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MERRY CHRISTMAS!

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WHAT'S UP? "FLIGHT" THE MOVIE

Going to the movies on Thanksgiving to see the movie "Flight", recently released in theatres starring Denzel Washington, was surreal from the moment we purchased our tickets for "the 7:35 Flight." It sounded like TSA was the next stop for our evening.

From the very first scene, the movie is intense, especially for this pilot. Denzel Washington's character, Captain "Whip" Whitaker, is obviously getting ready for a flight out, sipping on a beer. Okay, maybe just a sip. But then he's getting after some cocaine! OMG! That's aviation flaw #1. Since drug and alcohol testing was implemented for the transportation industry in 1994, the crew may be subjected at any time for random alcohol and drug testing the moment they report for work. Such blatant disregard for the system puts their life, career and licenses at risk

The next scene, at the airport, Whitaker is preflighting an MD-80. That's aviation flaw #2 – the captain would never do the preflight; that's the job for the first officer. Whittaker's fellow crewmembers are really checking him out, later it is revealed that the senior flight attendant has known of his problem with alcohol for 11 years, which is aviation flaw #3. In addition to random drug testing, transportation crews are subject to "for cause" drug testing. If a crewmember shows up smelling of alcohol or exhibits suspicious behavior, anyone can report such to a supervisor and the crew is yanked out of the cockpit for testing before you can say "inverted flight."

SPOILER ALERT: Skip to the last paragraph to avoid plot lines and details of the movie (although the advertizing for the movie gives nearly all the plot away). Aviation flaw #4: Whittaker's flight has taken off into a thunderstorm — he increases the jet to maximum speed, descends without ATC clearance, and disregards objections by the first officer to get through the weather. Later in the movie, Whip bemoans that the company gave him a broken airplane. Does he not consider that his recklessness earlier in the flight in extreme turbulence may have structurally compromised the aircraft?

During the flight, Whip chases black coffee and aspirin discreetly with vodka and orange juice. No way! (See aviation flaw #3).

The movie did surprise me, however, was revealed that the fictional aircraft was brought down by a jammed stabilizer jackscrew, the same failure that brought down Alaska Airlines Flight 261 in January 2000. The doomed crew of Flight 261 had briefly attempted to regain control by flying inverted.

When it comes to planes and pilots, Hollywood never gets it right. In this case, "Flight" unrealistically and unfairly accuses the aviation industry, which has little tolerance for substance abuse, of being as out of control as Whitaker and his MD80. Yes it's Hollywood and supposed to be entertainment, but Ma and Pa Kettle from Kansas aren't going to necessarily make that distinction. The idea that such a reckless pilot might actually exist out there, alienates the traveling public — in fact, apparently ALPA, the airline union, found it necessary to send out a press release decrying the movie and explaining that this isn't real life.

As pilots we are ambassadors of aviation — every pilot needs to promote our profession, and market the opportunities that aviation brings to the public. Be prepared to point out the aviation flaws in this film — your professionalism and knowledge should help to allay the concerns of anyone that takes the aviation scenes in this film seriously.

O COME ALL YE PILOTS! MERRY HOLIDAY BUFFET

Club pilots, family and friends are all invited to the Long Beach Flying Club & Flight Academy Christmas party on Friday, December 14th from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM!

We'll have all sorts of holiday treats! If you'd like to bring a dish for the potluck, call the club to get on the signup sheet.

Come one, come all!



On Rudolph! Dasher! Dancer! Prancer! Vixen! Comet! Cupid! Donner! Blitzen!

We will have the following office hours during the holidays:

8:30 AM to 1:30 PM	Monday, December 24, 2012	Christmas Eve
Closed	Tuesday, December 25, 2012	Christmas Day
8:30 AM to 1:30 PM	Monday, December 31, 2012	New Year's Eve
Closed	Tuesday, January 1, 2013	New Year's Day
Aircraft rental for the rest of the time will be handled using night dispatch procedures. Call ahead for the combinations -- and Happy Holidays!		

LANDING RUNWAY 30 Submitted by CHARLIE ZABINSKI

Landing in the late afternoon on LGB's east/west runways 25L/R, can sometimes be very tricky, or downright dangerous. With the sun low and straight down the runway on a hazy day, it is hard to pick up the runway. With the REIL out of service, visibility can get down to 1 mile or less when landing Runway 25L. As an alternative to landing directly into the sun, you might want to consider using Runway 30.

The procedure isn't difficult. When returning to LGB, before entering the LGB Class D, call SOCAL approach on the appropriate frequency and ask to be SEQUENCED into Runway 30. The magic word is SEQUENCED. If you are NOT on Flight Following, they will ask you for TYPE AIRCRAFT and EQUIPMENT (transponder). You will be given a squawk code and asked to IDENT.

Example: "Aircraft N1234, radar contact 3 miles west of EVA & EMMA. Expect vectors for final. Fly heading 050."

If you are sequenced in behind a large aircraft, be sure you apply the wake turbulence rules. When requested by SOCAL, call tower. You will be given a clearance to land from the tower. If your clearance includes "land and hold short Runway 25R," you can accept the LAHSO or decline it. If accepted, make sure to read back the land and hold short instructions. Student pilots or pilots not familiar with LAHSO should not participate in the program (SAY UNABLE).

It is a very easy procedure to follow when you need or want to land on the BIG RUNWAY 30.

Have fun and fly safe



CONGRATULATIONS!

ACCOMPLISHMENTS			
THEODORE SIEGEL	First Solo	Warrior	CFI RICHARD GARNETT
JUAN J FLORES	Private	C-172SP	CFI SANTIAGO SARABIA
TED REID	Private	Warrior	CFI AARON KRIEGER
SEYUN HONG	Instrument	Warrior	CFI CHRISTOPHER BEBENSEE
RANDY PARDEDE	Commercial Single	C-172RG	CFI ABHISHEK MUDGAL
SEYOUNG PARK	Commercial Multi	Seminole	CFI RYOTA SUZUKI
HYUNG SUN CHOI	Commercial Multi	Seminole	CFI RICHARD GARNETT
AXEL KOLLESBERGER	CFI	C-172RG	CFI RICHARD GARNETT

CONGRATS to RICHARD GARNETT, top CLUB CFI for November, logging the most hours of dual given in club aircraft! Runners-up were SANTIAGO SARABIA and RYAN DAVIS!

TOP GUN AWARD goes to ALI MOGHNIEH for logging the most flight hours in club aircraft in September! Runners up were SEYUN HONG and MICHAEL STONE!!!

NOTAM: Club pilots wishing to write safety articles for our monthly newsletters would be greatly appreciated! Many thanks to Charlie Zabinski for the help this month!

NOTAM: The Redbird TD2 BATD is certified and ready to log instrument currency!!!

NOTAM: CFI job opportunity — “Up here in Big Bear, I often have folks visiting at our terminal asking if we have flight lessons and the answer right now is No. The lack of business drove CFIs away years ago. However we do have many licensed pilots who need BFRs. Most go down to Apple Valley and get hooked up with someone there. I’m wondering if there was a way to establish a visiting CFI from LB who might come up routinely for BFRs or maybe for flight lessons? There might be many small airports like Yucca, Hesperia, Flabob who can’t support a full time CFI but could on part time basis. Maybe there could be a contact method at each airport so a potential student pilot could schedule flights and the LB CFI would come up with plane. It could not be prohibitively expensive or it wouldn’t work. If a new CFI was looking for students, this might be a way to generate contacts.” Bob H (email to candy@Lbflying.com and your ideas will be forwarded)

NEW & REJOINED CLUB PILOTS! WELCOME!



- ERIK APINYAN
- MARCO BRUNO
- EMILIANO DUCA
- KAVI FERNANDO
- DAVID FORTSON
- AMY FULLER
- TAEKYUNG LEE
- TIMON MARTIN
- HARRY MCINTOSH
- ALI MOGHNIEH
- KOSUKE NAKAMURA
- JOSE ROMO
- CHRISTOFFER SCHULZ
- WENDY SHEW
- DAVID SQUILLACE
- GEORGE STOBAUGH
- SIMONE TORRIANI
- RAY WERTZ
- MATTHEW WILD



HAPPY DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- ERIC ABREGO
- ZULFIKAR AHMAD
- MARVIN BALLARD
- DAVID BECKTELL
- HOLME COOLEY
- AARON KRIEGER
- TYLER LUTZ
- TOMAS MARTINEZ
- ZACHARY MITOSINKA
- JORGE MORA
- IBRAHIM MOUSA
- FILIP MUSZYNSKI
- DONALD MYHRA
- BONI ODEH
- JIM PARTIN
- JOSH WALKER
- YUI CHANG
- CHARLIE ZABINSKI



CALENDAR

JAN 19:	Flabob Airport - 3rd Saturday Aircraft Displays & Car Show, www.flabob.org .
JAN 30:	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, sandwiches, fruit and dessert, beginning at 6:30 PM with the program beginning at 7:00 PM. Everybody is welcome to attend -- we hope to see you there! This meeting will count toward CFI credit for this month!
JAN 13:	Brown Field 2nd Sunday Fly-In, San Diego Flight Museum, www.aerospacemuseum.org
JAN 6:	Santa Paula - Aviation Museum of Santa Paula First Sunday Open House and Vintage Aircraft Fly-In. Contact: 805 525 1109 www.amszp.org .
JAN 12:	Catalina Aero Club DISPLAY DAY FLY-IN Saturday, 10 am to 2 pm. Aircraft built 1961 and earlier land FREE! Historical aircraft display sign-offs. Buffalo Burgers at DC-3 Grill! Meet other pilots and Aero Club members. Contact: 714.751.9420.
JAN 13:	Whiteman Airport Second Sunday Open House, Whiteman Airport Association. Contact: www.whpsafety.org/display.html
JAN 20:	Brackett Field (POC) Third Sunday Antique Aircraft Display — classic cars, and biplane rides. FREE. Fly ins welcome, historical sign offs. Restaurant on-site. Plenty of airplane and vehicle parking.10-3PM. Contact Yvonne, 626-576-8692.
FEB 27:	Long Beach Flying Club CFI meeting from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm. We will be opining club challenges and opportunities, discussing of regulations, training procedures, and other aspects of flying. Join us for an inspirational and educational hour!
JAN 27:	Agua Dulce Airport BBQ & Fly-In from 1100 am to 2:30 pm. A wide range of modern and vintage aircraft often fly into Agua Dulce Airport (L70). All planes welcome -- Fly over for some great Texas style barbecue, the trimmings, friends and fun. Awards to aircraft in antique, classic, contemporary and homebuilt classes. Cost: \$5.00. Info: www.airnav.com/airport/L70 or dulceair@sbcglobal.net .
JAN 12-13:	Cable Air Show 2013 is looking forward to blue skies again, with just a wisp of white clouds for the photographers, for its 38th annual Air Show on January 12-13, 2013 at Cable Airport in Upland. Activities start with a pancake breakfast at Maniac Mike's Café at 8 a.m., then at 10 a.m., Just In Time Parachute Skydivers jump out of their airplane over a mile high with freefall speeds of 120 mph. What a way to start the show! The afternoon show starts at 2 p.m. All flying enthusiasts will experience the joy of flight through displays and flight demonstrations, skydivers, antique and homebuilt aircraft, warbirds, and the radio controlled aircraft. There will be plenty of food from various booths to eat and kids of all ages are able to get flying memorabilia and souvenirs from a variety of wares. Come out and join us for a spectacular weekend of planes, planes, and more planes. For more information, go to www.cableairport.com
JAN 5:	Chino Monthly Event includes seminars and, weather permitting and whenever possible, flight demonstrations by appropriate aircraft. Seminars start at about 10am and last till about 2pm and occur on the first Saturday of every month. Contact 909.597.3722.



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GIVE THE GIFT OF FLIGHT!

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There are three ways to obtain the gift of flight:

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.
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