

In Yeghegnadzor



Last month, during a routine quality assurance check at All Armenia Airways' manufacturing facility in Yeghegnadzor, the Eastern Europe Aeronautics Safety Council discovered that the company, as a cost saving measure, was building aircraft without landing gear. The council immediately shuttered the factory, saying it would remain closed until the planes got their wheels back. Undeterred, AAA hired the Flying Dinklakers to train its pilots to fly without the need for an airplane around them. While the program was initially successful—96 percent of the pilots learned to fly up to altitudes of 5,270 feet—it ultimately failed because no accommodation was made to carry either luggage or passengers.