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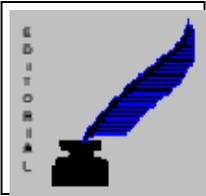
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HAPPY ST. PATRICK DAY!

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WHAT'S UP? 19 AIRPLANES TO FLY!

Recently a club pilot showed up for a checkride with one of our favorite DPE with a non-LBFC aircraft. The aircraft was deemed unairworthy and the checkride was discontinued. If you have not been able to complete a checkride for which you were at your peak and then was postponed due to circumstances beyond your control, you know the dread of having prepare all over again at a later date.

The benefits of flying a club aircraft are numerous; flying a non-club aircraft has only one or two benefits and it usually will come with a price. With club aircraft you are assured:

- Commercial aircraft insurance meeting or exceeding the requirements for California, insured for instruction and rental.
- Aircraft insurance also covers flight instructors who are independent contractors, not a common benefit of commercial insurance.
- Aircraft logbooks maintained in accordance with the highest standards and regularly inspected by the FAA under our Part 141 certificate
- A squawk system to defer items legally, the procedure worked out with the local FSDO.
- Any maintenance problems are handled expeditiously, usually upon discovery on the weekdays and as quickly as possible on weekends.
- Any problems what-so-ever with maintenance is the responsibility of LBFC, so pilots and CFIs can rest easy that you will not get violated for the condition of the equipment within the parameters of the FARs and club rules and regulations.
- A fixed-base operation, with an address, longevity and long-term commitment to the industry.

Granted, the equipment is not all shiny and new, but it's what's "under the hood" that is important. Remember that the definition of airworthiness is not just safety, it also requires legal paperwork. If you fly a non-club aircraft, does it come with the same assurances as club aircraft?

AVIATION WEBSITES BY RYAN DAVIS

Throughout my aviation experience I have come across many useful websites that have allowed me to conveniently prepare for flights, to efficiently research specific topics, and to get the latest updates about the aviation job market, among other things. I have compiled a list of helpful web pages that I would like to share with all my fellow pilots. I hope you will find these sites to be the guiding landing light to many of your aviation journeys.

Flight Training Videos—If you would like to watch free online private, instrument, commercial, and multi engine videos, you can visit Accelerated Flight Academy to watch them all now. Videos, when used in conjunction with your textbooks, can provide helpful insight for many subject areas.

Weather—My all time favorite weather page is DUAT (not duats.com). Duat is a revision of duats. The developers of DUAT have made getting a weather briefing a more simplified task. The biggest improvement has been the page layout. On the left side there is a list (which can be used as a preflight planning checklist) that provides you access to weather briefings, flight plan filing, navigation log preparation, and airport information. Other useful weather websites are ADDS, and WEATHERMEISTER.

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Spring Bash BBQ!

"Spring Bash BBQ...April 16... 1:00 pm to 3: pm. Ring in the summer with a great hanger BBQ. Bring your family and friends to the Long Beach Flying Club & Flight Academy to celebrate great weather and blue skies. See you there....."

PAPER TO PLASTIC: MARCH 31 DEADLINE APPROACHES

If you're still flying using your paper pilot certificate, time is running out to switch to a plastic certificate. Pilots are required to obtain plastic pilot certificates from the FAA by March 31 if exercising airmen privileges. To make sure you don't have to wait on the ground for your new certificate, request it now on the FAA Web site, www.faa.gov.

CLASSROOM CORNER HANK SMITH

"Half this game is ninety percent mental."-- Yogi Berra

Recently, I suffered a mental lapse. I posted a flyer for an upcoming Instrument Ground School with little advertising support, no pre-class student contact, and very little lead time. The result? Duh – no one showed up. Time for Plan B.....



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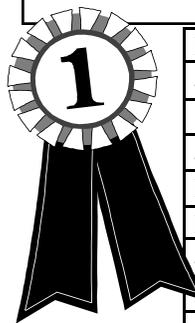
Over the years, I have realized there are four legs to a ground school. First; you need a place to meet. Second; you need an instructor. Third; you need a workable schedule. And finally; you need Students... OK. The IFR class will meet at Long Beach Flying Club. Hank Smith (that's me) will be your instructor. The course will consist of 12 classes-meeting Monday and Wednesday evenings-6:30 to 9:30 PM-beginning Monday March 22th.

Now, for the last element. Do we have any students? Call me, visit me, stop me in the hall, yell at me in the supermarket, Hell, even Flash me. Just let me know you're interested. I'll do the rest. Let's get together – You know you'll like it. (My numbers are: 562-424-2288 , hanksmith@earthlink.net , or Third door on the left.)

While we're talking Ground School – The new Private Pilot Ground School begins Tuesday evening, March 30th. And remember; According to Margaret Shepard...

"Sometimes your only available transportation is a leap of faith."-----Hank

ACCOMPLISHMENTS



RONALD LEE	Private	C-152	CFI CODY PIERCE
JUNGKU LEE	Private	C-152	CFI DAVID KIM
KI MEONG KIM	Instrument	C-152	CFI DAVID KIM
JINTAE PARK	Commercial Multi	SEMINOLE	CFI DAVID KIM
FREDDY GUNDEVA	First Solo	C-172	CFI RICHARD GARNETT
NICK BLUMENTHAL	First Solo	C-152	CFI RYAN DAVIS
JOHN MILLMAN	Private	C-152	CFI RYAN DAVIS
DENNIS BORIK	First Solo	WARRIOR	CFI JACK BASHFORD
ANDREW GROVER	First Solo	C-172	CFI RAND STERRETT

CONGRATS to DAVID KIM, top CLUB CFI for February, logging the most hours of dual given in club aircraft! Runners-up were RICHARD GARNETT and RYAN DAVIS!
 TOP GUN AWARD goes to KI MEONG KIM for logging the most flight hours in club aircraft in February. Runners-up were NICK BLUMENTHAL and JIN TAE PARK!!!

AVIATION WEBSITES (from page 1)

NOTAMs—As a private pilot, NOTAMs have proved to be a vital source of information for each flight, but for the instrument pilot the need for NOTAMs increases significantly. The instrument pilot must become fully aware of all the FDC NOTAMs. For review, FDC NOTAMs will inform the pilot of any changes to approach minimums and instrument routing (as well as many other things). Make sure you don't go IFR without these.

Flight Planning / Charts—If your charts are not nearby go visit either Sky Vector or Runway Finder. These sites will allow you to look at sectionals, terminals, and IFR charts online. All the charts have a weather overlay which makes it easy to determine if the conditions are VFR, MVFR, or IFR for your route of flight. Sky Vector allows you to also do simplified flight planning (heading, distance, and time without winds). All you have to do is right click the checkpoints and that's it.

Written Test Prep -Ultimately you will need to pick up a knowledge test prep book or preferably software program, but there are websites like Exams 4 Pilots which provide to be a good way to take practice tests and just to study random questions. Exams 4 Pilots have nearly all the written test questions for all the exams, but there are a few figures and questions missing here and there.

Interview Gouges — The best way to prepare for a job interview is to read a gouge. A gouge is a recap of what took place during someone's airline interview. Gouges will give you direction on what subjects to study and what approaches they will have you fly on the simulator. When I start preparing for an airline interview I will have two really good websites at my disposal; one is free which actually fairly complete, and the other is a pay site which has a lot more to offer than the free one but most of the material is repetitive.

Online Reading (POH) -Operating handbooks are expensive. And unless you're just getting into flight training, why go out and buy one if you just need to research a few things. Out there is a website that has many, many Cessna POH's in PDF format. I haven't had much luck finding any piper POH's, but if you do please share your sources.

Pilot Jobs—Finding pilot jobs are a pain, but not when you go to Best Aviation. Best Aviation updates everyday and color codes all the airliners hiring conditions. Green = hiring, Orange = nothing, and Red = furloughing. This website allows for an easy checkup on the airline hiring conditions. Another website to look at is flight deck. Flight Deck is not user friendly but it has an overwhelming amount of information regarding pilot jobs.

Forums - All us pilots come across some interesting situations and have some of those questions that appear to be stuck in the gray area. The best thing you can do to find some salvation to your problems is to look around on forums. You can find anything and everything on forums. Yes, it is mostly just opinion, but it still gets you thinking in a different context about your situation. You can find information on whether a stop sign ticket will affect you in an airline interview, if it's really a smart thing to fly IFR in class G airspace, or if you are curious about what are the best aviation colleges out there. The topics are endless.

Please visit the link at the bottom of the acceleratedflightacademy.com home page to get a list of all the links to the above mentioned websites

CALENDAR

Mar 13	Please join Craig Fuller and AOPA at the Lyon Air Museum for a Pilot's Town Hall gathering from 5:30 p.m - 7:00 p.m. Discussing the latest news on the current state of General Aviation as well as visiting with other pilots from the region. Please RSVP memberassistance@aopa.org. 19300 Ike Jones Road, Santa Ana, CA Hope to see you there! Www.aopa.org.
Mar 20	Van Nuys Airport Historical Aircraft Display Day . Open to Public 10am – 2pm Free Admission. Display event for aircraft 35 years and older (or your aircraft) is held every 3rd Saturday at Van Nuys Airport. Fuel discount for displayed aircraft. Classic and unique cars. Hot Dogs, Chips & Sodas. Location is the old B-25 hangar (east side). Display aircraft parking will start at 9:00am. Aviation business promotion is welcome. Street entrance @ 7535 Valjean Ave. See web site to confirm location. Ctc323 469-9074. gmfly4kix@sbcglobal.net, http://www.vnyprop.org/
Mar 21	La Verne, CA. Brackett Field (POC). Antique Aircraft/Classic Car Display, March 2010. Aircraft display; fly ins welcomed; historical sign off; biplane rides; restaurant on site. Ctc 626-576-8692.
Mar 31:	Long Beach Flying Club CFI meeting from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm. This is our annual recurrent TSA Security Awareness training as required by the FAA -- so don't miss this one!
Apr 28	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 April!

NEW & REJOINED CLUB PILOTS! WELCOME!



FERNANDO ARANGO

NICK BLUMENTHAL

MARK CHOUINARD

NIEL ESPINOZA

JOEY GARRARD

BELA GAZDAG

DANIEL KEMMETT

NICK KLUBNIKIN

CHARLES McCORMACK

GINA NGUYEN

JEREMY TRASK

JORGE ZEPEDA



HAPPY MARCH BIRTHDAYS

DONALD ALMY

JOHN BERG

ERWIN CHOW

RODNEY CONNER

NEIL ESPINOZA

RENE FRANCO

TIM FRIEDLANDER

ALLAN GILLMAN

DANIEL HUNTER

LYNN JAMES

WAYNE LAMBERT

NHIA TENG LEE

DONALD MIKAMI

MERRITT MYLES

FREDERICK PITCHER

CHRIS PRETER

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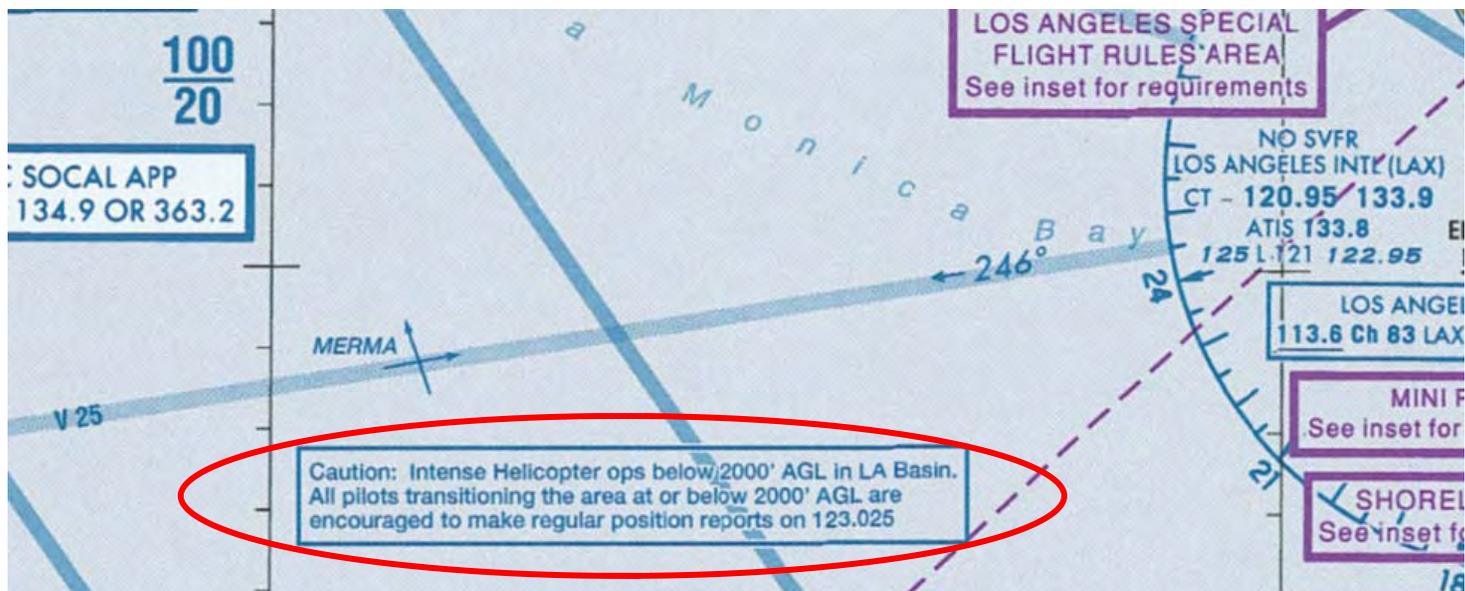
SHUTTLESWORTH

GINGER SILVERA

RAND STERRETT

BRYAN WALLACE

MELINDA WASMUND



The caution/warning note about 10 miles southwest of LAX VOR has, up until now, been aimed at helicopter pilots. The US Coast Guard has requested that fixed-wing pilots participate by using the air-to-air frequency.



COMING ATTRACTIONS

The next revision of the Los Angeles Terminal Area Chart will enhance the usage of frequency 123.025. When operating below 2000' and not communicating on any other frequency, it is recommended that pilots give position reports on 123.025.

The warning/caution note will be changed to read:

Caution: below 2000' pilots should make position reports on 123.025

Use of 123.025 will enhance safety by enabling helicopter and fixed wing pilots who are utilizing or transitioning the airspace below 2000' to exchange information.

Guidelines to follow when operating an aircraft below 2000' would include:

- Pilots are should have a current Los Angeles Chart in the aircraft.
- Use of anticollision lights, aircraft position/navigation lights and landing lights is recommended.
- Use of indicated VFR checkpoints is helpful to provide location information between pilots using these areas.

No need to wait for the next chart publication. Start using 123.025 today!

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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.
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