



New Students

- Harkawal Sandhu
- Avish Puri
- Gursharan Dhillon
- Masayuki Hashizume
- Andrew Goodale
- Kai-Jieh "Kevin" Chen
- Atul Jadhav
- Peter Vanzwet
- Jose Montoya

Accomplishments

- Amir Khan—PPL
- Kanwardeep Singh—PPL
- Gustavo Ordonez—PPL
- Steve Reidel—PPL
- Gautam Mahajan—PPL
- Rex Huang—PPL
- Masami Hara—PPL
- Zorawar Gill—PPL
- Donna Garzon—PPL
- David Nordbek—IFR
- Jonathen Cohen—IFR
- Elsa Joseph—IFR
- Nisha Dadheech—ComMulti
- Neil Liu—ComMulti
- Fred Terveer—Multi add on

A Farewell to CFA's Mathias Johansen, a Certified Flight Instructor

What makes a good flight instructor?

Instructors who care, and want to better themselves and their students.

In your opinion how do most people in aviation end up having a mishap?

Not recognizing that there is something wrong with the airplane beforehand, not planning ahead, not acting and staying frozen, and not following the checklists.

What is the funniest thing that has happened to you while you were teaching a student?

I was trying to explain to my student to pitch down when attempting to land, I pitched the plane too aggressively, and the student bumped his head. I was trying not to laugh.

You recently returned from NJ, where you and 3 other instructors were on a long cross country flight. What did you learn on this trip?

Whenever you are going to be in an airplane with 3 other people



for a long cross country flight, you should always pack plenty of clean socks.

You are leaving CFA to return to your home in Denmark, what will you miss?

All the wonderful people at CFA, my colleagues, the students, the beautiful weather all year round, the lovely reporter who is interviewing me right now.

Pilots are often described as "cocky", why is that?

I prefer the word confident; we have to be confident to be good pilots.

What is the best thing you ever learned from a flight instructor?

Always study, always try to better yourself, always try to learn new things, aviation is constantly changing and there is always something new to learn.

Rough Landing

An airline pilot wrote that on this particular flight he had hammered his ship into the runway really hard. The airline had a policy which required the first officer to stand at the door while the passengers exited, give a smile, and a "Thanks for flying XYZ airline." He said that in light of his bad landing, he had a hard time looking the passengers in the eye, thinking that someone would have a smart comment. Finally everyone had gotten off except for this little old lady walking with a cane. She said, "Sonny, mind if I ask you a question?" "Why no" said the pilot, "Ma'am, what is it?" The little old lady said, "Did we land or were we shot down?"

Do you know any good jokes?
Yes, did you know helicopters don't really fly? They're so ugly the earth repels them.

If a student has lost his motivation what would you advise him to do?
Flight training is very expensive; I would ask them to figure out if this is really what they want to do.

The airplane stalls with power on at the same angle of attack at which it stalls with power off. Why do most student pilots think that when the power is on the plane will stall at a higher angle of attack than when the power is off?
It's common for students who are learning, to become confused in the beginning of their training. Most students believe the airplane stalls at a higher angle of attack because the airplane is at a higher pitch attitude when practicing a power on stall maneuver.

The angle of attack is, "the difference between where the airplane points and where (in the up and down sense) it goes." -Wolfgang Langewiesche

Good bye Mathias, you will be sorely missed!

Yale University Offers Free Astronomy Course



Check out Professor Bailly discuss Newton's laws, as well as many other frontiers and controversies in Astrophysics, in his first lesson of the semester at Yale University. You can even download the course onto your ipod.

For more information, log on to:
<http://oyc.yale.edu/astronomy/frontiers-and-controversies-in-astronomy/content/sessions/lecture01.html/>

Miramar Air Show

Driving on the I-15 along Miramar and seeing the various military aircraft and civilian aircraft doing flips and rolls was a tell-tale sign that once again San Diego was preparing for its annual MCAS Miramar Airshow. The annual airshow brought back the US Navy's Blue Angels after the Air Force Thunderbirds took their place last year putting on a great performance yet disappointing many die-hard Blue Angel fans that reside in San Diego County.

The 2008 Airshow was held October 3rd, 4th, and 5th and was expected to draw 700,000 people. Last year the Miramar Airshow won the Dick Schram Memorial Community Relations Award for the world's best military airshow. It is considered one of the most prestigious air shows in the United States and it is an honor to be included in it as a pilot. Only the best of the best get to perform which makes it a wonderful show.

Among the many pilots was Sean D. Tucker performing in his red modified Pitts bi-plane accompanied by his 26 year old son Eric Tucker performing in his Extra. Together their



performance was an amazing act. Sean Tucker's bi-plane flipped in ways you never would have thought an airplane could flip. He also did other stunts that left the audience in awe.

The main attraction was, of course, the Blue Angels. With their glistening blue and yellow paint and flying in their signature diamond formation it was truly a sight to see. Even to those that have seen them before, it is always amazing to see their beauty and perfection. There were also many other great day performances including the Marine Air-Ground Task Force Demonstration, John Collver's SN-J Texan, Shockley's jet truck, The Patriots jet team, Bill Reesman's Mig-17, Ed Hamill flying the Air Force

Reserve Biplane, the US Army Golden Knights and the F-18, F-16, AV-8B Harrier, and F-22 demonstrations, along with many more flying performances. The twilight show brought a whole new perspective. With fireworks trailing off the wings and other pyrotechnics coming off of Bill Leff's SN-J Texan, it lit up the dark sky in a unique way.

Unfortunately, due to low cloud cover, many flying demonstrations had to be cancelled. The fireworks show was spectacular as the fireworks were synchronized with various patriotic songs. Also, the record setting Great Wall of Fire is always featured to top off the night.

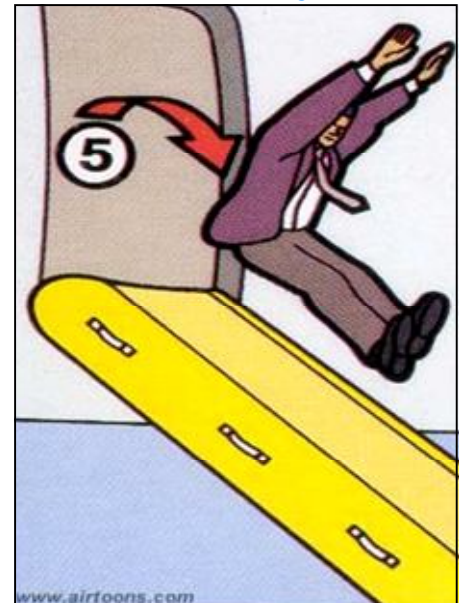
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Thermal Air Show



On Saturday, November 1, 2008 the 4th annual "Thunder Over The Desert" Jacqueline Cochran Air Show will be held at: Jacqueline Cochran Regional Airport 56850 Higgins Drive Thermal, CA 92274

Cartoon of the Day:



In the event of an aircraft evacuation, style points will be given according to style and artistic impression.

NASA Aeronautics Scholarship

If you are an undergraduate or graduate student currently enrolled at a University, or you plan on attending a University in Fall 2009, then you should apply to the NASA Aeronautics Scholarship.

NASA's Aeronautics Research Mission Directorate will be awarding undergraduate students \$15,000 per year for two years and a summer internship, and graduate students will be awarded \$35,000 per year for three years and two summer internships at the NASA Center with \$10,000 stipends.

For more information, log on to:

http://www.nasa.gov/home/hqnews/2008/sep/HQ_08-220_Aero_scholarships.html

Mother Goose Parade



Date: Sunday, November 23, 2008

When: 10:00am

Where: Main Street, El Cajon, California

What: In it's 62nd year, the El Cajon Mother Goose Parade is one of the largest and longest running, televised parades in North America! A staple in the El Cajon calendar year, 2008 holds great promise of an unparalleled guest list of celebrities, floats, and performers!

For more information, go to: www.mothergooseparade.org

NASA Supersonic Flight Project



Attention students, dare to be challenged, research and describe a small supersonic airliner for the purpose of being launched into commercial aviation within the next decade. Even though the technology existed yesterday, after we retired the Concorde, we no longer have any supersonic flights in commercial travel.

Submissions will be judged on informed content, imagination, innovation, creativity, relevancy, organization and writing.

High School students will be awarded \$1,000, or teams will be awarded \$1500. University-level winners may be eligible for paid student internships offers, and cash awards of up to \$5,000.

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http://www.nasa.gov/home/hqnews/2008/sep/HQ_08-219_Aero_competition.html