

# JETSTREAMS

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*This has probably been the busiest January that Ahart has ever seen. With the beautiful weather and dedicated flight instructors we have managed to graduate an unprecedented number of candidates this month. Congratulations to all!!*

*The remodel has been completed here at the office and anyone who has not been by in a while should make a point of stopping in to see how well it turned out. We are looking forward to getting the Seminole back on line next week, anyone wanting to schedule the twin may do so beginning Wednesday or next week. Fred Abrams' Accelerated ground schools are being offered in March, April and May, please read the related article for more information or call the front desk. We will be adding more classes throughout the rest of Winter and Spring, keep an eye out for emails regarding upcoming events.*

*Happy and safe flying,*

*~Lysa Wollard*

## January Achievements

Jason Proulx

Solo  
Derek Sellers

Geoffrey Bolton

Solo  
Rob Goldman

Brandon Bartell

Solo  
Nick Beesely

Mike Oppido

Private  
Bill Komanetsky

Nima Baiati

Private  
Derek Sellers

Satoshi Ikeda

Private  
Steve McEachern

Sachin Malik

Private  
Lysa Wollard

Jaiden Maeng

Instrument  
Neal Beuerman

Pascal Villeveille

Instrument  
Tim MacHugh

Barry Starkman

Instrument  
Bill Komanetsky

Jason Hinton

Comm SingleEngine Addon  
Neal Beuerman

Jaiden Maeng

Commercial MultiEngine/IFR

Bill Komanetsky

PART 61 Chief Flight Instructor

**FLIGHT INSTRUCTOR OF THE  
MONTH:  
Derek Sellers**

## Abrams Aviation Accelerated

- ATP Ground School March 23rd and 24th, 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM  
Cost of course is \$450,
- Instrument Rating Ground School March 30 through April 1st, 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM  
Cost of course is \$450
- Private Pilot Ground School April 13th to 15th, 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM  
Cost of course is \$450
- Commercial/Flight Instructor May 18th to 20th, 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM  
Cost of course is \$450

**There is a \$50 discount for early enrollment, 30 days or earlier!**

## The Flying Gourmet

by Jim Jellison

For me an aircraft is a magic carpet that I can use during the week to take me someplace that would only be accessible to most people on the weekends. I can usually depart Livermore within an hour of leaving work, be at my destination within another hour or so, have a wonderful dinner, and arrive back home at a reasonable hour. This is the routine that I have fallen into that seems to work well for me. Everyone that I have taken with me over the years has marveled at just how easy having an aircraft can transform almost any weekday evening into a mini weekend escape.

One recent evening I piloted a magic carpet for an easy flight to Jackson Westover (O77) which allows access to many great places to eat and offers enough of a change in surroundings that you will believe you are farther away than you actually are. There are two categories that most of the places that I write about fall into. First, the easy access, inexpensive, good home town cookin kind of place and second, the little bit different, romantic, up scale, have to take a taxi to kind of place. This review falls into the latter category. The Jackson Westover airport is located so that in any direction you travel off the plateau will lead you to a town within just a few miles. Sutter Creek is one of my favorites, named after John Sutter, the owner of the sawmill in Coloma where gold was first discovered. There are plenty of restaurants on the main street but I was looking for something a little different and special and I found it on Eureka Street. Susan's Place is much more than a restaurant. It's a wine bar that also retails Sierra foothill wines. Its advertised as featuring fresh Mediterranean fare with a casual sophistication, not something you would expect to find in the foothills. Susan's Place has been around since 1988 and even though it isn't hard to find, when you know where to look, the taxi driver had to pull out a map! Susan Carter, the proprietor, refers to herself as an innovative chef, friend, food and wine lover and all of these qualities are apparent in her food and her establishment.

The restaurant is aglow with miniature lights and candles with the sound of a tumbling water fountain and cooing doves to greet you as you enter. There is plenty of patio dinner space available but since the evening was cooling off rapidly I elected to be seated inside. Tables are arranged so that they are off by themselves separated by grape arbors, bookshelves and café curtains. Greek music was playing in the background and I really did feel that I was somewhere along the Mediterranean. I ordered the cheese manicotti with lobster alfredo which was preceded with wonderful bread and signature dipping sauce and a spring green salad with Susan's special dressing. My friend ordered Pop's Greek Pot Roast, which was flavored with ginger and simmered in pan gravy. Although my dinner was fabulous, I plan to order the Pot Roast next time. For dessert I had the apple spice cake with sour cream icing and caramel sauce, delicious!

O22 is located approximately 67 nautical miles NNE of Livermore. Check out Susan's web site at [www.susansplace.com](http://www.susansplace.com). Pioneer Cab can be summoned by calling (209) 223-3335.

## Some Recent Events

by Terry Lankford

With respect to accident statistics and scenarios we often appear to emphasize the negative. This is not the intention. The goal is accident prevention. We learn through training and experience. The review of incident and accident scenarios is specifically intended to help prevent pilots from becoming statistics.

Let's concede that hindsight is always "20-20"! It's all too easy to sit back in a favorite armchair and analyze and criticize someone else's performance or decisions. So, when we review an incident or accident let's not judge or blame. (The Brazilian accident between an airliner and Lear is an excellent example of judge and blame. The politicians, media, and lawyers have blamed everyone—and apparently without any need for factual information.) Our only goal is prevention through education.

Closer to home we have the tragedy of the Comair flight at Lexington, Kentucky. The NTSB has finally released the cockpit voice recordings.

The crew was chatting as they taxied out. Any distraction during this phase of flight must be avoided. We can take a **lesson**: Don't allow any distractions or unnecessary conversation until your well clear of terminal airspace. (The same holds true for arrivals.)

There was construction at the airport. The ATIS should have provided all pertinent NOTAMS. (Uncontrolled airports would have published NOTAM Ds.) **Lesson**: Always check, review, and *understand* all airport NOTAMS prior to taxi.

The crew apparently commented on the runway not being lit. **Lesson**: When we're cleared for take off, at night, and there are no runway lights, *something's wrong*. We all know night operations present additional hazards and require additional caution. Situational awareness on the ground is just as important as in the air—day or night.

It's so easy to become complacent. Our flying becomes routine. So, we must consciously guard against overlooking the checklist, failing to check weather and NOTAMS—even on local flights, guessing at fuel quantity rather than verifying. As the saying goes: "Aviation in itself is not inherently dangerous. But to an even greater degree than the sea, it is terribly unforgiving of any carelessness, incapacity or neglect."

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