

JETSTREAMS

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The month of August is a very special month for Lysa because it marks the anniversary of the date Lysa purchased Ahart Aviation from the original owner. The past 5 years have been really amazing. We have had the opportunity of flying with some of the best pilots and teaching many students who have gone on to have careers in aviation all around the world. Ahart has grown from a single airplane operation to a fleet of over 20 aircraft and a staff of 30 employees. A year and a half ago Bill Komanetsky became an equal partner in Ahart and with his enthusiasm and input we have seen ever more success.

We owe this success to our customers and employees without you we would just be sitting here in a large office surrounded by a bunch of airplanes! We always like to take this edition of JetStreams to tell all of our customers and staff thank you for your support and patronage over the years.

*Happy and Safe Flying!
Lysa and Bill*

July Achievements

Kuldeep Sekhon

Solo

Lysa Wollard

Prateek Verma

Solo

Lysa Wollard

Shivani Narayan

Solo

Jeff Willwerth

Ryan Mitchell

Solo

Robert McInturff

Benjamin Eldridge

Solo

Jeff Willwerth

Bob Laing

Private

Nick Beesley

Ankit Malhotra

Private

Jeff Willwerth

Tommy Lin

Private

Jeff Willwerth

Mandeep Kaur

Private

Clint Eakle

Vincent Chao

Private

Jeff Willwerth

Michael Mezzapelle

Private

Brodie Brazil

Jasmeet Johar

Private

Casey Topalian

Nikhil Panjwani

Private

Casey Topalian

Sarabjeet Sachdeva

Instrument

Casey Topalian

Jim Fahl

Instrument

Jerry Nemier

Samuel Yang

Instrument

Nick Beesley

Yogesh Chhabra

Instrument and Commercial SEL

Chris Wright

Sam Kochhar

Instrument

Casey Topalian

Tyler Mason

Instrument

Chris Pita

Greg Hugel

Commercial SEL addon

Keith Breton

Jack Chiou

Commercial MEL

Tim MacHugh

Chris Pita

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Anthony Porta

The Graphical AIRMET Product

by Terry Lankford

The AIRMET Bulletin is a scheduled product, valid for six hours with an OUTLOOK for an additional six hours. The Bulletin is divided into three sections: AIRMET SIERRA, AIRMET TANGO, and AIRMET ZULU. Issuance and valid time formats are similar to those used on the Area Forecast. Affected areas are described using VORs on the Weather Advisory Plotting Chart.

Phenomena often moves through the delineated area—only affecting a portion at any specific time—during the forecast period. To help resolve this issue the Aviation Weather Center (AWC) is developing a Graphical AIRMET product.

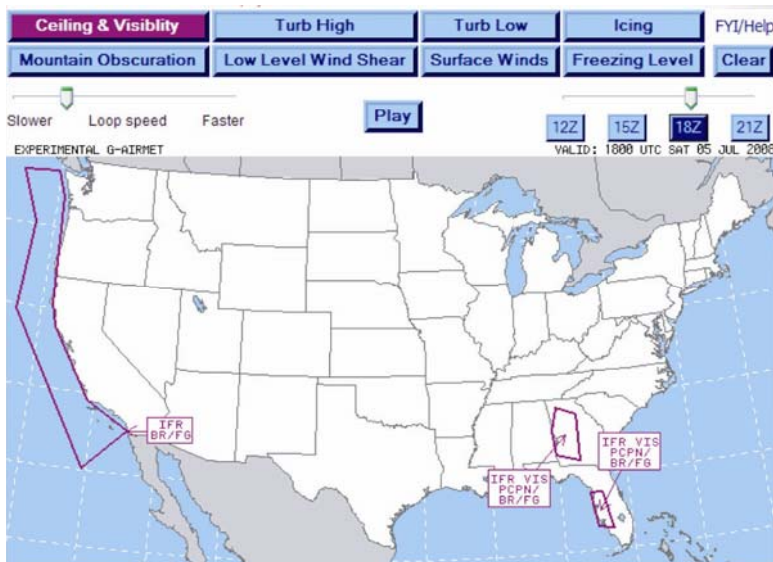
On September 3ed, 2008 the National Weather Service's AWC (www.aviationweather.gov) will issue Graphical AIRMETs. The G-AIRMET is a time series depiction of aviation hazards. Text AIRMETs will continue, derived from Graphical AIRMET information.



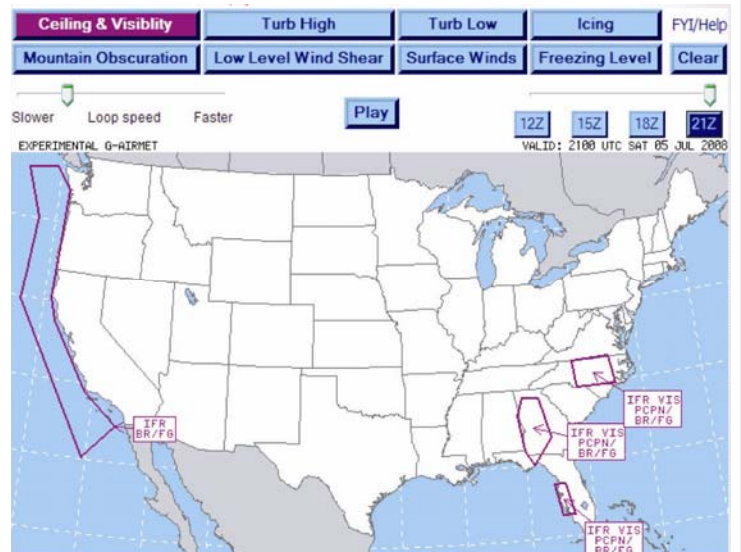
Select the hazard using the appropriate button. To deselect: "Click" the button again or "click" CLEAR. To move through the period use the "valid time" buttons, move the slider bar, or click PLAY to start the "loop." The PLAY button changes to STOP, which can be "clicked" to terminate the "loop." CLEAR resets the page.



At 1500Z IFR conditions have cleared from most of the Washington and Oregon coast, but persist in California. Most of the IFR in the eastern states has dissipated.



At 1800Z IFR along the west coast has cleared most land areas. Some areas of visibilities below 3 miles have developed in the southeast.



At 2100Z IFR conditions only affect a few areas along the northern California and Oregon coasts, and the coastal waters. Ariel coverage of IFR visibilities have increased in the south-east.

The Flying Gourmet

by Jim Jellison

Like most of you aircraft nuts, I never tire of air shows. On the other hand, I'm always looking for something a little different just to keep life exciting. This year I discovered an activity that brought three of my favorite things together, good food, beer, and an air show. And all at the same time! It's called, "Wild Brew Yonder" and this event is held annually the third Friday evening in the month of June. It precedes, "Vertical Challenge" a helicopter air show that is held the third Saturday in June. This all takes place at the Hiller Aviation Museum located just off Highway 101 at the San Carlos airport.

The Hiller Museum was founded by Stanley Hiller, a pioneer in the development of the helicopter. Mr. Hiller is right up there with greats like Igor Sikorsky, Frank Piasecki and Arthur Young. Hiller built his first helicopter and taught himself how to fly it in 1944, at the age of nineteen. It might seem like a "no brainer" that this museum would be all about helicopters, but it isn't. It's about aviation from the 1800s to the distant future. What surprised me the most was learning what a great role California, and especially the San Francisco Bay Area played in the development of manned flight. I strongly encourage you to visit this museum and take the kids because there are plenty of interactive things for them to enjoy. Everything from flight simulators, to sitting in a real cockpit of a 747. You will also find that the museum gift store has just about any aviation related item you can think of plus plenty of books.

Now, back to the microbrew fest. The Museum opened its doors at 6 PM and since the temperature was in the 90s I wasn't looking forward to standing on the hot tarmac holding a luke-warm beer. I had talked a friend into coming along and I was more concerned about him being disappointed, since I'm easily entertained. When we got inside we found ice-cold beer and plenty of shaded seating with an unobstructed view of the airfield hence a perfect position for viewing the air show. Our table was in a cabana complete with palm trees and even a waterfall and the best part was that we were strategically located between the food and beer tents.

The buffet dinner consisted of Cesar salad, pasta, roast beef or chicken with vegetables and dinner rolls. I don't know who catered this event but it was very tasty and my friend and I both had seconds. The microbrews on tap were Fire House, Devil's Canyon, and Steelhead, each offering several styles.

The air show began with the "Red Bull" sky diving team jumping from a helicopter, of course, and flying their modified chutes very fast to perfect, pin point landings. The helicopter, a Eurocopter/Messerschmitt Bolkow Blohm BO-105, then began its aerobatic routine which included loops, rolls, and even a lomcevak. Amazing! There were many other helicopter flight demo's that were plenty exciting too, as well as military static displays. It was a lot of fun and I hope to see you there next year.

We are now taking names for our Fall Ground Schools. If you or someone you know are interested in the September Private Pilot or Instrument ground school please call the front desk or stop by to put your name on the list.

We will have details on start dates and class schedules in the September edition of JetStreams!