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Editor Candace A. Robinson

EDITORIAL - WHAT'S UP?

AOPA TOWN MEETING will be May 24, 7:30 p.m., at the Marriott Irvine John Wayne Airport, 18000 Von Karman Avenue, Irvine. Yours truly gets to open the meeting by giving a brief introduction of Phil Boyer, who will then take over.

The CLAY LACY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM Is offering a \$5,000 scholarship to the most qualified applicant. The award may be used for payment of books, fees pilot ground and flight training. For more details, www.flightpath.us or request an application from club@lbFlying.com. Deadline is July 1, 2006.

INNER SANCTUM ON THE EDGE! The agencies that require reports, tax returns, annual fees or inspections continues to grow. Like the old joke about the airline ground worker hosing himself down in a chemical shower after cleaning the jumbo jet lavatories. When asked why he was covered with "human waste products" he replies that the hose broke and sprayed effluent all over him. Told that that he can't possibly get paid enough to do that, he's got to quit that job. "What?" he says, "and get out of aviation?" Here is a partial list of oversight agencies:

1. Federal and state tax returns, of course, tops the list, due March 15th each year. The \$800 minimum California income tax is due April 15th every year
2. Sales tax report is due quarterly by the California State Board of Equalization, 8.25 % of sales of pilot supplies, aircraft parts, snacks sold out of refrigerator, we've been audited every 3 years for the past 12 years.
3. Drug Abatement, required for the charter department, requires random drug and alcohol testing for the mechanics and charter pilots. New hire drug tests for any new mechanics and charter pilots prior to turning a wrench or taking a charter flight.
4. Our VA approval form the Veterans Administration requires that we annually revise our VA manual, the Veterans information Bulletin with the addition of approved instructors or any price changes. Monthly reports are submitted to VA for each enrolled student.
5. Part 135 charter requires regular manual revisions for FAR or any operational changes, inspections of aircraft if want to add aircraft, periodic inspections of all paperwork, pilot files, pilot training, facilities and aircraft. When adding aircraft we must file a Form 4509 with Washington, DC. One person handles the filing for over 1,700 charter operators.
6. Part 141 approved training requires that the approved manual to be keep updated, our manual is updated with each Jeppesen update. A major inspection is conducted by the FSDO each 2 years, as we must have 10 course completions, at least 8 out of the last 10 pilots passing their checkride on the first attempt, within each 24 months or lose the approval by FAA.
7. Part 145 avionics repair station involves periodic inspections by FAA of work orders, the annual equipment calibration of the 7 large test boxes, shop organization, employee training, procedures, currency and revision status of technical manuals.
8. Los Angeles County Assessor's office requires payment of an annual tax of 1% of aircraft hull value. A detailed report of each aircraft's equipment and general condition is due in January each year. The tax bills are due in August. Tax must be paid if aircraft is owned on January 1st, regardless of what happens to it by August. A quarterly report of based aircraft (we call it the Tiedown report) is required to help their office track aircraft N-numbers so that nobody get skipped on the county's 1% annual personal property tax. The same information goes monthly to the LGB Airport Bureau so that the Assessor can double check for delinquents, though it is a different form. The Assessor also taxes business personal property (an oxymoron, means fixtures, tools and equipment and computers, we call

it the PPT) the same one percent annual tax.

9. The Fictitious Business Statement must be renewed each five years, to associate our corporate name with "Long Beach Flying Club", a form, fee and 6 weeks of publication in a local newspaper.
10. Drain water inspections from the airport bureau whose duties overlap the city's inspector for hazmat; they both inspect because they don't share reports with other agencies. Long Beach's City Hazmat Department inspects annually for the fire extinguishers annual inspection (done by a separate agency), disposal records for used oil and oil filters (we pay for removal to certificated companies), containment systems for potential hazmat spills (solvents and used oil) and water runoff.

For the month of May alone: first quarter sales tax report and payment was due May 1st (April 30th was a Sunday); business personal property tax report due on May 8th; LGB Airport Bureau Water Runoff And Spill Containment inspection scheduled for May 15th; FAA Part 135, 141 and 145 inspections on 5/18 through 5/19 (4 to 7 inspectors); Drug Abatement Program audit on May 25th for the whole day; finalize results of a recent sales tax audit (3 years of sales of pilot supplies, snacks and aircraft parts, 12 quarterly reports 2002-2005); and \$45,000 is due May 30th for property tax on the building, we are appealing the valuation of the property. We continue to call the County Assessors Office as the check for the PPT on the aircraft hadn't cleared 5 weeks after we sent it; we sent a second check on the last due date to avoid penalty and interest. Both cleared the same day and now it seems a refund is next to impossible. We got a nasty note from the LGB Airport Bureau that they hadn't received our monthly tiedown reports since January. Yes, we did the report all those months; please check your records. The City Public Works Department is insisting on proof of \$3 million insurance coverage for the aircraft and every year for the past 10 we have had to provide proof that the maximum commercial insurance policy is \$1 million. Public Works also requires proof of continuous Premises and Contents insurance coverage.

Remember, this is above and beyond the normal monthly tasks, but don't get me started on that! So, when you come to the dispatch desk and ask where I've been... don't ask!

Safety Tip of the Month by Phil Barton

As a pilot should you should always be aware of where you are and what you are about to do while taxing or flying an airplane. You should at least think about the next two things to do to stay ahead of the plane.

It is often said that a pilot should never allow his aircraft to get anywhere his brain hasn't already arrived at five minutes previously. This is certainly a very true statement and if you make it your rule you will stay out of trouble most of the time. A good example of this is when making an instrument approach to an airfield and the weather is perfect. Just because you are expecting to be given the visual approach, do not ignore or forget about your preflight briefing of the let-down chart merely because you do not expect to be using it. Due to traffic, or whatever, you may well need to join the hold or indeed fly the actual instrument approach, so preparedness is once again the key.

Even a VFR approach by a private pilot can be a lot less stressful if the pilot has taken the effort to study the airfield diagram beforehand so that he is presented with no surprises after landing. In fact, it is a good idea to keep an airport diagram readily handy in your plane all the time. Being told to "taxi straight on Gulf, left on Bravo, and hold short on 25L" can be confusing if you are clueless as to the layout of the airfield (Long Beach, in this case).

In summary, plan ahead before the flight, and while flying stay ahead of the airplane by knowing where you are and where you are going at all times. It will make your flying a whole lot safer and more enjoyable. Adios, and fly safely.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

ERIC ALFORD	SOLO	C152	CFI JAESEONG OH
WUK JUNG	SOLO	C152	CFI JAESEONG OH
HYUN MAN SHIN	SOLO	C152	CFI JAESEONG OH
YUJI HORINOUCI	SOLO	C152	CFI JAE CHUNG
DOE JUN KANG	SOLO	WARRIOR	CFI JAESEONG OH
ANDREW COZENS	PVT	C172	CFI HARRY LEICHER
MIKE INDOVINA	PVT	C152	CFI DANIEL GREEN
MAXIM SENIN	PVT	C152	CFI JAESEONG OH

HYEON-JUNE LEE	IFR	WARRIOR	CFI JAESEONG OH
RICHARD GARNETT	COMM/MULTI	SEMINOLE	CFI JOEY ROEHRICH

CONGRATS to RICHARD GARNETT, top **CLUB CFI** for April, logging the most hours of dual given in club aircraft! Runner-ups were PAUL RAYMOND and JAESEONG OH!

TOP GUN AWARD goes to GILLES CONTI logging the most flight hours in club aircraft in April. Runners-up were SEAN MCNEW and DEOVANNIS RUEDIAZ!

QUIZ: TRUE OR FALSE?

OF ALL THE SENSES, BALANCE IS THE MOST IMPORTANT FOR SAFE FLIGHT. If you answered FALSE, you are correct. The sense of balance is easily deceived under low or no visibility conditions when the inner ears are subject to confusing acceleration forces (e.g., turning or rapidly changing the aircraft's attitude). However, when these same confusing forces are encountered in good visibility conditions, vision easily overpowers any sense of disorientation to allow the pilot to maintain a safe flight attitude. Successfully overcoming spatial disorientation generally requires maintaining good visual contact with the actual horizon or with an artificial representation of the actual horizon (i.e., the attitude indicator). Looking at terrain features, cloud formations, light formations, or other references that are not level spatial disorientation can occur. This is why maintaining contact with the horizon is so important for safe VFR flight.

UPDATE: "TAXI INTO POSITION AND HOLD" procedures, implemented by the FAA on March 20th are aimed at reducing the risk of an arriving airplane flying over or landing on top of another plane waiting on a runway to depart. LGB has a waiver to the restrictive limitations, which have the potential of airport gridlock, but it is contingent on adequate staffing in the tower cab. So, you may or may not get a TIPH clearance. HHR does not have TIPH so aircraft have to be off the runway when the tower is ready to issue your takeoff clearance. Lots of "continue to hold short" going on there. Any TIPH Experiences? Drop a line to club@lbFlying.com.

HALL OF FAME: Next time visiting the club, checkout the hallway sign, posting most of the advanced accomplishments by club pilots! The latest addition will be:

Ken Oden, Pinnacle CRJ Captain. Previously K&K/Medfly Beech 18 Captain.

EMAILED: HI, thanks for write-up. One small correction. I renewed my master flight instructor as well as master ground instructor. Helen

NOTAM: FLIGHT TRAINING FINANCING OPTION NOW AVAILABLE Check out <http://www.pilotfinancing.com/> or pick up a Pilot Financing application at the club. Interest rates are currently 13.95%.

REMINDER: The club is now a DSL "Hot Spot" for Internet users. Call for details! Surf's up!

NOTAM: Club pilots wishing to write safety articles for our monthly newsletters would be greatly appreciated! Many thanks to Phil Barton for the help with this newsletter!

EMAIL: If you would like to receive this newsletter or the LBAA newsletter via e-mail, send your address to club@lbFlying.com.

NOTAM: LONG BEACH AIRPORT ASSOCIATION NEEDS YOU! LBAA applications are available at the club. We need your support -- all LBAA membership fees go to printing costs of the quarterly newsletter and protecting General Aviation rights at Long Beach Airport. Long Beach Airport Association dues donations are TAX DEDUCTIBLE so sign up today!!!

Calendar

May 24: AOPA PILOT TOWN MEETING at the Irvine Marriott. For more information contact www.aopa.org/prez/ptm.

May 31: Long Beach Flying Club CFI MEETING from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm at LBFC.

June 2-3: Merced WEST COAST ANTIQUE FLY-IN. Contact: (209) 384-2791.

June 24-25: RAMONA AIRSHOW AND FLY-IN, Ramona Airport "Props and Rods III". Contact 760-789-0959 or www.ramonaairshow.com.

June 28: Long Beach Flying Club CFI MEETING from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm at LBFC.

July 24-30: EAA AIRVENTURE 2006, Oshkosh, Wisc. Contact: 800-564-6322 or www.eaa.org.

July 26: The Long Beach Flying Club and the Long Beach Airport Association GENERAL MEMBERSHIP

MEETING will be held at the AirFlite facility on Taxiway Bravo at the end of Wardlow Road. A buffet will be served beginning at 6:30 PM with the program beginning at 7:00 PM. Everybody is welcome to attend -- we hope to see you there -- sandwiches, fruit and dessert will be served! This meeting will count toward CFI credit for July!

NEW & REJOINED CLUB PILOTS	BIRTHDAYS
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1. Stop by and pick up a gift certificate during our office hours (8:30 am to 4:30 pm daily). You can purchase accessories to go with the gift certificate such as a

visor, aviation mug or LBFC logo shirt.

2. We can send you a preprinted gift certificate for any denomination you wish -- just give us a call! We'll charge your credit card and get the gift certificate in the next out-going mail.
3. We can email you a gift certificate. Send us or call us with a credit card number to activate it for any denomination you wish. You will be given a Gift Certificate number to fill in at the bottom of your printout.

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