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UPCOMING EVENTS

MAR 13TH - 2ND SATURDAY - - GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING TO BE HELD IN THE PILOT'S LOUNGE AT ROBERTS AIR AND LAFANA FLY-IN AT X-51. THE LAFANA FLY-IN WILL COMMENCE IN THE MORNING ABOUT 0900 . SINCE WE HAVE NO VOLUNTEERS TO BE THE CHEF THERE WILL BE NO BREAKFAST.. COME ONE, COME ALL AND BRING SOME STORIES TO HANGER FLY WITH. THERE IS LOTS TO TALK ABOUT SO BE THERE.

MAR 16TH - FAA SAFETY SEMINAR - THERE IS A CFI WORKSHOP IN MIAMI ON THE 16TH. CHECK FOR SPACE AVAILABLE. FOR OTHERS: <https://www.faasafety.gov/SPANS/events/EventList.aspx>

MAR 27TH - FLYOUT TO BE ANNOUNCED AT THE MEETING WITH OUR NEW FLYOUT CHAIRMAN.

OVER THE HORIZON

1ST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH - UL71 HAS THEIR GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING AT SW RANCHES AIRPORT (FORMERLY MCIVORS) AT 11AM. HOT DOGS AND HAMBURGERS SERVED.

Don't forget the monthly LAFANA meeting!!!

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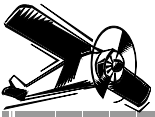
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THE PRESIDENT'S PEN

First of all thanks for all the e-mail responses regarding the monthly meeting venue. Nothing like stirring up the democratic process to get things done. The purpose of the "NEW MONTHLY MEETING PLACE" post was to inspire more members to get involved and come out and enjoy their membership privileges.

It looks like the proposal is we will meet on the second Saturday of the month at 11:00 am at the Chickee Hut at the Homestead Jet Center (I will get the permission), we can have lunch right after or during the meeting...It will all be discussed at the Monthly Meeting. Until we settle in at the new meeting place I propose that we bring our own KFC or whatever to eat for lunch after the meeting.

The owner of the Jet Center attended two of Lafa's Hog Roasts at Richards Field and was inspired to host his own Hog Roasts to draw friends and business to his FBO, which were a success! I feel that it will be a win win for both of us.

COOL STUFF NEW TO ANNOUNCE:

I have been in contact with Mr. Rick Sante EAA Chapter 620 (Tamiami Airport) he is the chapter's EAA Young Eagle Flight Coordinator. Rick would like to be our guest speaker at our April meeting to discuss their success with the program. It's about time we "Teamed Up" with other EAA chapters to learn more about how they benefit from their EAA membership.

Mr. Mike Handrahan, Tamiami Airport Manager, has been a Lafa supporter for going on twenty years. When he was the Homestead Airport Manager he worked for years to get Lafa's Ultralight Field approved by the Dade County Aviation Department and the FAA, one of the very few Ultralight Fields approved on a Government owned airport in the entire USA. He has asked Lafa to help FINISH the NEW 2,500 foot grass runway at Homestead on Saturday, March 20, 2010. The materials are purchased (cement 18 X 18 stepping stones) and will be delivered at the field in the next couple of weeks. It will entail setting markers every 200 feet and putting in 4 (cement bags) corner markers. Dade County Aviation Department does not have funding for the labor to get this done. I gave Mike my personal guarantee that Lafa would STEP UP and get it done. Let's schedule our fly out to this work detail and FINISH THE RUNWAY! We can make a BBQ with Lafa funds.

Our beloved Public Information Officer (PIO) Rafael Lima will advise how he is coordinating the event with the press in a follow up e-mail.

Thanks for the support,

Rich Bragassa

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**SEL/MES=SingleEngineLand/MultiEngineSea

** ACL = Aerodynamic Control Land

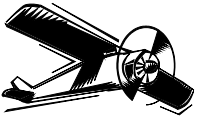
** ACS = Aerodynamic Control Sea

* CFI = Certified Flight Instructor (GA)

** WSL = Weight Shift Land

BFI AND AFI INSTRUCTORS TO END 31 JAN 2008

* TYPE	NAME	** CLASS	TRAINER	PHONE #
CFI	Rob Mixon	SEL	Citabria 7ECA Basic Aerobatic Training	(863)465-5472 (305)336-3787(C)
CFI	Dick Bronnenberg	WSL	Trike	(954) 328-7468
CFII	Graham Harward	SEL/MES	GA Type	(305)283-0400



LAFa MEETING MINUTES & Secretary's Notes

DATE: Saturday, 02/13/2010
CALLED TO ORDER: 9:00 am

OFFICER PRESIDING: Richard Bragassa, President
SILENT MEMBER ROLL CALL: 9 Total

MEMBERS PRESENT (in no particular order): Barry Hawkes, Ron, Claire and Ida Andersen, Dick Bronnenberg, Rich Bragassa, Patrick Joyce, Bob Rubbio & John Sauvigne.

INTRODUCTIONS: None

TREASURER REPORT: It was reported that we have \$4,800.00 in the bank. Expenses for the previous month were \$90 for LAFa Deposit Box, \$227 Chapter Insurance & \$70 mailbox rental.

SAFETY OFFICER REPORT: Check the weather several times a day, last minute storms can change things drastically. Be aware that the winds can come from different directions depending on the location of the airport, don't assume.

CHEF's REPORT: Thanks to Jeff Obeirmeyer for providing such great breakfasts at our LAFa meetings this past year. Unfortunately, we no longer have a chef and no one has volunteered to take over. There have been several suggestions regarding the LAFa breakfast. Some suggestions were to do without breakfast all together or reduce the breakfast to simply coffee and donuts.

ANY OTHER REPORTS: NONE

OLD BUSINESS:

The new officers for 2010 are: Rich Bragassa-President, Ron Andersen-Vice President, Paul Davies-Treasurer, Barry Hawkes-Safety Officer, Web Editor, Newsletter Editor, Fly-Out Chairman-Graham Harward, Secretary-Bob Rubio, Public Information Officer-Rafael Lima.

NEW BUSINESS:

Rafael Limo, LAFa's Public Information Officer, is planning to start a Face Book site for LAFa.

We discussed possibly changing the LAFa meeting times to later in the morning or during lunch, it would give everyone more time to fly in the morning.

Rich Bragassa stated that the airport will be starting to expand the UL runway shortly. They asked if LAFa would volunteer to help install cement markers for the runway borders.

LAFa needs to build a teaming effort, invite other EAA chapters to our events.

EAA chapter at Tamiami Airport is planning a booth at the Youth Fair.

Patrick Joyce will be available for design work on the LAFa website for banners, etc.

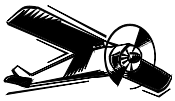
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THE INSTRUCTOR'S CORNER

This month - "Happy Landings"

By "Cap'n Bob" Musgrove, USUA Basic Flight Instructor - *Retired*

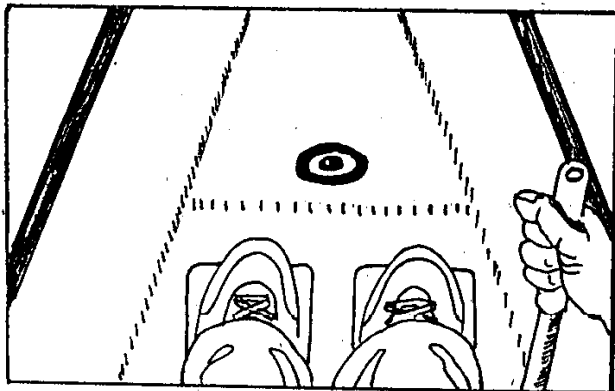
It has been said - flying is the second greatest experience known to man . . . landing is the first! If that is so, then the smoother the better!

The greatest difficulty to producing a smooth landing is determining my exact height above the runway. To make it easy, I can look at the horizon (or end of the runway if the horizon is not clear) before take-off and during acceleration to make a mental "picture" of what it will look like on the landing. The combination of the view of the horizon and my peripheral (side) vision sensing velocity and the ratio of "ground-to-sky" will give me a much better idea of my altitude (and rate of ascent or descent) than looking at a spot on the ground. And by-the-way, it also makes it easier for me to keep my wings level.

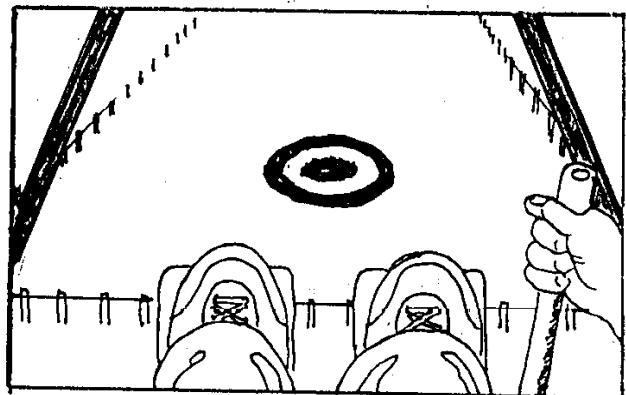
During the last phase of the landing approach, I begin glancing at the end of the runway to avoid "target fixation" on the landing spot I have been looking at for the entire approach. At about five feet above the runway, I shift to the horizon (remember the picture?) to allow my peripheral vision to give me position clues for "zeroing-in" on that last inch! It works!

Many Happier Landings!

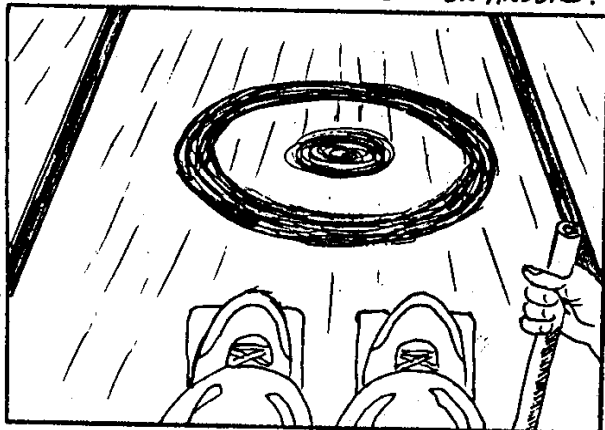
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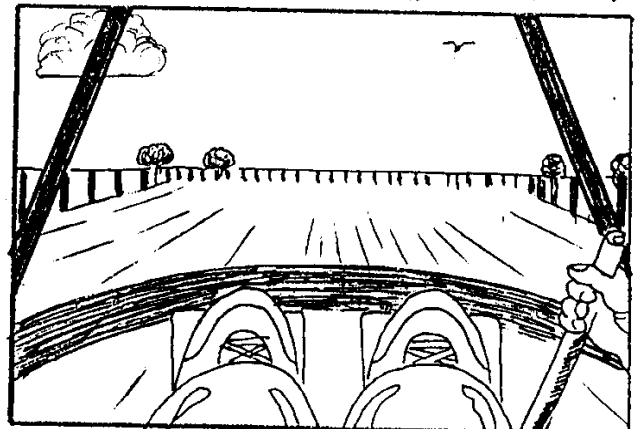
FINAL APPROACH - 100' LOOK AROUND!



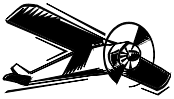
25' BEGIN GLANCING AT THE HORIZON



5' UP, 10' AHEAD, SHIFT EYES TO HORIZON



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Safety Pen,

Scheduled Maintenance,

I just flew a few more hours over, or I just don't have the time right now to get it done right now.

How many times have you heard this or said it yourself. Let me tell you that scheduled maintenance is really important.

The manufacturers have spent a lot of time testing their product to see when maintenance is required. My many years of experience has shown me many different situations that could have been corrected if caught early.

Whether it is checking the valve clearance or inspecting the firing pin on an Ejection seat, they can sometimes be catastrophic. Finding a problem before it happens is always better than finding it after it happens. It usually cost's more to find the latter.

Oh! "That bolt doesn't look that worn", or "I think it will last a little longer" could be the words that you eat later.

Sometimes it is difficult to get to some of the things that need inspecting, but you must press on and get them all. I have seen where you took your car in for a tune up and #8 spark plug is really hard to get at. Well, they all got changed except for #8. What the heck, most got changed and they really weren't that bad. This is bad news for a car, what about your plane?

Have a safe flying year and "keep 'em Turnin"

Barry Hawkes



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