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Total Control

"Instinctive Aircraft Control"



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Other Common Scenarios

- Engine failure during initial climb
- High DA takeoff and climb
- Wake turbulence encounters
- Crosswind takeoffs & landings
- Off airport landings
- Traffic pattern problems





Basic "Pilot Stuff"

- Recognize when something "out of the ordinary" is happening (SA)
- Determine the appropriate course of action required (Knowledge)
- Act to correct or mitigate the problem (Skills)





"What Were They Thinking

- More than 65% of GA accidents due to pilot error
 - Skill based 79.2%
 - Decision based 29.7%
 - Perception based 5.7%





Turns Out, It's Not Just Pilots.....





Mental Models...

- Created by our brain from inputs and previous experiences
- With training, we move from explicit to implicit learning
- Stress can disrupt everything





The Role of Training

- Develop Knowledge, Skill & Judgement
- Teach Basic Aircraft Control
- Use Progressions and Scenarios
- Provide Drills and Exercises to Promote Mastery
- Form Correct Instinctive Responses



The Problem with Most Training...

- Not realistic or fails to address "real-world" situations
- Not regularly practiced and repeated
- Not carried to conclusion
- Not model specific



Learning to Fly "Instinctively"

- Awareness of visual, kinesthetic and audible cues
- G Loading Awareness and Unloading the wing
- Slipping & skidding for fun
- Repetitive practice on the basics
- Striving for excellence

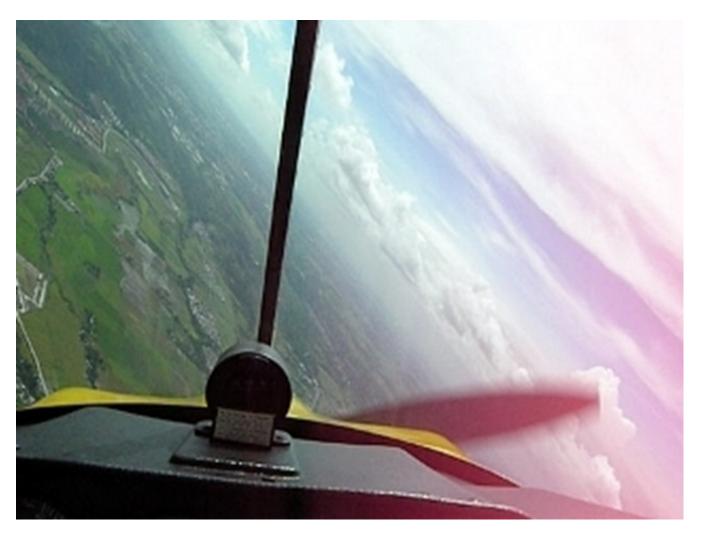


Basic Stick & Rudder Exercises

- Understanding the flight controls
- Set a new "low-speed" record
- The "Three Peeks" game
- Falling leaf stalls
- Traffic pattern drills
- Simulated engine failures to a landing



One More Story...



Wrapping Up...

- Humans do not come with the "Right Stuff"
- Training allows us to survive the unexpected
 - Must be tailored, appropriate and realistic
 - Instructors must make it safe and fun
 - Regular practice is essential
- Instinctive flying skills are critical
- If you do this flying stuff long enough, stuff happens...
- So, be ready.



Questions?????

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