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HAPPY PATRIOT DAY!

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WHAT'S UP? COMPLACENCY

Once upon a time I read a Harry Potter book to my kids. The villain was referred to as "He-Who-Must-Not-Be-Named," so feared that to utter his name would trigger dire consequences. Such is Complacency, "self-satisfaction especially when accompanied by unawareness of actual dangers or deficiencies," to pilots.

A week before press time we put 60.1 gallons in an aircraft with 62 gallons usable fuel. With 1.9 gallons of fuel, the pilot had 11.4 minutes in all flight attitudes (at cruise power). One go-around at climb power and, dare I say it, the Complacency label is applied for the world to witness. Beyond the usable fuel there are 2 additional gallons per side but NOT in ALL flight attitudes, such as a base-to-final turn for Runway 25L. Care to test the glide ratio from the 605 freeway with a stationery prop?

Upon commencing a preflight inspection I always dump my stuff in the cabin, turn on the master switch, check the fuel gauges, master switch off. If the fuel is not topped-off (or tabbed for the Warriors), I can get a fuel truck on its way. That is the only thing the fuel gauges are good for, other than as backup for the ammeter (Cessna) or loadmeter (Piper); fuel gauges rapidly moving toward zero confirm electrical system failure. All other fuel measurements are calculated using time and fuel flow.

The Federal Aviation Regulations (FARs), if heeded, will help insulate a pilot from Complacency. Related FARs:

- FAR 91.13 Careless or reckless operation: If defending your situation in court, could it be deemed reckless?
- FAR 91.151: did your flight planning provide for 30 minutes fuel reserves daytime, 45 minutes for night? At 10 gallons per hour, 7.5 gallons is the minimum fuel reserve mandated for a flight terminating at night (as was the case).
- The authority of the pilot to deviate from the FARs is found in both FAR 91.3 and FAR 91.123 (Compliance with ATC clearances and instructions). Section 91.3(b) authorizes the pilot to deviate "from any rule of this part to the extent required to meet that emergency." However, if you are deviating from the regulations to meet an emergency, it should not be a situation you created by your own lack of diligence or inadequate pre-flight planning.

Suppose the decision to continue non-stop was made with 30 gallons usable on board, roughly 3 hours of pilot gray matter was invested in calculating, recalculating, willing fuel gauge movement away from "E" while overflying many of the 971 airports in California.

Late last month the internet was vibrating with an example of Complacency, the news of a Wisconsin-based CFI killed instantly testing human versus a spinning propeller (see lbFlying.com/linksetc). Propellers, spinning or stationery, always demand the utmost respect.

There are thousands of citable examples of Complacency found on NTSB.gov. Chances are the pilot caught scud running wasn't scud running for the first time. I once heard in a weekend traffic school that for each automobile ticket written, the driver had committed one thousand offenses.

Listen to the voice in the back of your brain, even if just a whisper. Its name may be Complacency ... fear it well.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE UPCOMING SOCAL TRACON TOUR By Richard Garnett

We are arranging a tour of the SOCAL TRACON facility Saturday October 16th. It has been almost ten years since the FAA has allowed tours of their TRACON facilities. SOCAL TRACON is located at the Miramar Naval Air Station in San Diego. Our plan is to fly into Montgomery airport Saturday morning and rent couple of cars and drive to Miramar. Be sure to bring your US birth certificate for entry into the facility (sorry, at this time non-US birth certificates are not accepted).

As you all know, a TRACON is Terminal Radar Approach Control, which we all know as "SoCal Approach". Here is your chance to meet with some of the controllers that handle our VFR Flight Following and our IFR flights throughout Southern California. We will have an opportunity to ask questions regarding operating practices and offer suggestions for improvements. Also we will have an opportunity to sit with the controllers at the radar scopes and watch as they handle traffic in the area.

This is unique and educational event that you do not want to miss. A sign-up sheet will be placed on the counter in our lobby. Any questions, call Richard Garnett - 714.328.4386.

CLASSROOM CORNER BACK TO SCHOOL ISSUE HANK SMITH
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Starts Tue, Oct. 12th.

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'TIL THURSDAY NOVEMBER 18TH

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New Saturday format

Starts Saturday, October 23rd.

MEETS SATURDAYS 0900 TO 1600 HRS.
'TIL DECEMBER 11TH



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- ➔ Costs for the above classes are: IFR CLASS - \$395, PVT GROUND SCHOOL - \$329.
- ➔ Additional expenses would include reference books and classroom materials.
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See you in the classroom Hank (562) 424-2288



ACCOMPLISHMENTS			
CLEMENT DURECU	First Solo	C152	CFI RAND STERRETT
ABHISHEK MUDGAL	First Solo	C152	CFI RAND STERRETT
NAMGON LEE	Private	C152	CFI RYAN DAVIS
CLEMENT DURECU	Private	C152	CFI RAND STERRETT
ARVIN TURINGAN	Instrument	C172	CFI RICHARD GARNETT
GINA NGUYEN	Commercial	PA44	CFI DANNY GREEN
REZA MALAKZADEH	ATP	PA44	CFI DANNY GREEN

CONGRATS to RICHARD GARNETT , top CLUB CFI for August, logging the most hours of dual given in club aircraft! Runners-up were RAND STERRETT and RYAN DAVIS!
 TOP GUN AWARD goes to CLEMENT DURECU for logging the most flight hours in club aircraft in August. Runners-up were JOO YOUNG PARK and SZYMON KWASNY!!!
 CONGRATULATIONS to club pilot BRIAN ADAMS who was recently awarded a captain bid on the B-747-400 for World Airways!!!.

BEWARE OF LASER ILLUMINATION AND REPORT ALL EVENTS!!

Here's what one pilot recently experienced:
 "Had an interesting event happen the other night flying back from Santa Barbara. I was landing on Runway 12 around 10pm in 4SP, and was hit by some sort of green laser about 3 miles out. It hit me twice actually and it was pretty obvious whoever was shining it was purposely pointing it at me. I reported it to LGB tower, and they started compiling a report, calling it a "laser illumination event." Its something I've read and heard about, but having it actually happen was pretty interesting. Luckily it didn't effect my eye sight at all like those in most of the articles I've read about.
 Ironically, the Lakewood Sheriff's helicopter happened to be on frequency and heard me mention it. Since I knew the area well, I was able to give the tower the cross streets from where the laser originated from. The sheriff helicopter went over and checked it out. They then reported they found the guys on their rooftop, and they were sending the LBPD on the ground to investigate.
 Pretty interesting. Brian"
 For more information on reporting Laser Illumination Events, review AC70-2, available on www.FAA.gov or on LBflying.com.

NOTAM: Club pilots wishing to write safety articles for our monthly newsletters would be greatly appreciated! Many thanks to RICHARD GARNETT, BRIAN RINGEL and HANK SMITH for the help with this newsletter!

NOTAM: CLASS C AIRSPACE PROPOSAL DEADLINE FOR COMMENTS HAS BEEN EXTENDED TO SEPTEMBER 24, 2010. Please check at www.lbFlying.com for more information and sample letters to send to the FAA regarding the proposal. Or if you are at the club before September 21st, leave your comments — we have stamps and envelopes ready to go!

POSTFLIGHT: The Long Beach Flying Club & Flight Academy quarterly rendezvous was September 6th. We had super fabulous, fantastico food and fixin's — the carnitas were out of this world and Friedlander's fantastic floats put the icing on the cake. Thanks for all who helped out and we're looking forward to ur next celebration, full of hangar flying and foolishness!

DONATION: Many thanks to Ryan Davis for the donation of a PC for the Part 141 DVDs!!!

www.lbFlying.com: Curious about the changes to the recent new addition of the Los Angeles Terminal Chart? I think we found them all! Go to www.lbFlying.com/files/linksEtc/TAC61vs60.pdf.

NEW & REJOINED CLUB PILOTS! WELCOME!



- GERARD BOLTRON
- DWIGHT L. DENNIS
- PAOLO DIODATI
- JOSHUA DRAKE
- CARL MAGGIO
- ALEXANDR MARCENCO
- MARIA NG
- MARC OETTERLI
- JOO YOUNG PARK
- JEFFREY STEIN
- DAN VINCENT



HAPPY SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- EDWIN ALEXANDER
- HARSH BAJAJ
- GERARD BOLTRON
- MICHAEL BOSTIC
- HELEN CRANZ
- ROBERT CUSTER
- MARK DAVIS
- ANUSHKA DE SILVA
- CLEMENT DURECU
- MONTY GROUTAGE
- SAMMIE HORTON
- LILY IGE
- DAVE JANKO
- MICHAEL KAHRS
- GABRIEL KURI
- GHOLAMREZA MALAKZADEH
- MICHAEL MASTERSON
- JON MILLMANN
- ABHISHEK MUDGAL
- THIEN-NGA GINA NGUYEN
- FRANK QUINONEZ
- CHUCK RICE
- BRIAN RINGEL
- STEVEN STEINBERG
- HANK SURFACE
- RUSSELL TALBOT
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CALENDAR

Sep 29	Long Beach Flying Club CFI meeting from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm. We will be opining club challenges and opportunities, followed by Hank Smith's CFI Topic of the Month, discussing of regulations, training procedures, and other aspects of flying. Join us for inspiration and education!
Oct 1	Civilian Fly-In Edwards AFB Rosamond DRY LAKEBED, 305 E. Popson Ave. Edwards, Edwards AFB is in the "planning stages" of the FIRST ever CIVILIAN Fly-In to one of our historic dry lakebeds. This is also a "Flight Safety Event" ... Only 100 aircraft will be selected to land at the event and will be picked using a lottery system. Those not selected to fly-in will be able to drive to the lakebed. Details are pending final approval, this is only a "heads up" notice. To view further details and registration information for this seminar, go to http://www.faasafety.gov/SPANS/event_details.aspx?eid=33617
Oct 12	First night of IFR GROUND SCHOOL. Contact Hank Smith (562) 424-2288.
Oct 16	Tour of the SOCAL TRACON facility. Reserve your aircraft today! Sign up at the club or call Richard Garnett – 714.328.4386.
Oct 23	First class of PRIVATE PILOT GROUND SCHOOL. Contact Hank Smith (562) 424-2288.
Oct 27	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 October!
Nov 11-13	AOPA Summitt here at LGB. Static displays, and lots more. www.aopa.org/summit/



We had a fantastic

Labor Day Fiesta!



No rest for Hee Sue Kim working on hood time during the party!

Walt modeling the latest in pilot fashion trends to Tim, inventor of Friedlander's fantastic floats!



Starving CFI Sean staves off starvation one more day!

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