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GHAFI NEWS

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February 2012

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

January 21st FIRC

I counted 38 in attendance at the Phase I FIRC held January 21st at San Jacinto Community College. Thanks to the speakers named below and thanks to John VanPaasschen for lining up another group of great speakers for the FIRC. See FIRC report in this newsletter. Welcome to new members who joined at the FIRC, J. L. Hill, Larry Smith, and L. D. Stephenson.

February 16th Board Meeting

The next board meeting is scheduled for February 16th at the Spaghetti Warehouse, 901 Commerce (at Travis) in downtown Houston. All GHAFI members are welcome; cocktails at 7 and dinner/meeting at 7:30. The agenda includes discussion of activities for March, such as a Fly-Out, and preliminary discussion of nominations of new officers and directors. The nominating committee is working on a slate of officers and directors for the coming year and looking for volunteers, nominations, etc. If you would like to serve during the coming year, please contact Greg White. Remember: "Every person owes a part of his time and money to the business or industry in which he is engaged. No one has a moral right to withhold his support from an organization that is striving to improve conditions within his sphere." – President Theodore Roosevelt, 1908.

Mark Scott,
President.

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FLIGHT PLAN

BOARD MEETING

(All members welcome)
Thursday, February 16, 2012
The Spaghetti Warehouse
901 Commerce (at Travis)
Houston, TX

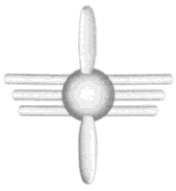
Cocktails 7:00 pm
Dinner/Meeting 7:30 pm

Agenda:

Plans for March fly-out
Officer/Director Nominations for June Election

PILOT REPORT

We started out with the National Airspace System and Collision Avoidance presented by Chris Lee and Russ Cooper from Houston Center. The next session was Weather Analysis and Risk Management by Bob Wilhoite, Weather Instructor with the Aviation Department of San Jacinto College. Finished off the morning with Safety of Flight through Accident Analysis by L D Stevenson. After lunch we continued with Aircraft Control presented by David Henderson; Stall, Spin and Lift indicators presented by Tim Short; and finished the day with Non-towered Airport Procedures by Rodney Jochens, after which the test for members participating in the GHAFI renewal process was taken.



RICK'S CORNER

What a wonderful and mild winter we have had to enjoy. This has been a great year and the weather has given us all a wonderful opportunity to fly and instruct. Speaking of instructing, let's remember the old rule of "the jobs not finished until the paperwork is done". This goes for us all, including myself. I am finding several missing endorsements in applicant's logbooks, really bad logbook entries, and horrible totaling of columns. No matter what the exam, pvt, com, instrument, multi, cfi, cfia, ect., if it requires an endorsement and 8710, it requires a 61.39a endorsement. I am not exempt. I preach this and try to always catch it, but in my recent FAA observation, the inspector notice it was missing after I had reviewed the logbook. Egg on my face, that's one I always catch. The only other area I want to cover is class A airspace. Most of you nor your students fly in it, so you don't teach it. If they are legal to fly into an airspace then they need to know the airspace and it's requirements and procedures. Just a quick review with them of FAR 91.135, 3-2-2 of the AIM, glossary definition of controlled airspace, and 7-2-1,7-2-2,7-2-3 of the AIM will give them the exposure they require to answer the scenario I will present them during the ground discussion of the exam.

We are getting back on track to good instructing with all the changes the industry is going through right now. Keep up the good work and keep flying safety in the forefront of every flight.

Available dates for this month are: Feb. 8th, 10th, 11th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th, 18th, 19th, 22nd 23rd.

Thanks again

Regards,
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FAA SAFETY

Learn something on every flight. Your instructor or flight school should have a syllabus for training. Use it to determine what knowledge and skill you should expect to acquire on each flight, and focus on wringing the maximum amount of learning and experience you can get from every hour you fly. Although there are times when the repetition of skill-based maneuvers is the most effective way to learn, scenario-based training that provides a real-world training experience (e.g., taking your family on a vacation trip) can significantly enhance your learning opportunities.

Earn something on every flight. The aeronautical knowledge and experience requirements for each certificate, rating and endorsement are clearly set out in 14 CFR part 61. Try to ensure that each flight provides some element that takes you closer to your goal.

New Challenge

Not every opportunity to add experience requires a certificate, rating, or endorsement. A new aviation challenge could be just the ticket to making you a more "compleat" aviator. The opportunities in the new challenge category are nearly boundless, but here are a few possibilities:

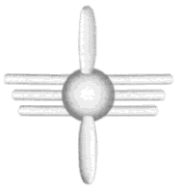
Glass cockpit familiarization training. Through many pilot these days start and finish their training in glass cockpit aircraft, this technology may still be unfamiliar to others. Even if you plan to fly your favorite round-dial airplane forever, you might find it both interesting and useful to sample from the glass cockpit menu. If you are instrument-rated, hire an instructor to show you the basics of an RNAV(GPS) approach to LPV minimums.

Specialized training. ...I have also learned a great deal from taking several courses in upset and unusual attitude recovery. Aerobatic training is still on my personal "compleat" aviator's to-do list.

Cross-country trip. No, I mean a real cross-country trip, the kind that takes you shore to shore. A Cessna T206 trip to Arizona and back with flying friends in 2009 still ranks as one of the greatest and best opportunities I have ever had for aviation learning and experience.

Bottom line: When it comes to opportunities to add experience and become a more compleat aviator, the sky is the limit.

Excerpt from *The Compleat Aviator* by Susan Parson in *FAA Safety Briefing*, September/October 2011 issue. Full copies of this on line magazine can be found at www.faa.gov/news/safety_briefing



OUR ORGANIZATION

Greater Houston Association of Flight Instructors (GHAFI)
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Houston, TX 77084
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A professional association for the promotion of aviation safety and instructor education, standards and welfare.

RENEWING MEMBERS

Thanks to renewing members Eddie Beretvas, Alan Fox Robert Hans, Ron Hudson, Gideon Jones, Ted Miller, Al Muller, Harry Stenvall, and Gary Whitfield.

Welcome new member L.D. Stevenson, and welcome back to previous members J.L. Hill and Larry Smith.

Dues are now due for Ed Rivas (March), Jerry Bodhaine, and Tim Short (February).

Current Membership

Table with 2 columns: Category and Count. Rows include January Total (59), New Members (3), Late Renewals (0), Expired (2), and February Total (60).

Greater Houston Association of Flight Instructors
19728 Saums Road, PMB #141, Houston, Texas 77084
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

Name _____

Mailing Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Business Phone _____

Pilot Certificate _____ Number _____

Ratings _____

Flight Instructor Certificates _____ Number _____

Ground Instructor Certificates _____ Number _____

Please list FBOS, airports, areas where you do most of your work:

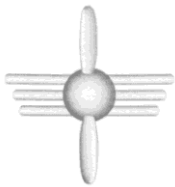
Membership, per year:

*Active (for flight and Ground Instructors Only) \$35.00_____

*Associate (Other) \$30.00_____

E-mail address: _____

Date: _____ *Signature: _____



THE BENEFITS OF GHAFI

The Greater Houston Association of Flight Instructors seeks to provide a forum in which the Flight Instructor Community can display their wares, hone their skills and unite with their peers to raise the level of competence, safety and stature of Aviation Education.

The ultimate goal of the Association is to develop a system of Teamwork within the Aviation Industry that will allow us to work together toward a common goal, to direct individual accomplishment toward organizational achievement and to provide the fuel that may inspire common people to attain uncommon results.

WHO: All Flight and Ground Instructors, as well as anyone who is interest in exploring and advancing their aviation education and promoting aviation safety.

WHAT: Free CFI renewal included in membership through participation in quarterly seminars (Flight Instructor Renewal Clinics); free breakfasts; (4) all-day

quarterly seminars; fly-outs; Christmas party, as well as other group activities that may be undertaken by the Association; cash money awards to meeting participants through the *Crying Towel* award; as well as the latest, up-to-the-minute changes in rules, regulations, airspace, etc. for those who really need to know!

WHEN: Quarterly Seminars: January, April, July, October. Quarterly Business Meetings: February, May, August, November. Other quarterly activities: March - flying activity; June - Annual Meeting; September - flying activity; December - Christmas Party.

WHY: "Every person owes a part of his time and money to the business or industry in which he is engaged. No one has a moral right to withhold his support from an organization that is striving to improve conditions within his sphere." President Theodore Roosevelt, 1908. GHAFI offers a program through which we may each give back to the industry that has give so much to us.

OFFICERS

ELECTED:

- President.....Mark Scott (281) 6105813
Vice President.....Greg White (281-859-9476
Secretary.....Carol Brackley (713) 301-5407
Treasurer.....Harry Johnson
Directors.....(above Officers, plus:)
Brian Arnott
Ted Miller
Rick Rawlings
Tim Short
Al Smith
John VanPaasschen
Dick Wilson

APPOINTED:

- Training Director.....Rick Rawlings (281)456-3248
Clinic Director.....John VanPaasschen (713) 690-8523

CALENDAR

- FEBRUARY 16, 2012
Board Meeting*
MARCH, 2012
Fly-Out
APRIL 21, 2012
Saturday FIRC
MAY 17, 2012
Board Meeting*
JUNE, 2012
Annual Meeting
JULY 21, 2012
Saturday FIRC
AUGUST 16, 2012
Board Meeting*

*Open to Active Members