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- Kunwarjit Singh—PPL
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- Nikhil Warade—PPL
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- Prashant Srivastava—PPL
- Samir Shah—PPL
- Kunal Parikh—PPL
- Nirav Shah—PPL
- Arjun Batra—PPL
- Malti Seth—PPL
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- Ryota Tanei—IFR
- Sanjana Jethwani—IFR
- Anubhav Dora—IFR
- Bruno Campos—IFR
- Amandeep Singh—COMM
- Simon Liang—COMM
- Arjun Talwar—COMM
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Fatal Accident at Corona

As most of you probably know, there was a mid air collision near the Corona airport on Sunday, Jan 20, 2008. Two small planes, a Cessna 150 and a Cessna 172 collided with four occupants being killed in the planes and one fatality on the ground. Imagine for a moment, if you will, the terror you feel as suddenly your airplane is sliced to ribbons and only parts remain plummeting toward earth and now imagine that you are one of those parts falling toward certain death.

It is incredibly tragic when anyone gets killed in a light plane. It is especially tragic because each and every one of us who are left alive know it was preventable.

It was a clear day! It was day VFR! Sure it is a non towered airport and sure it is a busy airport but so what? Which pilot failed to make a position report? Which pilot didn't look out his/her win-

dow and see and be seen?? Without evidence it is hard to know what happened up



there but once again, one thing we all know is, it didn't have to happen.

Especially significant to me, as the owner of CFA and person responsible for each and every one of you, my students, pilots and friends is that one of the pilots was a newbie. He had just passed his check ride. Also of special significance is his instructor advised him not to go to Corona because he (the instructor)

thought that Corona was too busy.

The new pilot decided not to listen to the sage advice of his instructor and went to Corona anyway. Now I didn't say he had anything to do with the accident but the fact is once you are dead, whose fault it is becomes a mute point. Imagine what he would be thinking today if he had just listened to the advice of his instructor.

Which brings me to the point of this little essay. The rules we have at CFA, while seemingly cumbersome at times, are there to try to do the best we can to be sure that you, our student and friend go home proud and alive. No body bags allowed! Not on my watch! Please follow the rules, especially for time building flights and please, fly safe!
-Len Mooney

A Message from your Chief

To my fellow pilots and flight instructors:

"This is your captain speaking; we will be cruising at a comfortable 34,000 feet today. Expecting a good tail wind; we should arrive at our destination on time."

As you know weather conditions are changing as we approach another season in San Diego. It is extremely important that we adjust our habits as the atmospheric conditions change.

Warmer temperatures mean less dense air so leaning procedures are critical to minimize aircraft being pulled out of service to change spark plugs.

Fowled plugs rarely happen because of one flight. It is usually an accumulative condition after multiple flights. One scenario is after landing, it is hot outside and you exit off the taxiway to CFA

without leaning the mixture, any excess fuel in the cylinders will not burn. Instead it will solidify around the sparkplugs, "hence fowled plugs." Lean aggressively if temperatures are above 20 degrees Celsius. Proper checklist procedures will help. Everybody is doing a great job here at California Flight Academy. At this point I challenge everyone to increase their knowledge and skill in all areas of aviation. Open your books and better understand what you are doing so as to teach and learn more effectively. If you have questions, research your own answers. It is easiest to ask but best remembered if you find it on your own. I need your help! As we take on more students it is important that we all demonstrate the level of professionalism and pride we

take in flying so everyone learns the safest and smartest means of aviation.

"Please fasten seatbelts and be sure all tables are stowed in the upright position."

Thanks again to the staff, flight instructors and students of CFA who without you we wouldn't be where we are at today. Continue striving to achieve perfection.

Your Chief,
Chris Krone



The Ninety-Nines

In the 1920's women were not allowed to compete in cross-country races against men. Women held their own cross-country races where they would compete amongst themselves. Eventually women competed against men, and women defeated and broke records set by men.

The Ninety-Nines are a group of women pilots that get together to help promote women in aviation. Virtually every historic female pilot was a member of the Ninety-Nines.

Each year the Ninety-Nines award the

Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship to members who qualify, this award promotes



the advancement of flight training or education in the various areas of aviation.

Please join the Ninety-Nines at Fran Beras'

Hanger in El Cajon every third Saturday at 10:00am for a meeting with these wonderful women who have a passion for flying.

Join the Ninety-Nines, students rate is \$20 per year, and a one time initiation fee of \$10.00 for the first year, with at least one year of membership you can apply for the Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship. Please join now; these wonderful women are committed to helping future women pilots realize their dreams.

Contact Marie Hamann for more info: av8tress@cox.net or call (760) 788-1502

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AD's: What they are and what

Airworthiness Directive's, commonly called AD's, are a result of component failure or malfunction in the engine, airframe, or propeller. There are two types of AD's, recurrent (have to be performed at pre determined intervals) or one time. AD's are sent via electronic mail and by standard mail.

AD's are mandatory and cannot be disregarded. The FAR's and the AD's state that we CANNOT OVER FLY an AD. Yet the FAR's state that an aircraft may be flown up 10 hours past the 100 Hour inspection provided it is being flown to a maintenance facility.

This can be very confusing. Most Government rules and regulations are.

So to break it down for you:

You are going on a cross country flight and it is

2.5 hours in duration, yet the aircraft you are flying has 2.25 Hours available until an AD is due. You now have a decision to make. Do I violate the FAR's by over flying the AD or do I shorten my flight? Over flying the AD is a poor decision. It is not worth the risk of being ramp checked and having the FAA Inspector violate you. More importantly, there is a safety issue involved. The AD is there for a reason; it is one more link in the safety chain designed to keep you alive. Better yet, get maintenance to perform the required AD before you leave.

Fly Safe, Fly Smart and Blue Skies!

Mike in Maintenance



Free Tuesdays at Balboa Park

A good pilot always wants to learn and has a desire to gain knowledge; pilots need a variety of hobbies that require diligence and imagination to keep us happy and wise. California Flight Academy encourages diversity in education because a mind that desires knowledge is the mind of a good pilot...and a pilot needs to know a whole lot! San Diego is a great place to be a pilot! San Diego is a beach city with all of the advantages of any metropolis, it's famous for its museums and landmarks. Balboa Park is a "living encyclopedia", it's the nation's largest urban cultural park.

home to 15 major museums, performing art venues, beautiful gardens, and the San Diego Zoo. Balboa Park offers FREE ADMISSION to their exhibits on a rotating basis throughout the year to its county residents and active military personnel:

For information on museums and dates visit:

www.balboapark.org/ to learn more about Free Tuesdays.



Gillespie Needs You!

The Gillespie Pilots Association (G.P.A.) is a non-profit organization to promote general aviation. The G.P.A. has monthly meetings where snacks and refreshments are provided at no cost, while providing an educational and social forum for pilots to get together and discuss aviation. Anyone can join the G.P.A. no matter what your age, and you do not even have to be a pilot. Yearly Dues are only ten dollars, and free if your under 18 years of age.

GPA Monthly General Meetings:
First Saturday of every month
Time: 9:00 AM

Location: Gillespie Field Administration Building
1960 Joe Crosson Drive