



New Students

- Xin "Alice" Liu
- Lizhu "Angela" Xu
- Hanbin "Teddy" Xu
- Shang "Jesse" Zhuo
- Chen "Andy" Qu
- Wang "Frank" Yaun-Yi
- Alex Docherty
- Raj Mazumdar
- Srikanth Dasari
- Mihirraj Nemlekar
- Rohit Verma
- Karan Aroskar
- Harkanwal Khera

Trick or Treat! Halloween is Here!

On October 31, many people all around the world celebrate Halloween. In the United States, Halloween is best known as a time for trick-or-treating, costume parties, visiting haunted houses, carving Jack-O-Lanterns, reading scary stories, and watching horror movies.

Irish immigrants carried versions of the tradition to North America in the nineteenth century. Other western countries embraced the holiday in the late twentieth century. Halloween is celebrated in several countries of the Western world, most commonly in Ireland (where it originated), the United States, Canada, Puerto Rico, the United Kingdom, New Zealand, and occasionally in parts of Australia.

Trick-or-treating is an activity for children on October 31st, usually between the hours of 5pm-9pm, which they proceed from house to



house in costumes, and ask for candy by saying, "Trick or treat?", and they will put candy in your bag.

Trick-or-treating is one of the main traditions of Halloween. It has become socially expected that if one lives in a neighborhood with children one should purchase treats in preparation for trick-or-treaters.

Halloween is now the United States' second most popular holiday (after Christmas) for decorating; the sale of candy and costumes are also extremely common during the holiday, which is marketed to children and adults alike. The most popular Halloween costume themes for adults

are, in order: witch, pirate, vampire, cat and clown. Each year, popular costumes are dictated by various current events and pop culture icons. On many college campuses, Halloween is a major celebration, with many people hosting many costume parties.

The National Confectioners Association reported in 2005 that 80 percent of American adults planned to give out candy to trick-or-treaters, and that 93 percent of children planned to go trick-or-treating.

Today, Halloween is a time for fun and games. It is celebrated in many countries. On October 31, kids all around the world will dress up in costumes, go trick-or-treating, and play Halloween games. So however you celebrate Halloween, remember to have fun, and watch out for ghosts!

(Reference: Wikipedia)



Accomplishments

- Raj Singh—PPL
- Deepak Jain—PPL
- Westley Lin—PPL
- Mayur Pawar—PPL
- Nirav Shah—IFR
- Souvik Mondal—IFR
- Prabh Mann—IFR
- Nikhil Warade—
- ComMulti
- Akash Mehra—
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- Eric Chen—
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- Curt Martini—MEI

October Events Around San Diego

• La Mesa Village will be hosting the 35th Annual Oktoberfest on October 3rd (11am-10pm), 4th (11am-10pm), and 5th (12pm-6pm), 2008. Go to: www.lmvma.com for more info.

• On October 3, 4, & 5 MCAS Miramar will be hosting the Miramar Air Show. For more information log onto: www.miramarairshow.com

• On October 4th, the Ninety-Nines will be hosting the annual Poker Run between 10:30am-2:30pm. \$4 for 1 hand, \$10 for 3 hands. For more info, go to: www.sandiego99s.org

• On October 12 and 13, the Columbus Day Parade of San Diego will be celebrated through the streets of downtown. On October

12, 1942, Christopher Columbus mistakenly arrived in America en route to India, sailing across the Atlantic ocean. For more information, go to: www.sandiego.org

Halloween Events:

• *The Keating Hotel*
432 F St, San Diego
Check out the ball on Oct 27. Tickets are \$30 and you must have a mask to get in.

• *Haunted Hotel*
424 Market St, San Diego
The Gaslamp's haunted Victorian mansion features scary movies on weekends throughout the month of October. Also, for \$15, you can take a tour through this really scary, haunted hotel. Tickets sold at the door.

• *Frightmare on Market Street*

530 Market St, San Diego
The Gaslamp's haunted Victorian mansion comes back from the dead with mummies, ghosts, spiders and plenty of screams throughout October.

• *Whaley House Museum*

2482 San Diego Ave, San Diego
Famous as one of America's most haunted houses, this 1865 home may be explored by self-guided or private tours.

• *Balboa Park*

Laurel St at Sixth Ave, San Diego
A guided tour of the spookiest sights and trails in the park is a great free Halloween activity.

• *Monster Manor*

8235 Mira Mesa Blvd, San Diego
Haunted House set up by the Mira Mesa Theater Guild in the Target parking lot with daytime and evening tours.

Safety Culture

The National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) has found that many aviation accidents which are attributed to the pilot's failure to follow established procedures may actually have implications well beyond the pilot's personal beliefs toward safety. In fact, NTSB believes that many accidents can be traced back to the corporate safety culture. But what is a safety culture? Safety culture can be defined as an organization's collective attitude toward safety. In layman's terms, this means everyone "doing the right thing, even when no one is watching."

NTSB believes that an organization's safety culture can be greatly influenced, if not completely set, by the top level management in the company. However, being the organization's

'collective' attitude toward safety, the safety culture becomes a team effort. From a pre-solo student to CFA ownership, we are all responsible for doing our part; "doing the right thing, even when no one is watching." Doing the right thing means making sound decisions, following the checklist, and complying with the FARs and CFA policies and procedures at all times.

Flying can be a great deal of fun, but it also carries an inherent risk. A good safety culture minimizes this risk to an acceptable level. As a team, we can minimize this risk by always doing the right thing and by being a good role model to everyone else. Who are the role models at CFA? We are all role models. Instructors are role models for students. Students in upper level flight courses are role models for students in lower level courses. Senior mainte-

nance technicians are role models for junior technicians. Since people tend to emulate the behavior of their role models, the best way of building a solid safety culture is through being a role model who promotes safety by consistently following all rules and procedures. Let's all do our part by being a good role model for others.

Esa Harvela
Director of Flight Operations



An Interview With One of CFA's Best MEI's, Frank Trenti

Why did you become a pilot?

My Father

If there was one thing you could tell a student as far as safety goes, what would that be?

Listen to what your airplane is telling you, the plane is telling you a story, understand it, look at the big picture. Often times, student pilots focus on one thing at a time, and they tend to miss all the other things that are happening, they need to learn to interpret both the instruments inside the airplane and the environment outside the cockpit.

What type of student is your favorite student?

Students that love to fly. If students study hard and work hard, I can teach them, but if they don't truly love aviation they probably will struggle.

How should a student or a Certified Flight Instructor prepare a student for a checkride?

There are no pop quizzes in aviation. Look at the PTS (practical test standards) you know what they are going to ask of you, there is no excuse for you not to know what is expected of you. You may not have the skill or the experience and you may not be ready, but you know what is expected of you based on the PTS.

How has aviation changed?

In my 20 plus years of flying not much has really changed, except for the increase in housing over the areas that we fly. GPS is really cool though

What about being a CFI do you love?

It can be fun, it is very rewarding, watching people come in with zero flight hours and watching them become pilots. It's fun to watch students achieve things, it is very rewarding. Flying is a life changing experience, you learn things about yourself, things you had no idea about yourself.



What about flying do you love?

Being in the air, looking down at the world beneath you, it's the only place where you can be in three dimensions.

If money was no object, what plane would you fly and why?

The P-51 Mustang, the last of the piston fighters. The romance of flying started in World War II. Kids with as little as 30 hours of flight time would find themselves over the French countryside in a dogfight. During World War II modern aviation was born, it's when we transitioned from biplanes with bicycle wheels into the Jet Age. Mustang pilots were true stick n' rudder jocks unlike the fly by wire computer programmers of modern aviation.

Who is your favorite pilot, and why?

Chuck Yeager, because he was the best, the Michael Jordan of aviation the greatest of all time.

What would you tell a student who has zero flight hours?

Flying is going to challenge you in ways you never thought possible, you will grow as a person and learn new things about yourself. It can be fun, adventurous and rewarding, but it is rarely easy.

What is the worst experience you have ever had with a student?

The times they try to kill me.

When did this happen?

It happens daily (as he smiles)

Is it intentional?

No, never.

Cartoon of the Day:

