

BRUCE'S BANTER

FAA 'WINGS' PILOT PROFICIENCY PROGRAM

WINGS is an FAA program that seeks to address the primary accident causal factors that continue to plague the general aviation community. By focusing on this objective, the FAA hopes to reduce the number of accidents seen each year. It is a true proficiency program, designed to help improve a pilot's skills and knowledge. Reviewing and refreshing one's knowledge is just as important as actual flying.

The program is based on the premise that pilots who maintain currency and proficiency in the basics of flight will enjoy a safer and more stress-free flying experience. It starts with the pilot selecting the category and class of aircraft in which they choose to receive training and demonstrate flight proficiency. Requirements for each aircraft category and class include specific subjects and flight maneuvers.

The course encourages an on-going training program that provides an opportunity to fly on a regular basis with an authorized flight instructor and is most effective if the training is accomplished regularly throughout the year, thus affording pilots the opportunity to fly in different seasons and in different flight conditions. Completion of any phase of WINGS satisfies the requirement for a flight review.

AIRPORT ACCESS CARDS AND VEHICLE DECALS

Please comply with the rules regarding airfield access. Here are a few reminders:

- **Gate cards may NOT be loaned to others.** One gate card may be used for more than one vehicle but all must be on the same account and display a HND decal.
- Provide current registration and insurance information at each renewal period.
- Vehicles on the airfield without a HND decal are subject to tow at owner expense.
- Failure to comply with established rules and regulations may result in card revocation and loss of ramp driving privileges.

NEW TEAM MEMBER

Please join us in welcoming Daniel Pinto to the Henderson Executive team. Daniel is our newest Line Service team member, and brings with him a solid fueling background to his new position. Please be sure to say hello to Daniel and welcome him aboard.

PEDESTRIAN GATE

We are happy to report that a based customer suggestion of installing a pedestrian gate (11A) immediately west of Gate 11 is complete and is now available for use. The purpose of the gate is to enable pick-up and drop-off at the South Ramp location. Note: Based customer vehicle parking is not permitted at the Maverick facility.

FAA SAFETY BRIEFING

The January/February 2017 issue of FAA Safety Briefing focuses on aviation risk management and aeronautical decision making. Featured content follows the framework of the PAVE checklist, covering a pilot's decision making process to mitigate risks in terms of the: **P**ilot, **A**ircraft, **e**nVironment, and **E**xternal Pressures. For more information, please visit the website: http://www.faa.gov/news/safety_briefing/.

NORTH LAS VEGAS FAA PART 139 CERTIFICATION INSPECTION

FAR Part 139 serves to ensure safety in air transportation and defines the standards within which an airport must operate.

This year's inspection was conducted at the end of January focusing on: condition of runway and taxiway pavement, markings, and lighting; accuracy of records; personnel training; and aircraft fueling operations. Daytime and nighttime inspections were conducted evaluating runway, taxiway, and apron lighting; signage; and pavement markings.

I am happy to announce that VGT passed with flying colors. In fact, there were ZERO findings, an outstanding achievement.

The VGT team continues to do an outstanding job in all of the areas covered by the inspection, in addition to providing top-notch customer service.



TOWER TALK

AAAAE/USCTA FY 2018 HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS REQUEST FOR THE FAA CONTRACT TOWER PROGRAM

FY 2018 House THUD Appropriations Subcommittee

Request: We request that the House Transportation, Housing and Urban Development (THUD) Appropriations Subcommittee include the following bill language under the FAA "Operations" section that would provide dedicated funding for the Contract Tower Program as part of the THUD FY 2018 appropriations bill:

Provided further, That of the funds appropriated under this heading, not less than \$159,000,000 shall be for the fully funded and cost-share towers in the FAA contract tower program.

"Events of the past several years have made it abundantly clear that the FAA Contract Tower Program enjoys strong bipartisan support in both chambers of Congress. As such, we request that the House HUD appropriations subcommittee include dedicated and full funding for the program in FY 2018 and extend the bill language that was adopted in previous spending bills. The \$159 million funding request for the program is the same level that is currently in the FY 2017 THUD appropriations bill for FAA."

MAR & APR 2017 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

EAA CHAPTER 1300

7:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 08, 2017 and Wednesday, April 12, 2017. Check the EAA website at www.EAA1300.org for more information.

CIVIL AIR PATROL

6:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 07, 14, 21, & 28, 2017, and Tuesday, April 04, 11, 18, & 25, 2017.

FAA SAFETY MEETING

7:00 p.m. Thursday, March 09, 2017 & Thursday, April 13, 2017.

LAS VEGAS VALLEY SOARING ASSOCIATION - JEAN AIRPORT

10:00 a.m. Saturday, March 11, 2017 & Saturday, April 08, 2017.

ROCKET CLUB LAUNCH - JEAN DRY LAKE BED

March Spring Fest: 12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Friday, March 17, 2017; 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 18, 2017 and 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, March 19, 2017. April's date is 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on April 15, 2017. Contact Bernie Lucido at 702-362-2303 or check the website at www.tripolivegas.com for more information about launch dates & times.

Please contact Kristy Benavidez at (702) 261-4804 for corrections, additions, or deletions to the Henderson Executive Airport calendar.



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