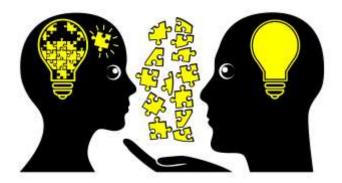


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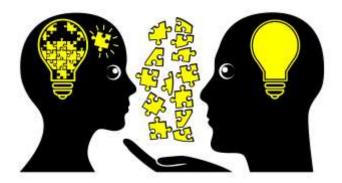


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#### Overview

- Stories
- War Stories
- Why is this important
- Ground Rules
- Discussion
- Next Steps and how to do it
- Recap
- Disclaimer



- What are stories?
  - Merriam Webster has several definitions, but we'll use these:
    - "an account of incidents or events"
    - "A statement regarding the facts pertinent to a situation or question"
    - "anecdote"
    - "a news article or broadcast"



- Why do we tell stories?
  - Entertainment
  - History
  - For gain
  - Teaching



- Why do we tell stories?
  - Entertainment
    - Movies
    - Books
    - Games
  - History
  - For gain
  - Teaching



- Why do we tell stories?
  - Entertainment
  - History
    - Autobiographies
      - The Diary of a Young Girl, Yeager, The Highest Duty
    - Historical Media Articles
  - For gain
  - Teaching



- Why do we tell stories?
  - Entertainment
  - History
  - For gain
    - "look at the important thing I did"
  - Teaching

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- Why do we tell stories?
  - Entertainment
  - History
  - For gain
  - Teaching
    - Laws of Learning:
      - Readiness: relaxed atmosphere for more receptive audience (hanger flying)
      - Effect: the best stories place the listener in the events more connection
      - Intensity: while not actually "flying", a good story can put a listener in that situation. "chair flying"



## "War Stories"

Merriam-Webster online dictionary defines War Story as:

"a story of a memorable personal experience typically involving an element of danger, hardship, or adventure"

Danger and adventure are easy descriptors of flight instruction...

Hardship too, depending on the airframe and maintenance...



## Why is this important?

- We MUST learn from the mistakes of others because we will not live long enough to make them all ourselves
- To learn from others we have to be willing to teach and share first. If we share our stories, others will willingly tell theirs



## Why is this important?

- The intent of this presentation NOT for me to tell you all a bunch of stories
- The intent here is for you to take this format back home and learn from and encourage learning for those around you!



## **Ground Rules**

- Have fun
- Be open to discussing, listening, and learning
- Be Respectful
- We're here to learn, not judge
- Don't use real names except to tell on yourself



## Discussion

This is where we share stories and learn





## **Emergencies**

- Emergencies are sometimes a string of problems that you deal with one at a time
- There are situations that you have not had explicit training for. Rely on your basic airmanship.



## Student Instruction

 Students are capable of things we can no longer do.

Students will do things that you don't expect.
 Don't let your guard down, even with one that you have flown with and "trust."



## **Environment**

 Sometimes the environment has unexpected effects on performance.

 Night complicates and/or contributes to emergencies and can make them more complicated.



## **Next Steps**

- For those looking to pass advice
  - Talk to the new instructors around you
    - MENTOR them!!!
  - Make yourself available as an advisor to other
     CFIs
  - Talk at seminars
  - Setup CFI roundtables at local flight schools, and be sure to invite competitor CFIs to the table
    - We compete for students, but we need to be sure to take care of each other (friendly rivalries).



## **Next Steps**

- Those looking for guidance
  - Talk to the "airport bums". Get ideas and stories from them
  - Don't be afraid to talk to them and ask for help and advice
  - Talk to your bosses and other instructors in your community about setting up CFI roundtable discussions
  - Learn from everyone around you!



#### How to do it

- Mentorship
  - Say hi and introduce yourself



 "I'm a new CFI and would like to pick your brain on a few things."



## How to do it

- CFI roundtable
  - Select a location that is large enough and has necessary amenities
  - Choose a date
  - Advertise
  - Provide refreshments (nothing attracts CFIs like free food)



## How to do it

Don't overthink this!

- Get people together and talk
  - Bribery with food, etc. reward is usually helpful



## Recap

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