

Musings from Pilots...

Though I Fly Through the Valley of Death... I Shall Fear No Evil.
For I am at 80,000 Feet and Climbing!
(Sign over the entrance to the old SR-71 operating base Kadena, Japan).

You've never been lost until you've been lost at Mach 3.
(Paul F. Crickmore -test pilot)

The only time you have too much fuel is when you're on fire.

Blue water Navy truism: There are more planes
in the ocean than submarines in the sky.
(From an old carrier sailor)

If the wings are traveling faster than the fuselage,
it's probably a helicopter -- and therefore, unsafe

When one engine fails on a twin-engine airplane you always
have enough power left to get you to the scene of the crash.

Without ammunition, the USAF would be just another
expensive flying club.

What is the similarity between air traffic controllers and pilots?
If a pilot screws up, the pilot dies; If ATC screws up,
...the pilot dies.

Never trade luck for skill.

The three most common expressions (or famous last words) in aviation are:
"Why is it doing that?", "Where are we?" and "Oh Sh ??????!"

Weather forecasts are horoscopes with numbers.

Airspeed, altitude and brains. Two are always needed to successfully complete the flight.

A smooth landing is mostly luck; two in a row is all luck; three in a row is prevarication.

I remember when sex was safe and flying was dangerous.

Mankind has a perfect record in aviation; we never left one up there!

Flashlights are tubular metal containers kept in a flight bag
for the purpose of storing dead batteries

Flying the airplane is more important than radioing your plight
to a person on the ground incapable of understanding or doing anything about it.

When a flight is proceeding incredibly well, something was forgotten.
Just remember, if you crash because of weather, your funeral will be
held on a sunny day.

Advice given to RAF pilots during WWII:

When a prang (crash) seems inevitable, endeavor to strike the softest, cheapest object in the vicinity as slow and gently as possible.

The Piper Cub is the safest airplane in the world; ...it can just barely kill you.
(Attributed to Max Stanley, Northrop test pilot)

A pilot who doesn't have any fear probably isn't flying his plane to its maximum.
(Jon McBride, astronaut)

If you're faced with a forced landing, fly the thing as far into the crash as possible.
(Bob Hoover - renowned aerobatic and test pilot)

If an airplane is still in one piece, don't cheat on it; ride the bastard down.
(Ernest K. Gann, author & aviator)

Never fly in the same cockpit with someone braver than you.

There is no reason to fly through a thunderstorm in peacetime.
(Sign over squadron ops desk at Davis-Monthan AFB, AZ, 1970).

The three best things in life are a good landing, a good orgasm, and, a good bowel movement. The night carrier landing is one of the few opportunities in life where you get to experience all three at the same time.
(Author unknown, but surely someone who's been there)

If something hasn't broken on your helicopter, it's about to.

Basic Flying Rules:

Try to stay in the middle of the air. Do not go near the edges of it. The edges of the air can be recognized by the appearance of ground, buildings, sea, trees and interstellar space. It is much more difficult to fly there.

You know that your landing gear is up and locked when it takes full power to taxi to the terminal.

The December 2006 meeting of Skystreakers R/C was called to order by President Nelson frost at 7P.M. This being the Christmas/Holiday meeting, business was kept to a minimum.

Old Business-0 New Business-0

Plane of the Month:

The only plane present belonged to Bruce Morse. He explained that the "Astro Hog Bipe" had gone through the appropriate aging process, and was recently completed/reworked. The latter day modifications included an engine change for appearance purposes.

We of course held the annual raffles for prize money and certificates. The winners are as follows:

Fuel Raffle Winners: Bill Paine and Dave Edwards

Ray & Robins Gift Certificate Winners : Bill Paine and Bob Cotton

Big Jigundo Cash Winners: Nelson Frost and Mac McLaughlin

Respectfully submitted;
Mac McLaughlin
Secretary

From the President

It certainly was a fun meeting in December. Not just because I happened to win one of the big prizes but because my name was drawn 3 times in a row for it. That is the power of attending every meeting. What is strange is that when I dumped out the tickets for inspection, I couldn't even find my name on a ticket when I dug around for it. I guess some things are just meant to be. ☺ Another interesting thing is that, as I recall, there were no names drawn of people who were not present to win. We usually get to tease at least a couple people for not being there and loosing out. That shows I guess that most of the people who regularly attend, where the same ones who were at the meeting.

I recently discovered that our club is a non-profit corporation in the State of Maine. At least, in past years we were. I was told that some one in the club has been taking care of the paperwork separately. I will be getting in touch with them to make sure things are still being taken care of and our club's status hasn't changed. Other local clubs have been establishing LLC's. I don't see the need to do that as long as we still have our non-profit status.

See you at the next meeting,

Nelson



Plane of the month “Bruce Morse”