



FLYING LESSONS for November 1, 2018

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FLYING LESSONS uses recent mishap reports to consider what *might* have contributed to accidents, so you can make better decisions if you face similar circumstances. In almost all cases design characteristics of a specific airplane have little direct bearing on the possible causes of aircraft accidents—but knowing how your airplane’s systems respond can make the difference as a scenario unfolds. So apply these *FLYING LESSONS* to the specific airplane you fly. Verify all technical information before applying it to your aircraft or operation, with manufacturers’ data and recommendations taking precedence. **You are pilot in command and are ultimately responsible for the decisions you make.**

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This week’s LESSONS:

This week I’m attending the [Bombardier Safety Stand-down](#). This 22nd annual, three-day safety management and education conference, is hosted by [Bombardier Aircraft](#) and sponsored by the [National Business Aviation Association](#) and others in the business jet community. Originally an outgrowth of Learjet’s flight test and demonstration department (Learjet is now owned by Bombardier), institutionalized with the visionary influence of Dr. Tony Kern and his [Convergent Performance](#) team, and now a fixture both in the U.S. and with a similar event annually in Europe, this year’s event attracted over 700 live participants (including many *FLYING LESSONS* readers) and hundreds more viewing online. It truly is, in my opinion, the most inspiring aviation safety event anywhere. *A/N* is covering the BSS (I was pleased to have lunch today with *A/N*’s Kerry Lynch); you can [see the first day’s report here](#).



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<https://safetystanddown.com/en>
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Although the focus of the “BSS” is on turbine aircraft operations, usually in a multiple crew and professional flight department environment (including pilots, technicians, cabin crew, schedulers and dispatchers, safety officers and more), I find the presentations fascinating from the standpoint of an educator and sometimes mentor of pilots in single-pilot, owner-flown airplanes and the instructors who teach them. This is a tremendous opportunity for me to learn the latest in operational safety, pilot fatigue research, training development, safety programs administration, and the development and management of an effective, positive safety culture from organizations and institutions that have actual budgets and people-power to pursue and present such things...all free to me, through the happy coincidence of BSS’ hosts and sponsors, an annual invitation from the BSS planners, the generous indulgence of my coworkers and the Board of Directors at the [American Bonanza Society](#), who give me the time to attend (thank you!), and the conference’s Wichita, Kansas location. It’s only the second day and my notebook is already bulging with ideas for articles and presentations adapting this learning to the single-pilot operator.

See www.bonanza.org

The theme of this year’s BSS is “The Normalization of Excellence.” I’ll be reporting on some of the wisdom I’ve gleaned, but until I have time to document it I invite you to do three things:

1. [Watch tomorrow's live webcast](#) of the general session (which I find to be the most outstanding part of the BSS). The program goes live at 1300Z and lasts about four hours. You have to sign in to watch, but there is no fee. I don't think the webinars are being archived but if that changes I'll let you know.
2. Help me get our own version of the discussion started. The theme is "The Normalization of Excellence." [How do you define "Normalization"?](#) [How do you define "Excellence"?](#) Let me know your views on each. It can be, I've found, a fascinating topic.
3. If you attended the BSS, [let us know your opinion of the presentations](#).

I apologize for cutting this short this week. I'm too busy learning things and getting fired up. I look forward to your input and hope you'll some day be able to attend the Bombardier Safety Standdown. I'll be back here next week.

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