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FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Luke Morgan



We live in interesting, challenging and continually changing times. The UK is facing many issues, some of our own making and some circumstantial.

Somewhat typically last year my brother-in-law qualified as an HGV driver, he needed a second income stream and identified HGV driving as good return on his training investment. Haulage has very much hit the headlines lately with not only the chronic shortage of drivers but how terms, conditions and infrastructure in the UK probably all need reviewing. HGV drivers are in demand.

Our own industry's recovery remains slow overall. America opening its' skies in November will

help, however, there is still much work, negotiation and uncertainty ahead. The IPA will continue to offer sound advice and support whenever you need it.

We have our (much overdue) AGM this month at Duxford (13 October 2021) to look forward too. I hope to see as many of you there as possible. If you can make a 'day-out' of it, and you have not visited the museum previously, I can highly recommend it.

Enjoy this quarters' Skypointer.

Best wishes,

Luke Morgan

Chairman

TEM/AIRMANSHIP

By Stephen Hayman



This pandemic has caused lots of problems, loss of loved ones, loss of freedom etc but in aviation terms loss of currency. However on the plus side we have seen communities getting together. Remember the clapping for the NHS, helping the vulnerable and elderly even down to even speaking to neighbours in your street! But for us fliers all we have had has been the odd Zoom meetings, phone calls with friends and the odd socially distanced chat whilst cleaning your beloved machine of yours.

Now we are released and getting back in the air. I am sure you have read lots about the safety issues when returning to flight. TEM or threat and error management is high on the list

and so it should be as it's important.

Unfortunately TEM requires brain activity! For example you have to see and understand the threat, see and understand the error and ultimately manage the outcome. On the other side there is airmanship. Where does this come from? Well you learn it from your wise instructors, glean it from like minded colleagues, or perhaps remember doing something silly last time you flew!

Where am I going with this you might ask.

Well this week I witnessed one of the worst demonstrations of both.

Whilst refuelling my aircraft from a Jerry can of Mogas on the apron at my base I caught sight of a Chipmunk taxiing up to the pumps.

This brought many good memories as I had spent 2 years looking after the Dartmouth College Naval Air Squadron at Roborough (Plymouth) back in the 70s. Anyhow before I knew what was happening my aircraft began to weather cock with the Jerry can still emptying it's contents. I hung on for dear life and several others ran to my aid.

The said Chipmunk pilot decided that a full powered hand brake turn next to the pumps was the right thing to do. Wrong!

This aviator did not look out or he would have seen the refuelling taking place. Hence he did not see the threat and made his error! As for

airmanship, does one remember that fuel pumps are full of fuel and make quite a mess if one collides into it.

All this happening in front of the refurbished hangar, blowing everything into the hangar! You can imagine what the airport management thought of the whole debacle.

The bottom line is on this occasion nothing serious happened, just a lot of blaspheming, followed by a very embarrassed senior pilot who should have know better. It took a while but yes we did get an apology of sorts.

Remember it's not just you flying in your pride and joy there are others too. Happy landings! 🚀



UNION NEWSLETTER

By Phil Flower



Could it be that this winter will be ours of discontent? The lifting of many restrictions has helped get people flying again, but you only have to look into the skies around London to realise passenger numbers will be well down on previous years.

The pandemic is not over and as winter approaches pilots face the very real prospect of further reductions in flying hours. On the 17th of September we held a webinar giving members the opportunity to learn about adding an HGV licence to your skill set so that you have other employment prospects to fall back on if things go badly for you.

As the industry moves into the winter season there will be increasing strain on budgets, and

we know companies are looking for innovative ways to cut their costs. If you are affected the most important thing you can do is let us know as soon as you hear anything. Do not respond to any message without speaking to us first.

If you know of colleagues who are not a member encourage them to join now as we cannot cover pre-existing conditions. This is a message we regularly put out yet on daily basis we still hear from pilots in difficulty who approach us seeking support when they are not members.

We wish you all a safe and secure winter in the knowledge that will support any member facing possible lay off or redundancy, ensuring you are treated fairly and in accordance with the rules. 🚚

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS 2021

The Annual General Meetings of the Independent Pilots Association

(The Association and The Union) will be held on

13th October 2021 at

IWM Duxford

Duxford, Cambridgeshire, CB22 4QR

Members and non-members are invited to attend.

Those attending will have entry to the museum from 10.00

The Directors/Executive Council members look forward to meeting you.

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AGENDA

(provisional)

1. Apologies for Absence.
2. Minutes of the Last Meeting.
3. General Secretary's Report.
4. Chairman's Report.
5. Financial Report.
 - i) Approval of annual accounts and auditor's report.
 - ii) Appointment of bankers.
 - iii) Appointment of accountants.
6. Approval of the following Appointments:
 - i) EC Members.
 - ii) The Chairman.
 - iii) Trustees.
7. Any Other Business.

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Copies of the minutes of the last meetings and accounts for year end June 2019 will be available at the meeting. The accounts are also available for inspection at the IPA office (by prior arrangement) and on-line.