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Accident Reports

by C.G. "Hank" Henry, Chief Pilot

When reading an accident report and trying to analyze "what went wrong?" my mind usually turns to the category of "Pilot Error". An accident is not usually caused by a single factor, but by a chain of events. A book could be written about these. The list is long and not limited to –

Personal

Adequate rest Adequate nourishment Late on schedule
Unsettled family problems Medication taken Work stress
Proficiency in aircraft make & model Am I safe to fly?

Planning

Adequate charts and data for route and destination covering terrain, obstructions, facilities, alternate route and destination caused by weather, mechanical, etc., route selection weight and balance, limitations, and how they affect aircraft performance. Fuel availability, present and forecast weather at departure enroute, destination and alternate fuel requirements

Preflight action

Use of checklists and properly completed.

Is aircraft safe to fly?

One more thing before taxiing onto the runway -- ask yourself, "Did I overlook something?"

During Flight

Planning ahead Avoiding distractions Using Check Lists

The accident category that I have difficulty in justifying is "controlled flight into terrain". The pilot flew into a mountain or some other object attached to the earth. The pilot permitted the airplane to enter non-visual visibility conditions, went too far into a canyon, or recklessly flew too low.

"Loss of control" still figures too high as higher performance and more sophisticatedly equipped aircraft gain in popularity. In those aircraft, the pilot must think faster and plan farther ahead in the faster and often more sensitive aircraft. Pilots often get into these airplanes without sufficient knowledge, training and skills as they rush to the fatality list. Just because you have enough money or credit to purchase one of these airplanes, don't go solo or load your family or friends for a flight until you are safely prepared and comfort-

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DATES TO REMEMBER: JULY

4—Independence Day 24—Amelia Earhart Day

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INSTRUMENT PILOT GROUND SCHOOL

10 week course 7:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m.. Licensed Jeppesen Video Presentation! Contact Hank or Stacy to sign up for the fall class!

FAA SAFETY MEETING

Fourth (4th) Tuesday 7:00pm-9:00pm 2nd Floor Observatory, July 26, 2016 FAA Compliance Rules presented by Lance Little and Paul Downs Accident review for our district. Email: carolav8@att.net:

99's MEETING

Second (2nd) Tuesday Every Month, 7:00 p.m., (No meeting in July) Women's Organization of Pilots! Email Becky at nickellb01@att.net, website www.ninety-nines.org.

COMMEMORATIVE AIR FORCE (CAF)

Museum open first and third Saturday of the month 10am-3pm. Meetings 3rd Sunday of the Month at 2:00 p.m., Hangar B-5. Call for tours and flights at 936-697-3237 or the hangar at 281-579-2131 email info@houstonwing.org.

EAA CHAPTER 774 MEETING

Third (3rd) Thursday of the month 7:00 p.m. Terminal Building 2nd floor. For Meeting Information and Announcements Contact Rick Human 281-463-6769. Great Meetings! Join Today.

GHAFI SEMINAR (Greater Houston Association of Flight Instructors)

Saturday July 16, 2016. GHAFI Quarterly FIRC and safety seminars for upstairs meeting room from 8:00 to 4:30. Contact Carol Brackley at carolav8@att.net, or visit website: www.ghafi.org

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JET A	High	Low	Avg
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West Houston Airport	3.75	2.62*	3.33
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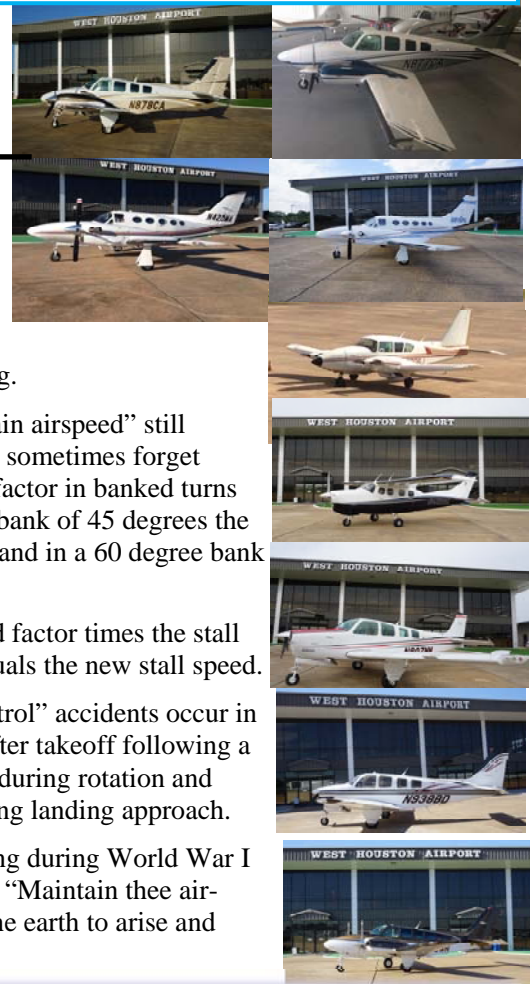
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Accident report continued

avionics that you are having installed.

Distractions or confusion caused by improper communications, use of avionics before being comfortably competent has led to many FAR violations and some serious accidents. Any distraction, whether it be a sinus difficulty, stopped-up ears, a spouse in the other seat, your boss or crying baby in the back, a fast talking controller or other pilots on the radio making non-essential calls may take your attention away from your proper duties. Unless you are flying in instrument meteorological conditions apply 90% of your attention outside and the other 10% in the cockpit, unless you wish to collect some Good-year marks on your head.

Depending on autopilots instead of development and maintaining piloting skills should not be overlooked. Too much dependence on autopilots often leads to complacency and sets the stage for dangerous conditions to develop beyond the pilot's ability to adequately correct them.

Some pilots have actually gone to sleep

while using autopilot because they didn't have sufficient physical activity to keep them alert. Don't forget autopilot malfunctions or being set-up wrong.

"Failure to maintain airspeed" still claims a lot of lives. Pilots sometimes forget about how much the load factor in banked turns affect the stall speed. In a bank of 45 degrees the load factor is about 1.5Gs and in a 60 degree bank the load factor is 2 Gs.

The square root of the load factor times the stall speed with wings level equals the new stall speed.

Most "loss of control" accidents occur in the early part of a climb after takeoff following a surge of elevator pressure during rotation and after power reduction during landing approach.

An old army saying during World War I went something like this – "Maintain thee air-speed unless thy wishith the earth to arise and smite thee".

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