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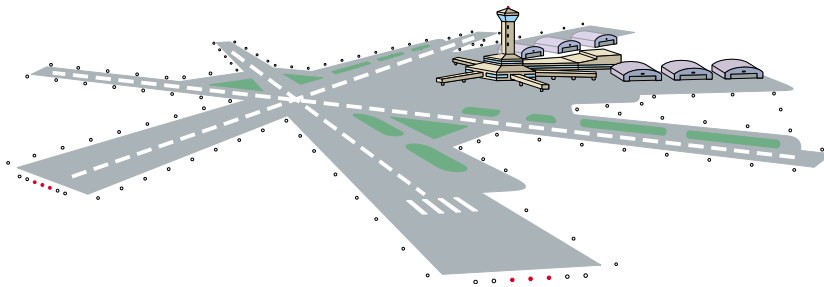
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LANDING LIGHTS

Captain Warren E. RauHofer



Smart Use of Landing Lights

At the major airports around the world where the high performance and jumbo jets live and work there is a safety tip we all do that I will pass along to the general aviation folks for their information. All commercial carriers and other commercial operation types must fly at 250 kts. and

have their landing lights ON at 10,000 ft. and below. This is obviously a safety reg. When on the ground and cleared into "position and hold" for take off, we taxi the aircraft onto the active runway and line up holding in position with our landing light OFF. When tower clears us for take off, we power up, turn the landing lights

ON and start our take off roll. This confirms to aircraft that are on ground control freq and holding to cross the active runway that we have been cleared for take off and are rolling. If the crossing aircraft sees the aircraft in position with his landing light OFF, he knows that the aircraft has not been cleared for take off. This is not a bad idea for general aviation aircraft. After you get airborne and away from the airport, you can then turn off your landing lights. There is no such thing as too much safety. Fly safe and enjoy the ride.

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**By N. Patrick Hale M.D.,
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I recently had a bad cold and later some vertigo which bothered me for several days. I did not feel safe to fly for a week or two until it cleared up. The symptoms have not returned and feel I am back to normal now. I am due for my third class aviation medical exam soon. Do I need to report the vertigo to the Doctor?



It sounds like you had some inner ear infection or acute labyrinthitis, associated with the upper respiratory infection. An isolated episode of this is not disqualifying provided it has resolved completely without residual deficit to the equilibrium or hearing. You should report this on the medical history sheet and discuss it with your Aviation Medical Examiner at the time of your next flight physical.



I have seasonal allergy two or three times a year and once last year I had pain in the right ear on descent from altitude. Can I take something and still fly?



Seasonal allergy is not a disqualifying condition. Some medicines such as Claritin and Seldane-D and inhaled topical nasal sprays of corticosteroids are approved if you do not have

adverse side effects. You should not fly when you have symptoms of congestion or if you are having side effects from medicines.



My doctor told me I have acute and chronic sinusitis. I have noticed that when flying I am having pain in my forehead, face and nose especially on descent from altitude. Am I legal to fly?



Acute and chronic sinusitis are medically disqualifying. You should see an ENT Specialist for evaluation and treatment. The Aviation Medical Examiner is obligated to deny or defer approval of a medical certificate to the Aeromedical Certification Division (AMCD) in Oklahoma City in such a case.



I have been diagnosed with open angle glaucoma and must take eye drops to control the eye pressure. Will this be a problem with my flight physical next month?



Yes, the examiner must defer your certificate for review by the AMCD in Oklahoma City. You can facilitate the review by

obtaining a completed report of Ophthalmological Evaluation for Glaucoma (FAA Form 8500-14) from your treating or consulting Ophthalmologist and give this report to your examiner.



I am a 45 year old private pilot who lost an eye in a work related accident one year ago. I have not flown since the accident but now wish to return to flying. What should I do?



You may have a flight physical by your Aviation Medical Examiner and if you are otherwise qualified aside from the monocularity, your application will be forwarded to the AMCD in Oklahoma City. After review of your case, they will recommend a medical flight test where you must demonstrate the ability to maneuver the aircraft in taxi, take-off, and landing operations. A six month period of adjustment is required between becoming monocular and being eligible for a special issuance of medical certification by the FAA.



If you have questions you would like answered in future issues of the newsletter please send them on to me at phale175@aol.com.

*Good luck, good health
and fly safely!*

N. Patrick Hale, M.D.

INFORMATION UPDATE

Please take time to help us with the new directory!

I would like to request old and new members to submit current info and a picture for the next SAAPA directory. We would like to have a new directory by July 1, 2003. They can e-mail it to me at phale175@aol.com or mail to me at 175 Inlet Drive, St. Augustine, FL 32080.

Please fill out the form below.

Thanks! Pat Hale

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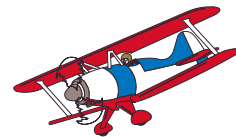
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SAAPA meets the 2nd Saturday of each month at 9:00 am. Meetings are held at the St. Augustine Airport at SAAPA's Clubhouse (hangar unit C-2). See you there!

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