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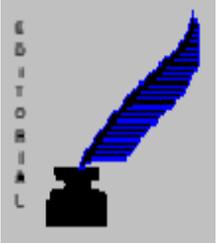


*Teaching the world
to fly!
With all the aircraft you
need from the first flight
hour to an airline job and
everything in between!*

MAY 2020

HAPPY MEMORIAL DAY!

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WHAT'S UP? WE'RE OPEN! YAY!

After 6 weeks of closure, Long Beach Flying Club & Flight Academy opened Friday, May 1st. We learned a lot and have come up with a plan for us to safely begin flying again. We were extremely lucky that we didn't lose any employees during the 6 weeks, so we are grateful to be able to staff the office for our regular hours, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm. The night time security gates will be down at all times to protect the employees that are working, so be sure you or your instructor get the lock combination to retrieve your aircraft tach & hobbs binder from the night time locker.



Please be aware of the following in effect due to the Covid-19 pandemic:

1. Face masks are to be worn in the building and on the ramp at all times.
2. Social distancing is in effect.
3. Pay as you fly will be enforced.
4. Diligent hand washing at all times.
5. Please carry disinfectant wipes and use on all surfaces you come in contact with.
6. If you are feeling sick STAY home.

Our maintenance area will be off limits to protect the health of our mechanics. If you write a squawk during office hours, please bring the tach and hobbs binder to the dispatcher.

***Please review carefully the squawk sheets in the Tach & Hobbs binder before each flight ***

We look forward to seeing all of you training again real soon!

UNUSUAL EVENTS UPON REOPENING

Six weeks doesn't seem like a long time for an aircraft to sit without being flown, but we noticed a few things that were a little different than usual. A bird's nest was found inside the rudder of the Seminole. Our mechanics cleaned it out but less than a week later it appeared again. The sad thing was that it was primarily built out of bits of safety wire ... ouch!

We had a C-152 with suspected bugs in the pitot system.

One of the Warriors was being flown on the downwind to Runway 26L when a lizard presented itself on the flight desk. Eek! Perhaps it was a relative of that lizard that appeared in Sue's office.

A swarm of bees had to be thwarted of their attempt to start a hive in the hangar.

MEMORIAL DAY 2020 SPECIAL

For a limited time, put \$1,000 on account and get an extra \$75 credit on your account! Account must be paid off (no monies owed). For advances using cash, check or travelers check, aircraft will be charged the cash rate. For advances by credit card, aircraft will be charged at the credit rate. Sorry, retroactive not available! Limit one per pilot. If a refund is requested the credit will be rescinded. Not valid for I-20 deposits. Only 40 will be sold. Happy Flying!

CHANGES IN THE CHART SUPPLEMENT

While reviewing the current Chart Supplement Southwest (March 26 – May 21, 2020) something caught my attention. Under the aeronautical chart bulletins section, Los Angeles Sectional valid December 5, 2019, navaids, I read "Change SANTA CATALINA VORTAC frequency from 114.15 to 111.4." That's crazy, Catalina VORTAC has always been 111.4. Hasn't it?

Looking back to previous chart supplements, the Chart Supplements for October and December 2019, both warned of the change for Catalina VORTAC to 114.15. Then in January 2020, the Los Angeles Sectional was printed with the 114.15 frequency (see figure to the right).

Now the frequency is apparently being changed back to 111.4.

I looked at several VORs on the LA Sectional and didn't find any with frequencies with more than one digit right of the decimal point.

So either the requirement for equipment to receive navigation signals with more than one digit right of the decimal point doesn't yet exist or somebody simply changed their mind.



HARRISON FORD AGAIN UNDER FIRE from AVWEB

Actor Harrison Ford is under investigation by the FAA following a runway incursion at California's Hawthorne Municipal Airport (HHR) on the 24th of April. Ford, 77, taxied across Runway 7/25 in an Aviat Husky after he "misheard" a hold-short instruction from air traffic control. According to the FAA, another aircraft was performing a touch-and-go on the runway and the two aircraft were approximately 3600 feet apart at the time of the incident.

"Mr. Ford crossed the airport's only runway in his aircraft after he misheard a radio instruction from ATC," Ford's publicist Ina Treciokas said in a statement. "He immediately acknowledged the mistake and apologized to ATC for the error. The purpose of the flight was to maintain currency and proficiency in the aircraft. No one was injured and there was never any danger of a collision."

Ford, who has been a pilot for more than 20 years, was also investigated by the FAA in 2017 after he landed his Husky on a taxiway at John Wayne Airport (SNA) in Orange County, California, overflying an American Airlines 737. A statement from Ford's lawyer said that investigators "determined that no administrative or enforcement actions were warranted." In March 2015, Ford experienced an engine failure in a Ryan PT-22 and made a forced landing on a golf course. Ford was hospitalized following the accident, which was attributed to a carburetor malfunction.

CONGRATULATIONS!

HEATHER CHING WEN CHANG	Private	Warrior	CFI JOHN CAMPBELL
SUNGHO CHO	Private	C-152	CFI POCHUN (VINCENT) TSENG
MEHRDAD HASSANI	Private	C-152	CFI VICKY LIU
HAU TINH SUN	Private	Warrior	CFI POCHUN (VINCENT) TSENG
JING-YI HUANG	Instrument	Warrior	CFI JOHN CAMPBELL
CHEN HSUAN YUNG	Instrument	C-152	CFI JOHN CAMPBELL

Desperate to report accomplishments, we went back and reviewed last year's Part 141 records and found these that we had missed. As we return to business as usual, please let the front desk know about your progress. Include solo cross-countries and flight reviews!



**HAPPY
MAY
BIRTHDAYS**

- SUSAN BAKER
- TYSON BEAMER
- SKYLER BOWDEN
- FRANKLIN CASTILLO
- MATTHEW DEBIASO
- TIMOTHY FIELDS
- ROGAN GIRARD
- HARRISON GURZENSKI
- ZACHARY GURZENSKI
- CHEN EN HU
- JONG KWAN LEE
- ZACHARY MENKE
- JASON PANZARINO
- STEVE PRUITT
- MARY RELLERGERT
- MARGAUX RETHERFORD
- NATHAN RIDDLE
- RAUL RUVALCABA
- ALAN SIMONINI
- DON TERRY
- TOMMY THOMAS
- MIGUEL TORO
- COREY URIELL
- PETER VALENZUELA

CONGRATULATIONS to club alumni Rand Sterrett and Cassie on the birth of Radden Sterrett on April 21st. The baby weighted 6 pounds 7 ounces. So happy for you all!

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!

PLAN TO BE PROFICIENT AS WE ALL START FLYING AGAIN from FAASafety.gov

Take advantage of the FAA's Pilot Proficiency program, also known as WINGS, on FAASafety.gov. There you will find 511 online courses for pilots to refresh your aviation knowledge. Most of them are free. And, if you complete a Phase of WINGS, our FAA Team Industry Member, the WINGS Industry Advisory Committee, offers you a chance to win in the Fran and Paul Burger Sweepstakes. Go to mywingsinitiative.org for more information and to see the last two year's winners.

Too many online course choices to choose from? Start with the courses listed on the WINGS Topic of the Quarter checklist. You can take all four courses listed on the checklist now. Then, you'll be ready to flip the checklist over and complete the flight activities with your CFI. We should all get some time with a CFI before we jump back in an aircraft and head out with family and friends.

**LONG BEACH AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL TOWER
ADJUSTED HOURS OF OPERATIONS**

To ensure the continued resiliency of the air traffic control system amid the COVID-19 pandemic, as of the 4th of May the FAA is adjusting the hours of operation at Long Beach Airport Traffic Control Tower. Making these changes allows for continued safe operations throughout the national airspace system while minimizing health risks to the tower workforce. Previously, the tower was open from 6:15 am to 11:45 pm. The new hours are 6:15 am to 10:00 pm.

The tower manager visited the club since we reopened and explained that the shifts have been shortened so that if there is a positive Covid-19 test, the exposed staff would go into quarantine for 2 weeks and be replaced by other controllers.



When the tower is closed, pilots are required to use the Common Traffic Advisory Frequency (CTAF), 119.4. Southern California TRACON (125.35 or 858-537-5900) will assume responsibility of the airspace when the tower is closed. The request to contact clearance delivery still applies when the tower is closed, as is the requirement to consult NOTAMs for the latest information.

Please be extra vigilant when operating near or crossing a runway while operating on the airport surface. The tower will not be able to provide extra safety oversight, and pilots are encouraged to use extra caution on the airfield after the tower closes.

GIVE THE GIFT OF FLIGHT!

A Long Beach Flying Club gift certificate for any denomination you wish, be it for the first flight, pilot supplies, or aircraft rental, makes a great gift for any occasion!

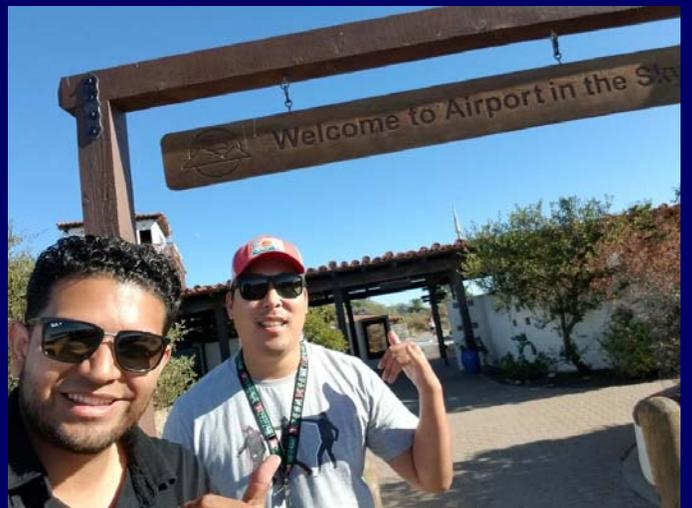
LAX TRIPS

Rumor has it that pilots are taking advantage of the lull in air carrier traffic and heading over to LAX for a once-in-a-lifetime landing at an international airport in a C-152.

Another interesting phenomena has been spotted at Logistics Airport in Victorville. Now perhaps the world's largest airline parking lot: California airfield where America's beleaguered carriers have dumped 400 of their idle jets as they cut thousands of flights amid pandemic.

If you take some pictures of what is happening during this historic time, please send them to Sue to post on our Facebook page!

Recent Posts!



Captain Rudi Limich!



Memories from Jesse Beltran!