



ALASKAN AVIATION SAFETY FOUNDATION



The foundation has only one mission:
TO PROMOTE AVIATION SAFETY THROUGH PUBLIC EDUCATION AND

Chairman's Corner 2014-The Year For Doing The Right Stuff

How many times have we taken the time to say thank you to the pilot who said I am not going because the weather is poor and it is not worth taking a chance; or the ramper who said I can't load that extra bag because it is over gross; or the dispatcher who made a smart decision based on doing the right thing? We call that having the "Right Stuff" to make tough calls.

For that matter when was the last time you patted yourself on the back for doing any one of these things? Last fall some of us were discussing what went wrong last summer when we had so many fatalities and so many Fatal and Serious Injury (FSI) accidents. We came up with the idea that maybe we should try a different tack. We all know that is all too easy to criticize someone else for screwing up. But why don't we look for more ways to thank people for doing the right thing. The Safety Foundation decided one way to do that was to create "The Right Stuff" Award. We chose Sam Egli of Egli Air Haul, King Salmon, as our first recipient for his safety minded decisions on Mt. Majeak and Will Johnson of Yute Air Taxi, who did a splendid job of safely landing his Cessna 206 after a catastrophic engine failure.

So I am asking you, the Safety Foundation members, to do two things this year: (1) think about taking the opportunity to thank and congratulate people who make the right safe decisions. (2) And, I want you to let The Safety Foundation know if there is someone who has done something especially praiseworthy. Submit them for the "Right Stuff" Award. Send me an email with some details of why you are recommending them and your contact information. It can be anyone associated with aviation that does something really positive. Something that we can praise and we can all say: "wow, thank you for making that decision. You very well may have prevented another statistic, another accident, another death or serious injury".

We have got to get away from applauding the mystique of someone who was scud running to complete the mission or who pulled off the short field takeoff when he was over gross. We need to praise the pilot when he or she says I am not going or we will make two trips or we will do it another day. I would really like to present the plaque to that person and give them the credit they are due. And in the meantime don't hesitate to thank that aviator, mechanic, or ops person for having the "Right Stuff"

Fly Safe this summer *Harry*



Doing It Right

Under this year's theme of 'doing it right', consider some of those who did not do it right. What can be learned from them? There are always lessons to be learned. A good pilot is always learning. The key is to learn from the mistakes of others so we don't repeat the same mistakes ourselves. Even the 'pros' make mistakes.

An airline crew (Southwest) landed at the wrong airport, in Branson, Missouri. Amazingly they did not become aware of it until they touched down. What visual cues did they miss? Another airline crew (Atlas) managed to land at the wrong airport, in Wichita, Kansas, flying a Boeing 747 Dreamlifter, no less. How is this possible, you ask? There were contributing factors, no doubt. But, if they can do it, then surely we are also capable of doing it. Is this at least partially a result of increasing levels of automation in the cockpit? Are we dropping our guard and becoming more complacent as increasing levels of automation become the norm in our flying? This is not good.

One of the keys is complacency. Have you even lined up for the wrong runway? Many of us have. Or at least temporarily been unsure of your position? Again, many of us have. Or you are on final approach but the surrounding terrain and landscape just doesn't look quite right? This can happen. Perhaps there is a nearby airport with a similar runway layout and they look alike. This happens. More often than you know. We need to double check and confirm using pilotage and navigation aids.

Since this is the spring issue of the newsletter, many of you may not have flown much over the past winter. So, you want to make sure that both you and your airplane are in good condition before you take to the skies. Also, how is the airport or airstrip where you keep your airplane? What is its' condition, and how well is it maintained? Next, what is the condition of your aerial steed? Has it survived the winters' snow, ice, and cold temperatures?

You want to take the time to give it a thorough inspection before doing any flying. Along the same lines, how long since you have done any flying? You would be wise to seek the counsel of a good, reputable CFI and do some review to knock off any rust. Piloting skills are perishable and deteriorate if not used regularly. You don't have to wait for a Flight Review for this.

Speaking of flight reviews, did you realize that if you are involved in the FAA's Wings Program, you won't have to take a flight review? That's right. If you do the proficiency flying with a CFI that is spelled out in the Wings Program, this will waive the flight review requirement. Check it out at www.faasafety.gov. Ask your CFI about this. There are many resources available for pilots now, with online courses and webinars, also found at www.faasafety.gov, for example.

On a different topic now, attention Beechcraft owners, did you know that Beechcraft is now owned by Textron? Whoever thought that Beechcraft and Cessna would be part of the same company? Well, it has happened. This was first reported in late December, 2013. The deal closed in February. As was reported on Monday, March 17, 2014 in the Wichita, Kansas, Eagle newspaper; "...Textron has recently closed its acquisition of Beechcraft Corporation and will merge both Cessna Aircraft and Beechcraft to form a new segment called, Textron Aviation..." Follow this link to read more about it.

<http://www.kansas.com/2014/03/14/3345306/textron-completes-deal-for-beechcraft.html>

Finally, have you ever considered installing an AOA indicator in your cockpit but could not afford to? Well, the FAA announced a new policy on February 5, 2014 that could significantly reduce the cost of installing an AOA indicator in your airplane. This policy applies only to 'supplemental AOA systems', not those required for type certification for the aircraft. Furthermore, according to the FAA's website, this applies only to systems installed in U.S. registered aircraft, excluding commuter and transport category airplanes.

For more information <http://www.aopa.org/News-and-Video/All-News/2014/February/06/aoa-policy.aspx>

Fly Safe—*John*

2nd Quarter Events

April 5: Girl Scouts Mat-Su Women of Science & Technology Day, Mat-Su College

April 9: FAA Industry Council

April 9: FAI LRSAT

April 15: ANC LRSAT

April 16: LHD LRSAT

April 19: Anchorage's Promise Kid's Day, Denai'na Center

April 21: Career Fair-White Mountain

April 22: Career Fair-Shishmaref

April 22: Spring ACMAC, JBER/Eielson, 1000-1200

April 23: Career Fair-Wales

April 23: BET LRSAT

April 24: Career Fair-Gambell

April 25: Career Fair-St. Michael

April 26: Seaplane Seminar, Tom Wardleigh OAS Hangar, Lake Hood

April 28: Career Fair-Golovin

April 28-May 2: Lower Kuskokwim School District ACE Academy

April 29: Career Fair-Stebbins

April 30: ENA LRSAT



May 3-4: 17th Annual Great Alaska Gathering, Fed Ex Hangar

May 4: HAI Operator's meeting, Juneau

May 7: ADQ LRSAT

May 9-10: Valdez May Day Fly-In and Airshow

May 8-23: Red Flag Alaska 14-1

May 13: Anchorage Users' Meeting, Maintenance Complex, 5740 DeHavilland Ave, 0945-1200

May 14: AACC

May 17: 99s Flying Companion Seminar, UAA Aviation Technology Center, 0800-1700

May 17: Fairbanks Aviation Day, UAF Aviation Technology Center, 3504 S. University Ave

May 17-18: Hudson Memorial Fly-In, Talkeetna

May 21: AKN LRSAT



June 7: Palmer Breakfast, New Horizon's Telecom Hangar, Palmer Airport, 0800-1000

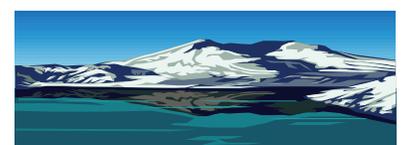
June 7: Youth Aviation Adventure Day, New Horizon's Telecom Hangar, Palmer Airport 1100-1600

June 7-8: 3rd Annual Skwentna Fly-in

June 12-27: Red Flag Alaska 14-2



As you see, 2014 provides many opportunities to "Do It Right". Alaska's events include public awareness, youth education, companion orientations, industry training/exchanges, and situational awareness. As we enjoy the flying in Alaska, we can do it the right way and safely. Remember the high density traffic in the area of events and exercises. Contribute to the goal of a safer, reduced accident year.





**29th ANNUAL
SEAPLANE
SAFETY SEMINAR
APRIL 26 2014**



8:30 AM TO 4:00 PM

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