

JETSTREAMS

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Is anyone else just completely sick and tired of the weather? We recognize that we need the rain, but this is depressing. However, since there is nothing to be done other than wait it out, we are going to put together a couple of Aviation Seminars over the next few months. Details on these seminars will follow in separate emails as soon as we have the dates and times set. In the meantime, if you have suggestions as to safety seminars that you would like to see offered at Ahart, please let either of us (Bill or Lysa) know and we will work to put one together for our customers and employees.

Despite the poor weather we still have a large number of achievements for the month. As always, we are very proud of all of our students and congratulate them on their successes!

Happy flying!

Lysa Wollard and Bill Komanetsky

January Achievements

Vijay Jangeed
 Solo
 Casey Topalian

Baljeet Singh
 Solo
 Casey Topalian

Akshay Rathee
 Solo
 Steve McEachern

Neeraj Chugh
 Solo
 Andrew Foo

Sarabjeet Sachdeva
 Solo
 Anthony Porta

Aneesh Raina
 Solo
 Casey Topalian

Yogesh Chhabra
 Solo
 Steve McEachern

Amit Kumar
 Private
 Ryan Williams

Kevin Chen
 Private
 Anthony Porta

Peaush Sehgal
 Instrument
 Tim MacHugh

Brijesh Kumar
 Commercial SEL
 Ryan Williams

Porter
 Com MEL
 Tim MacHugh

Brad McFarlane
 ATP
 James Hubbard

**FLIGHT INSTRUCTOR OF THE MONTH:
 Tim MacHugh**

Upcoming Events at Ahart

Accelerated Private Pilot Ground School
 Friday, February 15th thru Sunday, February 17th 0900 to 1800 **\$475**

Accelerated Commercial Pilot/ Flight Instructor Ground School
 Friday, February 29th thru Sunday, March 1st 0900 to 1800 **\$475**

CFI Refresher Clinic
 Saturday, March 9th thru Sunday March 10th 0900 to 1800 **\$150**

All seminars are presented by Fred Abrams of Abrams Aviation. Please contact Fred at fred@abramsaviation.com with any questions.

Weather Tips

by Terry Lankford

The winter season, with its cool temperatures and usually excellent weather between storms, offers some exceptional flying opportunities. But, like the summer season, winter flying poses its own unique set of hazards.

One hazard—especially this year—is snow and ice covered runways. Airports (even with elevations as low as 3000 feet) may be covered with snow and ice, especially following storm passage. The importance of checking NOTAMs can't be overemphasized! NOTAMs provide airport and runway conditions and may include runway braking action reports. The airport may be closed! Consider your experience and training. Are you comfortable landing on a runway with snow and ice, with braking action poor or nil? How much clearance is required with an airplane equipped with "wheel pants"?

IFR pilots consider this: You may have to descent through an icing layer to a snow or ice covered runway. Any ice on the airplane will be carried all the way to ground! You may be faced (pardon the pun, but I can't help it) with no forward visibility through the ice covered windscreen.

Without proper training and experience, we have no business attempting to land on a snow or ice covered runway. One unfortunate pilot recently encountered this hazard. Attempting to land on a snow covered runway the airplane flipped. These photos, courtesy of the Oregon State Police, graphically bare this out.

As my buddy and ex-Army aviator puts it: "Cowardess is the better part of valor!" Although I usually hate clichés, this is all too appropriate, "Safety to NO accident." Have fun out there, but be careful.



The Flying Gourmet

by Jim Jellison

Since it is a brand new year I thought what better way to start than reviewing the restaurants I have written about and listing, "in my humble opinion," the best.

Dinner

#1 Sierra Nevada Brewery, Chico – The steaks and beers are wonderful and the ambiance is unique.

#2 The Harris Ranch, Coalinga – I recommend the pot roast but you can't go wrong with anything on the menu. The Coffee Shop is less formal than the dining room and you can get seated faster.

#3 The City Hotel, Columbia – Since suffering a kitchen fire a couple of years ago it has change ownership and menu selections and they aren't as "gourmet" as they used to be- hence the slide to # 3.

Lunch

#1 Matthew's, Paso Robles – Absolutely wonderful food right on the field. Probably the best little "airport" restaurant I have found.

#2 Peter Chu's, Redding – A great Chinese restaurant with a huge menu selection and extremely reasonable prices.

#3 The Mendocino Hotel, Mendocino – Where you can get a great sandwich while enjoying a view of the beautiful blue Pacific.

Breakfast

#1 The Wings Grill, Auburn - Great place to sit outside enjoying your morning coffee and eggs while watching airport operations.

#2 The Sky Kitchen, San Carlos - If you love omlettes they got' em and with just about anything you can think of adding to it.

#3 Lodi Cafe – Just around the corner, open at 7AM, and I highly recommend the Pilot's Special with sausage.

Flying somewhere to eat combines two of my favorite things. I could add another but I don't think that it's legal to do while your piloting an aircraft. A government salary and family obligations have always limited the time and money I could devote to flight time. So, my flying has been mostly local but at least I'm able to fly and after thirty years I'm still thrilled each time those three wheels leave the ground.