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General Aviation Accident Statistics & Actions



- 40% of all fatal accidents result from Loss of Control (LOC)
- 45% of all accidents occurring during Takeoffs / Landings / Go-Arounds
- Accidents force change everywhere else in aviation BUT NOT IN GA
 - TWA Flight 800 Electrical spark elimination
 - US Air Flight 427 Boeing spent \$500 million to retrofit all 2800 737's rudder systems
 - Colgan Air Flight 3407 Sweeping changes for ATP requirements and pro-pilot training
- It's time to look at alternatives to improve General Aviation safety and address the <u>highest risk phase of flight</u> and <u>training improvements</u>

Solutions – Reducing Loss of Control Accidents



- Two Parts: <u>Technology</u> and the <u>Pilot</u>
- Technology exists to reduce LoC accidents HOWEVER
- Current regulations do not allow easy installation of low cost safety enhancing technologies in Part 23 aircraft
 - AoA systems being the exception
- The most immediate solution is to focus on reducing skill based errors -<u>Training</u>

May 3rd 2016- David Berube, Dana Parenteau and Benjamin Bridges



October 2015 NTSB LoC Forum



Training Has Not Evolved



- Pilot Training is Stuck in the 1970's
 - PPL PTS AoA and Stabilized Approach each mentioned only 1 time in a 119 page document
 - AoA and Critical AoA are not concepts required to be taught
 - Box Pattern sets pilots up for failure.
 - Circular pattern as an alternative

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Training For Safety – Accident Prevention Focus



1. Industry Supported Flight Review

2. Improving the HIGHEST RISK Phase of Flight (Landing Pattern)







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Industry-Supported Flight Review

Training That Supports Accident Prevention



Flight Review - Problem Statement



- Current Flight Review curricula needs to focus more on address accident prevention learning.
- Regulatory knowledge matters, but pilots also need to be taught the <u>skills they need to avoid accidents</u>
- Flight Reviews should focus on <u>accident prevention</u> and less on academic knowledge items



Flight Review – Concept for Solutions



- Nationwide, all-stakeholder effort to implement a standardized Flight Review (FR) program
- Flight Reviews focused on <u>core areas</u> that support accident prevention
- Create an industry-supported standard that CFIs and pilots are compelled to use. Supported with incentives (Industry, vendors, stakeholders etc.)
- A professionally administered FR is the best method to reach "high-risk" pilots



Flight Review – Web Enabled Customization



- Common website to support Flight Review
 - Client "profile" and CFI matching/Scheduling
 - Provide the Client with an electronic menu
 - Choose electives and submit desired topics to the CFI
 - Based on Client input, provide a customized syllabus
 - Certificate upon completion
 - Industry supported incentives and discounts





Flight Review – Four Core Areas of Emphasis



- Loss of control
- Landings / Takeoffs / Go-Arounds
- Fuel & Powerplant Management
- Weather & CFIT

(40% of GA Fatal Accidents)
(45% of All GA Accidents)
(20% of All GA Accidents)
(12% of all GA Accidents)

Core Syllabus Items are Based on Historical GA Accident Data Pilot Decision Making and Accident Prevention are Key Elements

Flight Review – Topics within the Core Syllabus



FAASTeam

FAA Safety Team

- Vx / Vy airspeed control
- Go Arounds
- Proper Go-around techniques
- Startle/distraction response
- AoA awareness and understanding
- Energy management / Lift & Drag considerations





Loss of control (40% of GA Fatal Accidents)

Energy management

Distraction / Startle response

AoA awareness and understanding

Stalls / Slow flight / Recognition & Recovery

How a loss of command precedes a loss of control

- o Circular pattern as an alternative to the box pattern
- o Runway familiarization and performance planning
- o Crosswind landings
- Takeoffs
- o Performance planning including climb gradient, Wt&Bal & density altitude considerations
- o Determining abort points and assessing takeoff performance

- 4. Weather & CFIT (12% of all GA Accidents)
 - o Establishing personal and family minimums
 - VFR into IMC escape strategies
 - o PIREPs
 - o In Cockpit technology and limitations (Wx and Terrain)
 - Buzz job / Reckless operations
 - Radio comm flight service and ATC flight following
 - o Effectively dealing with wx related emergencies
 - o ADM Considerations (preflight and in-flight)

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Flight Review – Summary of Goals



- ✓ Create an GA/Industry/Pilot accepted standard for FR's
- ✓ Provide high quality, standardized and individualized recurrent training for all GA pilots
- ✓ Curriculum that emphasizes <u>accident prevention</u>
- ✓ Website to provide Pilot / CFI resources, curriculum, and scheduling tools
- ✓ Establish MOA's with an array of industry partners so the <u>Certificate of</u> <u>Completion</u> becomes a powerful tool that encourages participation.



The Circular Landing Pattern "AN ALTERNATIVE TO THE TRADITIONAL BOX PATTERN"

A JOINT AOPA / UNIVERSITY OF NORTH DAKOTA (UND) STUDY

April 19th 2016 - Bay Bridge Airport





Safety Hypothesis – It's more than a Circular Pattern



- Achieve increased stabilization and reduce accidents by <u>using three factors</u> in conjunction with one another
 - 1. Reduced pilot workload
 - Constant: Angle of bank, rate of descent, and power settings
 - Configuration changes only performed wings level on the downwind
 - 2. Pattern discipline
 - Defined pattern checkpoints
 - Pre-established parameters with limits to assess errors
 - 3. Teaching pilots stabilized approach concepts, which includes:
 - AoA Awareness
 - Energy Awareness and Energy Management
 - Sterile Cockpit

Testing Alternatives – Circular Landing Pattern



• UND and AOPA Air Safety Institute have partnered to validate the concept.

Three Phases

1. ASI constructed and validation circular pattern through testing and evaluation to ensure it would apply universally to all light GA aircraft



 UND received ASI's work and has conducted preliminary flight test to revalidate and a thorough SMS review



- 3. UND plans to begin the study effort May 2016
 - 1. Flight parameter data-logging and eye-tracking software used to assess stability and workload vs a control group.



Testing Alternatives – Circular Landing Pattern



Circular Pattern



Circular Landing Pattern – Video Overview





Circular Landing Pattern – Long Term Goals



- ✓ Study validates increases in approach stability and safety
- ✓ Engage with FAA to update AIM, PTS and AC 61-98
- ✓ Work with universities and other flight training providers to broadly adopt
- ✓ ASI builds training for existing GA pilots to use the circular pattern
- ✓ Over time, the circular pattern becomes the GA standard



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Questions Flight Review or Circular Pattern

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