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## PANIC: Your Worst Enemy in the Emergency Room and in the Cockpit

While piloting a flight with my partner from upstate New York to California, we encountered what quickly became a very serious emergency. Initially, we had an overspeed-runaway with the primary trim. We compensated for that by using secondary trim which worked for a few seconds. We then discovered the stabilizer was actually jammed, a much more dangerous emergency situation. While calmly working through several steps of the emergency procedures for such an occurrence, I distinctly remember my partner looking over at me and asking "Why are you so calm? WE ARE GOING TO DIE!" he screamed.

While working hard to maintain control of the airplane, I wanted to immediately emphasize to him the fact that knowledge is the antidote to PANIC. God gave us the gift to have all the information available to be knowledgeable while also being humble enough to realize that we never have enough information (we are always learning). In our case, I felt God was with us not only while in the cockpit, but also for the days prior in which we incorporated emergency procedural reviews into our flight planning. A simple coincidence that we did so? I think not.

In conclusion, always get as much information as possible regarding the plane you fly, the emergency procedures relevant to that plane, as well as information about your own experience and abilities in such critical circumstances. Also absorb the information provided by more experienced pilots.

As a doctor, I take God with me into the ER and he guides me. Pilots should take God into the cockpit as well. He will not alter the weight and balance a single ounce but will increase performance by 100%. That's a promise.



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<b>West Houston Airport</b>	<b>5.13*</b>	<b>5.13*</b>	<b>5.13*</b>	<b>West Houston Airport</b>	<b>5.43*</b>	<b>5.43*</b>	<b>5.43*</b>

\*With Volume/Weekend discount

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## Commemorative Airforce WARBIRD WEEKEND!!

April 30—May 1 2022 at IWS

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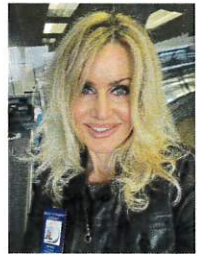
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