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FAA FIDDLES WHILE ROME BURNS!

OPINION: The FAA Administrator Michael Huerta, who is not a pilot, heads the worse run agency in the Federal Government other than the quasi-Government United States Postal Service. So many bad decisions, so many mistakes and so many excuses. All done in the name of "Safety and Security" which is always the CYA phrase used to get what you want.

The micro management of every little detail in aviation has only brought this behemoth of an agency out of control and to its knees. The costs that this humongous gas bag

capable, and otherwise qualified to fly. This is literally the prime example of stupidity, while thousands of planes sit idle on the ground, costing everyone in the system, including the FAA. Just the cost alone of these out of these AOG planes is staggering. This is all because the FAA wants to keep meddling in every aspect of flying. For instance, on the Basic Med which I call the Basic Medical Evaluation & Denial form it requires the doctor to examine your anus. Item #9 on the Medical Examination form that your doctor will "certify" to is the word "anus". Does this mean it should be inspected or does it beg of what the doctor thinks about you? What is it about the anus that a doctor can observe from looking that would prevent you from flying? Please Let Me Know!

With the approval processes bogged down and requests for everything from RVSM, Ferry Permits, Air Taxi Certificates, 145 Repair Stations, and so many other requests go stagnant months after months and into years this is poor management and there is no excuse. Absolute derelict of duty.

When local FAA Chief Jay Wilkins indicated that one of their primary concerns was the "Grey Charter Operations", I chuckled to

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of a bureaucracy has caused to General Aviation (GA) is sinful.

Think about flying today. Think about this new so called "Basic Med" phraseology that FAA came out with. How horrible this ridiculous, ludicrous piece of B.S. really is! The process is so cumbersome and so demanding and its limitations which includes the ten year medical limitation is outright bewildering. This all done because the FAA refused to let the thousands of private pilots fly without getting a third class medical, even though they have a driver's license, totally

See Insert. 7 Aircraft Paint Shops reviewed. Pick where you want your aircraft painted.

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"As The Beacon Turns" CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MAY

14— Mothers Day, May 29—Memorial Day

Quote: Aviation is for the common man. My goal is to enable everyone to fly. It shouldn't be only for the rich. Tony Fernandes

Read more at: https://www.brainyquote.com/quotes/quotes/t/tonyfernand678949.html?src=t_aviation

Trivia: What flight controls are controlled by the plane's yoke?
answer : Ailerons and elevator

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FAA SAFETY MEETING

Fourth (4th) Tuesday 7:00pm-9:00pm May 23, safety meeting - Density Altitude: What you need to know, presented by Carol Brackley; **Volunteers Needed contact Carol Brackley at carolav8@att.net**

99's MEETING

2nd Tuesday 7:00pm Shelly Lesikar deZevallos, EdD Speaking Contact Becky for more information Meetings International Organization of Women Pilots! Email Becky at nickellb01@att.net, website www.ninety-nines.org.

COMMEMORATIVE AIR FORCE (CAF)

Museum open first and third Saturday of the month 10am-3pm. Meetings 3rd Sunday of the Month at 2:00 p.m., Hangar B-5. Call for tours and flights at 936-697-3237 or the hangar at 281-579-2131 email info@houstonwing.org, **April 22, 23 Open House**

EAA CHAPTER 774 MEETING

Third (3rd) Thursday of the month 7:00 p.m. AOPA Representative Pat Brown to speak on Basic Med. Terminal Building 2nd floor. For Meeting Information and Announcements Contact Rick Human 281-463-6769. Great Meetings! Join Today.

EAA AirVenture in Oshkosh, July 24-30, 2017

NBAA Meeting and Trade Show October 10-12 Las Vegas, NV



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Woody Lesikar's
Aircraft Paint Shop Review
Based on 27 Paint jobs over three years.

Company/year used	Time to complete	Price	Overall Quality (1-10)
Crider (1995-2016) Mena, Ark	30 days with appointment	Low	5
<p>Comments: Mainly for dealers and fleets complete strip and paint. Owner: Roger Crider, Very honest good person. Phone: 479-394-0111</p>			
Flying Colors (2016) Gainesville, Tx	60 days	Medium	5
<p>Comments: Marc has a small shop: Note: Confirm exactly what you want in writing. Texts progress pictures of work in progress. Unsafe Replacement of controls on three (3) planes! Watch Out! Owner: Marc Phone: 469-831-7928</p>			
AV Source-West (2016) Midland, Tx	60 days	Low	7
<p>Comments: Small one man shop, used to work down the road at Ranger. Good job for the money, uses Facebook to keep owner informed of progress Owner: Terry Hockman Phone: 432-693-6443</p>			
Ranger (2016) San Angelo, Tx	60 days	Med-High	9
<p>Comments: George was very good and sent comments and many pictures of plane as they progressed through the job. Made up scheme at no extra charge. Plane was detailed and ready on time in all respects. Owner: George is paint shop Manager Phone: 325-949-3773</p>			
Rose (2016) Mena, Ark	90 days	Med-High	6.9
<p>Comments: Very disappointed in this shop. Plane was damaged by employees and painted over. No one inspected it prior to my pick up. Tail section had to be reskinned. Plane was not ready when told to be picked up. Very poor oversight for a supposedly old reputable shop. Owner: Rose Family Phone: 479-394-2551</p>			

Poplawski (2016) Ennis, Tx	90 days	Med-High	9.5
<p>Comments: Frances's dad painted my first plane in 1968. Does one plane at a time. The "Michael Angelo" of painting Bonanzas, No Better. Don't be in a hurry or take your plane somewhere else. Painted where others did not paint including cowling, fuel sump door and door jams. Specific to Beech Bonanzas only the BEST!</p> <p>Owner: Frances Poplawski Phone: 972-875-2111</p>			

Murmur (2013/2017) Houston, Tx	60 days	Med-High	8.9
<p>Comments: Local Firm Great job and paint stayed on plane through lots of heavy weather flying. Appointment well in advance necessary! Saves money in trip costs to go elsewhere.</p> <p>Owner: Bill Tolson Phone: 281-431-3030</p>			

Overall quality includes adjustments for the look and depth of paint, drips, orange peel, unpainted areas, dents repaired, stripper not cleaned off, placards replaced, control surfaces correctly replaced, stainless steel screws, cleaned up completely in and out including engine compartment and interior of plane.



Fuel Price Comparison for the April 2017

JET A	High	Low	Avg
Southwest Region	7.05	2.29	3.95
West Houston Airport	3.94	2.94*	3.36
AVGAS (100LL)			
Southwest Region	7.87	3.09	4.43
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myself, as I know his henchmen are hanging out at an airport known for such operations and was literally looking the other way. The real fault lies in the local FSDO'S not getting the FAR 135 approvals out in a timely manner with some applications waiting years for approval. HELLO!!!! Where are you! SHAME ON YOU!

You would think that the FAA would be doing all it can to take care of business in a timely manner, but alas, not to be! No FAA personnel like paperwork! They just have to tolerate it!

Newly acquired corporate jets have to limit their flying to 28,000 feet (Below 29,000') using up thousands of extra gallons of jet fuel costing millions of dollars all because the RVSM (Reduced Vertical Separation Minimums) manual which must be re-approved each time there is a change in ownership, which sits on an FAA inspector's desk for months waiting to be approved. But gobbling up fuel is not the FAA's concern! From properly and accurately disseminating NOTAMS, to the standardization of the RVSM manuals and training and "online" applications and approval processes that take only days not months, allowing approvals of 145 Repair Stations to issue ferry permits, appointing examiners from the local area that are well placed in GA instead

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This total misuse of our tax dollars (which we pay every time we fly) to operate and fund an out of control, stubborn, worn out agency is something our President should tackle early on. So out of control, so bad and so inept and as Rome Burns the FAA Fiddler Plays!

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