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Running Out of Gas?

Why do general aviation pilots continue to run out of fuel? Is complacency the real cause? Is the cost of fuel the culprit? Are we flying without fear?

So many pilots fly off anticipating that they have adequate fuel for the flight intended, but either fall short or critically close to running out of fuel. Many of the excuses for running out of fuel include, “I can purchase fuel along the way for less”, “I did not expect the winds would be so strong”, “I thought I topped it off”, “I told the FBO to top it off but they did not do it” and others.

In addition, not visually checking your fuel tanks or relying on erroneous readings from faulty gauges or engine management systems can lead to disaster. We all know that fuel gauges can be off by a lot. The reliability of these instruments alone is a contributing factor to many accidents.

Making sure that you have an accurate, reliable fuel quantity comes from a number of actions on your part. First of all it includes being present when your plane is refueled. You can observe the amount of fuel going into your tanks and make sure that the line tech is fueling your plane in accordance with your instructions.

Many pilots tell us to leave the fuel an inch or two below the neck of the fuel tank. Others want a specified amount based on “tabs” or markings or gauges inside or outside of the plane. Others will have the line tech fuel up the tanks completely to the top, probably expecting to launch on an extended range trip, requiring all the fuel tanks can hold.

Everyone that flies knows that improperly managed fuel can lead to making an unscheduled off airport landing even with fuel onboard, thinking you are out of fuel. The only time you can be sure of the quantity of fuel you have is when the tanks are full or empty. Using the actual time and known hourly fuel usage is a way to positively know the amount of fuel used for a given trip and the amount of fuel remaining. Managing time, adequate fuel for the airport of intended landing, flying to your designated alternate and 45 minutes there after should be adhered to in all cases.

It is my opinion that the biggest contributor to accidents including those associated with fuel starvation results from a lack of “fear” of flying. Fear is the anxiety one gets when thinking of the possibilities of what could go wrong. Without fear the pilot will not make for a safe flyer.

Of course I am not trying to say that the fear is so great that it is shown in an obvious manner like fright, horror or alarm. The fear I am talking about is understanding the reality, that flying poses risks, possible injury or death and that as such you must do all you can to mitigate such risks each and every time you fly. That obviously means taking all measures to assure the safety of flight including properly determining the required fuel.

Have a CAVU day!

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Fuel Price Comparison for June

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West Houston Airport	3.20	2.20	2.70	West Houston Airport	4.25	3.25	3.75

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Christy Graham CFII

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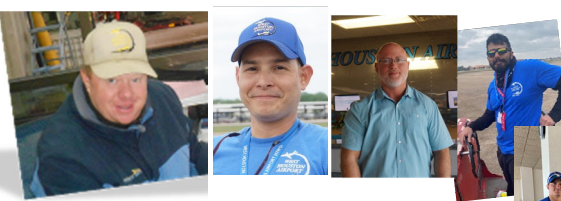
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