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MARCH 2018

HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY

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WHAT'S UP — SURVIVING THE AIRPORT REBADGING

The LGB AOA badging “system” is the most business unfriendly, onerous, discriminatory and poorly administered debacle I have ever been involved with, to use the term system loosely. It is not a system at all. There have been a multitude of changes since implementation, none of which have been an improvement. The recent airport-wide rebadging was a travesty, with airport customers being forced to wait for hours, sometimes as many as 4 hours to get a badge. LGB is not the only airport to implement a badging system; why wasn't the LGB badging system modeled after a successful system from another airport? Why weren't the “rebadges” given a 2-year expiration? The rebadges contained the original badge expiration date, so many customers have to go through the ordeal again in a matter of months.

**Club pilots with expired
badges should
immediately turn them
in to the club or the
badging office**

I recently noticed the very small print in what our pilots sign for an AOA badge application that announced that the badge must be turned in when it expires. So if a pilot takes a break after getting a new rating, not accessing the airport, and during that break he has inadvertently allowed his airport badge to expire, he has lost his \$200 airport badge deposit. Since November, LBFC has been billed thousands of dollars in expired badges, **EVEN THOUGH THE ENTIRE AIRPORT HAS BEEN REBADGED**. These charges are punitive and discriminatory against general aviation.

In January LBFC had a pilot join in order to work on getting his CFI rating. He paid us his AOA badge deposit but by early March he requested a refund of the badge deposit, reporting that after four unsuccessful attempts to pick up his badge from the badging office, he was quitting the club. He was disgusted with LGB and now doesn't want anything to do with this airport. LBFC and LGB lost a flight instructor.

REDUCED VISUAL REFERENCES REQUIRE VIGILANCE FROM NTSB SAFETY ALERT 020

Preparation and proficiency are the key to preventing a chain of events that could lead to pilot spatial disorientation or controlled flight into terrain. Even in visual weather conditions, flights at night over areas with limited ground lighting (which provides few visual ground references) can be challenging.

What can pilots do?

- Obtain an official preflight weather briefing, and use all appropriate sources of weather information to make timely in-flight decisions. Other weather sources and in-cockpit weather equipment can supplement official information.
- Refuse to allow external pressures, such as the desire to save time or money or the fear of disappointing passengers, to influence you to attempt or continue a flight in conditions in which you are not comfortable.
- Be honest with yourself about your skill limitations. Plan ahead with cancellation or diversion alternatives. Brief passengers about the alternatives before the flight.
- Seek training to ensure that you are proficient and fully understand the features and limitations of the equipment in your aircraft, particularly how to use all features of the avionics, autopilot systems, and weather information resources.
- Don't allow a situation to become dangerous before deciding to act. Be honest with air traffic controllers about your situation, and explain it to them if you need help.
- Remember that, when flying at night, even visual weather conditions can be challenging. Remote areas with limited ground lighting provide limited visual references cues for pilots, which can be disorienting or render rising terrain visually imperceptible. When planning a night VFR flight, use topographic references to familiarize yourself with surrounding terrain. Consider following instrument procedures if you are instrument rated or avoiding areas with limited ground lighting (such as remote or mountainous areas) if you are not.
- Manage distractions: Many accidents result when a pilot is distracted momentarily from the primary task of flying.

WINGS – PILOT PROFICIENCY PROGRAM [HTTPS://WWW.FAASAFETY.GOV/WINGS](https://www.faa.gov/wings)

The WINGS - Pilot Proficiency Program, designed to help improve our skills and knowledge as pilots, is based on the premise that pilots who maintain currency and proficiency in the basics of flight will enjoy a safer and more stress-free flying experience.

The program encourages an on-going training program that provides you an opportunity to fly on a regular basis with an authorized flight instructor. The program is most effective if the training is accomplished regularly throughout the year, thus affording you the opportunity to fly in different seasons and in different flight conditions.

Reviewing and refreshing your knowledge is just as important as actual flying. To meet this goal, we provide you many opportunities to complete online courses, attend seminars and other events, and participate in webinars. Many 3rd party activities, such as those offered by AOPA, ASA, Sporty's, Gleim Publications, and others, qualify for WINGS credit and will indicate such credit on their web site.

Note that completion of any Phase of WINGS satisfies the requirement for a flight review. So not only will you complete a review of the most common weak areas that have led others to the accident site, but you end up with a flight review, as well!

Club pilots who report completion of a Phase of WINGS to the dispatch will be added to the monthly ACCOMPLISHMENTS in our newsletter.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS!!!



RANSON ALMEIDA	First Solo	C-152	CFI BRIAN WROBLEWSKI
SEAN IRWIN	First Solo	C-172	CFI JUN WATANABE
JESSE BELTRAN	Private	C-152	CFI JUN WATANABE
TING WEI HUNG	Private	C-152	CFI ALEX SHOWMAN
ROGER SERAD	Private	C-152	CFI JUN WATANABE

YOUR NAME HERE—ATTENTION PILOTS IN TRAINING: Please send pictures of you and your aircraft after your accomplishment to Sue at: lbfcusan@gmail.com. Include your name, and rating/license and your CFI name. Thank you!

CONGRATS to JUN WATANABE, top CLUB CFI for February, logging the most hours of dual given in club aircraft! Runners-up were RICHARD GARNETT and ALEX SHOWMAN!

TOP GUN AWARD goes to LUCAS PRADELLA for logging the most flight hours in club aircraft in February! Runners up were POCHUN TSENG and KAIWEN WU!!!

NOTAM: Club pilots wishing to submit articles for our monthly newsletter are greatly appreciated! Many thanks to RICHARD GARNETT for the help with this month's newsletter. And a belated thanks to RYAN DAVIS for the help with last month's newsletter.

**PLANES OF FAME AIR SHOW AT CHINO AIRPORT
EXPERIENCE THE EXCITEMENT OF ONE OF AMERICA'S TOP AIR SHOWS!**

Planes of Fame Air Museum is proud to present Planes of Fame Air Show on May 5-6, 2018 from 8am to 4pm. Featuring over 40 historic aircraft, including P-47 Thunderbolts, P-38 Lightnings and P-51 Mustangs — come out and see your favorite aircraft in flight. You are invited to join in honoring the history, contributions, and sacrifices of our veterans.

Performers include: A-10 Thunderbolt and Heritage Flight; Sean Tucker Aerobatics; World's fastest piston engine aircraft P-51 Mustang Voodoo; N9MB Flying Wing Demo; Pacific, European, Korean & Vietnam Flight Displays, Sanders Sea Fury Aerobatics, Gregory 'Wired' Colyer T-33 Aerobatics, Rob Harrison the Tumbling Bear.

Again this year there will be Kids Zone!, static displays, food & vendors, and more!

In addition to many other fantastic airplanes that will be performing and on static display, there will be a special panel discussion with some of our honored veterans. Stay tuned for future announcements of some special guests. Contact: planesoffame.org.

Continued from page 1: The airport's website touts "Green Programs -- LGB is committed to being an aviation industry leader in environmental sustainability." Making multiple trips to the badging office is not green. Another pilot recently came back from the badging office, proudly displaying his badge, happy that he survived the task. Upon closer inspection our staff noticed that the expiration date on the badge was the current date. The pilot hadn't noticed the mistake as nowhere on the badge did it label the date as an expiration date. Back he went. Not green. LGB badges are sooooo frustrating. Thanks for letting me vent!



NEW & REJOINED CLUB PILOTS!



- ADAM AKTAS
- MATTHEW ANDERSON
- LORENZO AVITABILE
- DAMON BAGGS
- BRYAN CASS
- DAMIEN CHRISTOPHER
- LORENZO ESCOBAR
- DARA EVANS
- HECTOR FERNANDEZ
- JUSTIN FORD
- NICOLE LEE FRANCE
- IVAN GALVAN
- JEREMY GOUCHER
- LAWRENCE GRIPPO
- EMMY JEWELL
- JENNIFER KIRALY
- SPENCER LANMAN
- JULIA LINK
- MEGAN LOMBARD
- PAUL MATTSON
- MAURICIO MEJIA
- CHRISTINA NORTON
- HEATHER PIERCE
- PATRICK REESE
- MICHAEL SAHAID
- SHEYENN TEMPLE
- BRIAN SCOTT WARD
- ROBERT WILSON
- STEVEN YUE



HAPPY MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- JOHN BERG
- NOAH BRUNK
- GRAHAM COFFEY
- CHARLES CROCKETT
- LEONEL FLORES
- TIM FRIEDLANDER
- DEVIN GARCIA
- YARON GILINSKY
- MALI HERRADA CORTES
- DANIEL HERSFIELD
- EMMY JEWELL
- ANDREW LIONG
- PAUL MATTSON
- DONALD MIKAMI
- FRANK MURRAY
- DANIEL NGHIEM
- LAURA OTERO
- CHRISTIAN MURPHY PARKER
- PATRICK REESE
- MARK RUSSELL
- GREG STEUBS
- MICHAEL STONE
- ALEXANDER TSANG
- EDUARDAS URBONAS
- FU-CHIEH "VINCENT" YU

CHECKPOINTS

March 28:

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. Don't miss this one



RANSON ALMEIDA
First Solo



ROGER SERAD
Private Pilot

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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 or email.
3. Download a gift certificate from our website:

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