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HAPPY EARTH DAY!

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WHAT'S UP? WE WILL GET THROUGH THIS TOGETHER

On March 20, at the end of the business day, LBFC temporarily and voluntarily closed up to protect our students, instructors, employees and visitors from potential exposure to Covid-19 (Coronavirus).

It was not an easy decision for us, especially since, under an Executive Order (N-33-20), issued on March 19, 2020, a stay-at-home decree and the shuttering of all non-essential businesses in California, Governor Gavin Newsom deemed flight schools to be an essential industry. The Executive Order included a link to the Department of Homeland Security's Cyber Security and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) which identified 16 critical infrastructure sectors and detailed information of which businesses are

included in these sectors. The Aviation sub-sector of the Transportation Systems Sector detailed the following: "... the aviation mode includes commercial and recreational aircraft (manned and unmanned) and a wide variety of support services, such as repair stations, fueling facilities, navigation aids, and flight schools."

Because of the intimate nature of our facility, the groupings of two or more individuals with face-to-face interaction, it was felt that we couldn't adequately distance during these trying times. With the possibility of any one (or more) those people in our spheres of influence becoming contagious, in turn leading to the death of anyone within our social circle, it would have been devastating to our close-knit community. I know that the phrase, "abundance of caution", has become overused, but it still applies and was instrumental to our decision to close our doors for the time being.

As of press time, discussions have begun at the state and national level to determine guidelines for the reopening of America. We will do our best to interpret the safest way to spool back up to full capacity as fast as possible. All of the club infrastructure has remained in place and is ready and willing to hit the ground running. We are hoping that one of our dispatchers, who has been displaced due to a roommate's unemployment, finds a suitable and comfortable place to live.

The aircraft were all topped off before the lock-down so condensation in the fuel tanks should not be much of an issue; but plan to look more carefully for possible water in the fuel. Not only might condensation be an issue, but additionally, we had a couple of heavy rain days. Any rubber gaskets on the fuel caps that have dried out may have allowed water to enter the tank. Give extra attention to that part of the preflight checklist.

Another challenge we will have when we reopen is the availability of the following items:

- Hand sanitizer
- Rolls of paper towels
- Rolls of toilet paper
- Clorox wipes for the airplanes
- Antibacterial soap for the restrooms

It will be imperative that we keep more than adequate supplies so that we can operate safely. Donations will be greatly appreciated!

Watch your email closely for when we can establish we can safely reopen, we will send out a broadcast email via our Schedulepointe system to let you know the latest updates. Hope to see y'all soon!!!

BADGING AND ACCESS CONTROL OFFICE COVID-19 BADGING AND ACCESS CONTROL OPERATIONAL CHANGES

As of April 9, the badging office will be implanting the following Procedures:

Badge Renewals: Effective immediately badges with an expiration date on or after April 8th, 2020 will be extended until further notice. Access control will be automatically renewed and will also remain valid until further notice. Signators [Susan Baker] will be informed, with a secondary memo, when the expiration extension will end. Once the secondary memo is sent out, and the extension is lifted, the badged individual will need to come into the Badging Office within thirty (30) days to formally renew. If they do not renew thirty (30) days after the extension is lifted, the individual's badge will be deactivated, and they will have to apply as a new applicant.

New Applicants: Airport badge packets are available at the club. The pages titled "Airport Security Identification Media Application" should be filled out and brought to the club for signature, along with 2 forms of ID. The application can then be scanned and digitally sent to the badging office along with the ID. The Badging Office will also accept completed badging paperwork on an appointment, only basis. Individuals without appointment will no longer be accepted. The application must have all necessary signatures, and be 100% completed. The applicant must also include a colored copy of their two forms of ID. The Badging Office will begin the application process and alert the Signatory of clearance if the application is completed correctly. If the application is not filled out completely, or there is an issue with the IDs, the application will be denied, and the applicant will need to re-apply.

Application Drop-offs: If an applicant cannot submit an application via email, they may make an appointment with the Badging Office in order to drop-off their application and two forms of ID. Application drop-offs will be accepted by appointment only. Appointments are available: Monday 8:30-3:30 pm and • Friday 1:00-2:45 pm. Please call or email the Badging Office to schedule an appointment.

AOA Training: Trainings will now be conducted virtually, via Skype for Business. New applicants that have cleared their Security Threat Assessment (STA) and have been notified by their Signatory [Susan Baker] of such clearance, should call the Badging Office in order to make an appointment for a "virtual" Skype Training. Once an appointment is made, we will email you with a Skype Meeting Request. AOA training will be held: Monday 1:00pm - 2:30pm, Friday 8:30am - 10:00am.

CONGRATS to COREY LEWIN, top CLUB CFI for March, logging the most hours of dual given in club aircraft! Runners-up were RICHARD GARNETT and JESSE BELTRAN!!!

TOP GUN AWARD goes to DAVID WHITE for logging the most flight hours in club aircraft in March! Runners up were WENDY HUANG and SHEENA TEMPLO!!!

EASY WAY TO PAY – Using your on-line banking ap, set Long Beach Flying Club up as a new payee and have your bank send us a check to deposit money on your club account. Plus, you get the cash rate on your aircraft rental!

NOTAM: Club pilots wishing to submit articles for our monthly newsletter are greatly appreciated!

**EXCERPT: IS YOUR CURRENCY EXPIRING? From AOPA.org April 9, 2020
AOPA EXPECTS NEW EMERGENCY RULES TO HELP**

The ongoing COVID-19 pandemic has pilots looking for guidance on an array of necessary extensions, certifications, and compliance. While much remains uncertain, AOPA and industry organizations are pleased that the FAA is moving toward issuing a special federal aviation regulation (SFAR) to alleviate the situation.

In times of crisis, an SFAR is typically used as a temporary rule to address a situation listed at the beginning of the most relevant existing regulation. AOPA and its partner organizations have been calling on the FAA to take this necessary action since the health crisis began to disrupt normal operations.

The agency’s decision to develop an SFAR comes shortly after industry groups rallied together and highlighted the importance of GA to the U.S. economy, which supports 1.1 million jobs and contributes some \$247 billion to economic output. Additionally, the GA sector benefits thousands of communities through its more than 5,000 public airports across the country, easily earning a designation as a public good.

The FAA just released a notice for suspension of enforcement action against medical certificates that expire through June 30th. Further similar action on other FAA certificates will be forthcoming. The notices will be published in the Federal Register. However, there's a big difference between "suspension of enforcement action" and waiver/exemption from the regulation. The former might keep you from getting your ticket suspended, but it would not waive any provision of your insurance policy requiring a current medical certificate. Nor would it prevent a Compliance Action by the FAA. In other words, "suspension of enforcement" doesn't make it legal to fly with an expired medical.

EDITORIAL COMMENT: *The exemption regarding the waiver to fly with an expired medical is too risky — please make sure you have a current medical prior to resuming flying. Watch for further guidance on exemptions for expirations for flight reviews, Instrument Proficiency Checks and currency to fly with passengers day and night. Also, we are expecting extensions for expired FAA knowledge tests.*

ANNUAL RECURRENT TSA SECURITY AWARENESS TRAINING COMPLIANCE

Our March 25 class for compliance with FAR Part 1552 had to be cancelled. FAR Part 1552.23 – Security awareness training programs reads:

(d) Recurrent security awareness training program.

(1) A flight school must ensure that each flight school employee receives recurrent security awareness training each year in the same month as the month the flight school employee received initial security awareness training in accordance with this subpart.

A flight school employee is defined in FAR Part 1552.21 ... includes an independent flight instructor certificated under 14 CFR part 61.

So, all flight instructors need to do an alternative compliance before getting back to work and submit your completion certificate to LBFCSusan@gmail.com. Here are links for free programs:

- <https://www.aopa.org/lms/courses/ga-security/#01-intro&01-what-is-general-aviation?>
- <https://info.natacs.aero/online-training/flight-school-security-awareness-training>

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Badge Pick-up: Once an applicant has completed their designated training, the Badging Office will call the applicant in order to make a badge pick-up appointment. Badge pick-up appointments will only be available to those that have successfully completed trainings and will be made by Badging Office Staff. Applicants must bring the same two forms of ID that were submitted with any virtual application.

What if I can't do virtual trainings? For those individuals that may not have access to applications like Skype, we will still be offering an alternative, in-person, training session on Wednesdays 8:30am- 11:00am. Please call or email us in order to make an in-person training appointment for SIDA, AOA, Sterile, or Signatory Training.

The Safety and health of those visiting the Badging Office is of the utmost importance. In addition to the above operational changes, the following measures are being taken to help combat potential exposure:

Social distancing guidelines are in practice. For individuals refusing to follow the social distancing of 6ft staff can reserve the right to deny an individual access to services in the best interest of the staff and public’s health and safety. The individual will be allowed to return to the Badging Office only if they intend to comply with the safety measures put in place.

- Regular disinfecting of commonly touched surfaces.
- A hand sanitizer station has been installed outside the office for use by the public.
- The regular use by staff of hand sanitizer, especially after interacting with the public or patrons.
- Alternatively, staff may be wearing gloves and a mask when interacting with the public or patrons.

NEW & REJOINED CLUB PILOTS!



- SARAH ARCHER
- STEWART BROWN
- YOLANDA CORTES
- TIMOTHY FIELDS
- GOLDASICH JOHN
- ANDREW KRAJACIC
- HUNTER LEWIS
- ANNIE LUONG
- REBECCA MENESES
- MICHAEL RIVERA
- JONATHAN SILVA
- CONRAD TRYBUS
- JASON XU
- JUSTIN YANG



HAPPY APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- JULIO ALFARO
- TALAL ALWANNA
- PETER ANNINOS
- JASMINE ARDESHIRI
- DRAKE BAERRESEN
- ALEX BARKER
- ANDREW BUDIMAN
- JOE DEL RIO
- DEXTER FORD
- RICHARD GARNETT
- JULIAN GORDON
- FEDERICO GUERRERO
- KACEY HENNING
- PAUL HERMAN
- TING WEI HUNG
- GARY LAZENBY
- DANIEL LEPORE
- AARON LEVY
- DAVID MARTINEZ
- ISAAEL MEJIA
- KEVIN MENDONCA
- BELENIE NAVA
- ALAN NAVARRO
- SANG NGO
- HYEKYOUNG PARK
- BANDISH PATEL
- IVONNE PEREZ
- KARL PETERSON
- HUNTER RAMO
- RYAN ROBINSON
- EILEEN RUIZ
- AXEL SEIXAS
- ALEXANDER SHOWMAN
- POUREYA SOHBATI
- BEN TILKIN
- YING-CHIEH (JAY) TSAI
- HOWARD TSAI
- BRIAN WROBLEWSKI
- JOSEPH YANG
- CRISTHIAM YESCAS-TIFFER