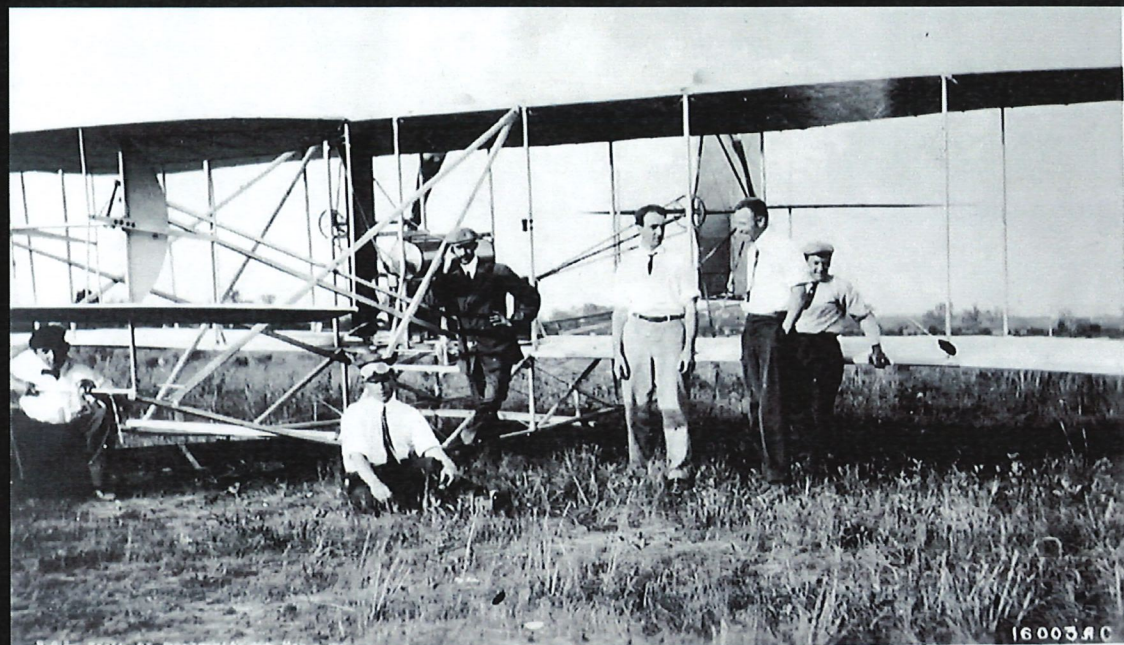


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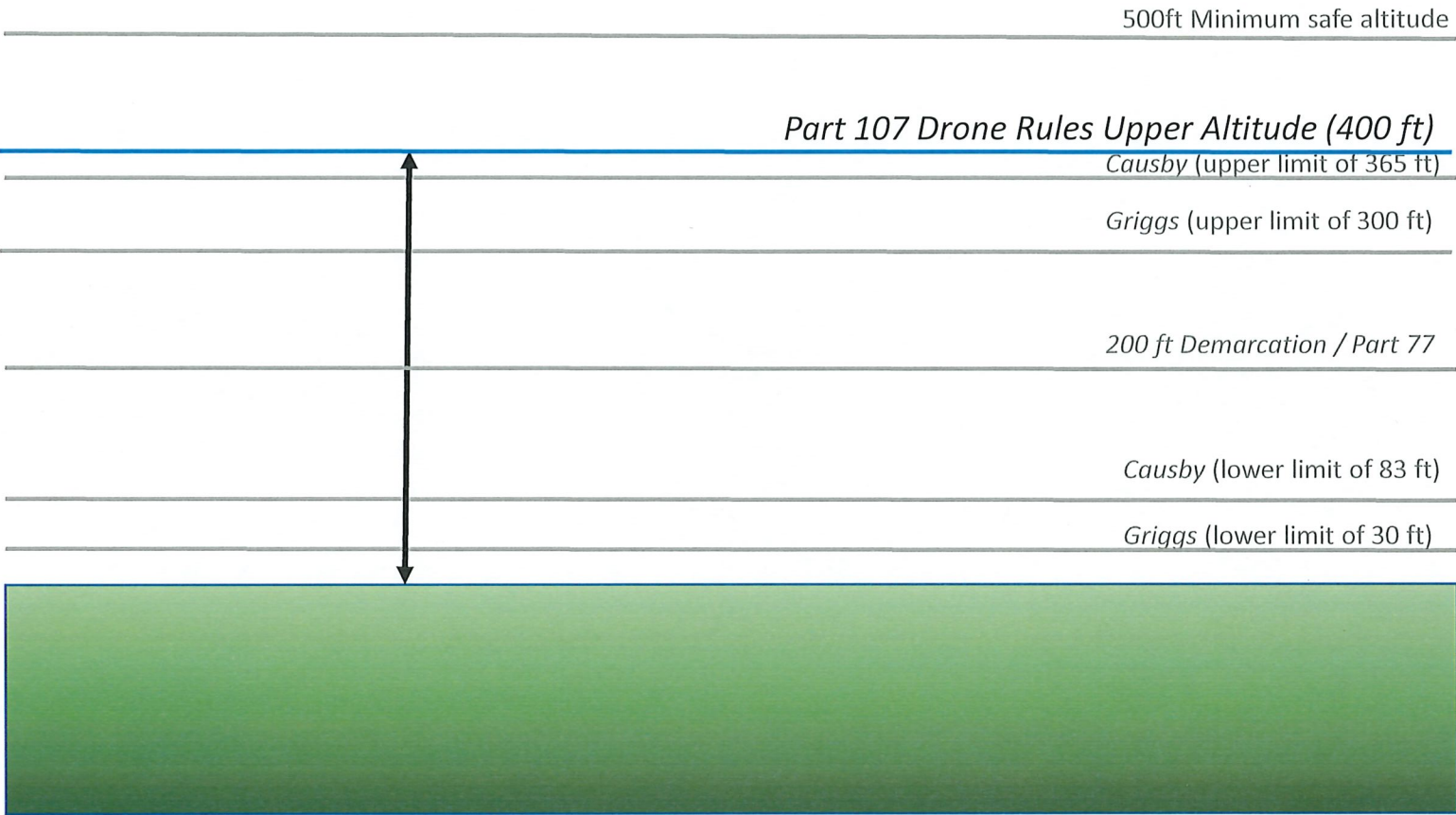
Powers Delegated to the National Government

- declare war
- create and maintain armed forces
- establish foreign policy
- regulate interstate and foreign trade
 - make copyright and patent laws
 - establish postal offices
- coin money

Powers Reserved to States

- establish local governments
- establish and maintain schools
- regulate trade within states
- conduct elections
- provide for public safety
- raise taxes
- provide for the public welfare
- criminal justice
- borrow money
- charter banks
- build roads

Altitude Demarcations...



Summary

- There is still a lack of clarity between jurisdictional boundaries within the lower altitude airspace (< 400 ft above ground level)
- There is a complicated interplay between commerce, public safety, property rights, and 1st and 4th Amendment protections
- Initial cases in the federal courts are showing that states attempting to restrict flight at the lowest altitudes may be preempted
- We must not unnecessarily restrict the potential societal benefits from emerging aviation.

Closing Thought...

As the original Bill of Rights was being ratified, Thomas Jefferson wrote the following:

“I would rather be exposed to the inconveniences attending too much liberty than those attending too small a degree of it.”