



LFC Newsletter

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Summer Photos-



Race you!----An Embraer 145 of Alaska Airlines and a Boeing 737 of United Airlines about to touch down on parallel runways at San Francisco in May!



Lough Gur- looking good on a hot summer's day

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Safety Day—This is planned for the 11th August and all members are requested to attend at Coonagh where a demonstration of safety procedures will take place-do attend.

Fly-In- Our annual fly-in takes place on Saturday 18th August and if we get anything like the weather of recent times it should be a good day out. Help is always needed on that day and do not leave it to the same few who always do trojan work on the day-let's have some volunteers-you will enjoy it!

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Model Aircraft-If you are in the departures area at Shannon and are tired off wandering around the duty-free look out for a very impressive display of hundreds of model aircraft. There are up to 1,500 in a gallery and are now in permanent exhibition. They are owned by Michael Kelly who collected these during his lifetime and have now found a new home at Shannon. Certainly, worth a look.



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Practice, Practice- Malcolm Evans

The normal practice in the military is- 'No ID, no drill pack', so this article will follow that principal and is true in its entirety.

Having learned to fly in the early 80s with a somewhat lazy instructor, who once I had safely gone solo would on occasions throw the keys of the Cessna 152 aerobatic trainer out the window and told me to practice what I had been taught!

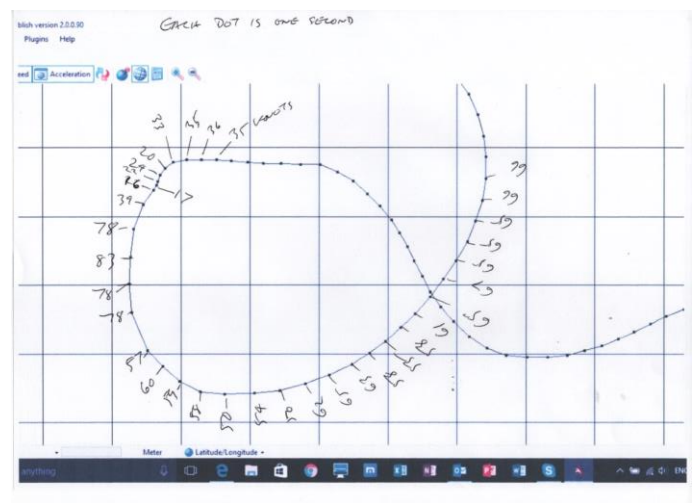
The first demonstration of a spin was to say the least somewhat disorienting but after a few no longer a problem, so I did numerous during those solo periods. The aerobat does not like to spin by just closing the throttle and pulling back on the control column, all it will do is enter a spiral dive, it needs 15-100rpm to enter a spin. The above practice I am convinced was to save my life and that of my friend some twenty-five years later.

We were in a competition using a local Cessna 150 in which I was acting as navigator, whereby we had to attempt to overfly certain points at a given time to plus or minus two seconds without penalty. My job was to plot the route and observe-looking for photos and ground targets. Near the end of this 125-130NM route over hilly ground of 800-2000ft we entered a inadvertent spin-my friend's reaction was to freeze and swear, holding the control column more or less fully back. Not good! My reaction was to slam the column fully forwards and apply as much

rudder as was possible, with my seat fully back and checking the throttle position was at idle. We came out of the spin left wing down- 'power please you have control'! Since we were carrying a GPS logger we were able to download the data which I hope I can add to this factual account.

Learned from this- All practice is worthwhile, I have done stalls and PFLs in all aircraft I have flown and spins where cleared to do so. Due to competition flying probably over three hundred PFLs, not all went according to plan so I keep it up hoping I will be in a better place, should the need arise.

Good and safe flying to you all.





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Times Past



Early photo of Lockheed L1049 of short lived Aer Linte(Irish Air Lines) or Aer Lingus at Dublin circa 1959,.



Coonagh based EI-DRW Eurostar in the second club hangar before the roof went on!

Events List-

- 5 August- Rush Airshow, Co.Dublin
- 6 August-Birr Airshow, Co.Offaly
- 11 August-Newcastle Festival of Flight
- 18 August-Limerick FC Fly-In
- 26 August ILAS Fly-In, Co.Wexford
- Airwaves -Portrush, Co.Antrim
- 30 Sept- Aviation Fair, Dublin Airport

Exams- Some of our members have sat some of the exams for the PPL in Dublin recently and we wish them all the very best of luck with those.

Hot Weather Flying-We have rarely experienced the very hot temperatures of late and we need to be careful when flying in such hot conditions-

- Hot weather affects performance
- Do not over-fill fuel tanks
- Think about weight of your passengers
- Try to fly early morning
- Watch aircraft temperatures-eg cylinder head
- Wear a cap to protect your head in the cockpit!



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RED ARROW- about to touch down at Casement Aerodrome after a fly past over Dublin on Saturday 28th August.