

## Aviation Humor

"Keep the airplane in such an attitude that the air pressure is directly in the pilot's face."

- Horatio C. Barber, 1916

"When a flight is proceeding incredibly well, something was forgotten."

- Robert Livingston, "Flying The Aeronca"

"The only time an aircraft has too much fuel on board is when it is on fire."

- Sir Charles Kingsford Smith

"Flexible is much too rigid, in aviation you have to be fluid."

- Verne Jobst

"If you can't afford to do something right, then be darn sure you can afford to do it wrong."

- Charlie Nelson

"Just remember, if you crash because of weather your funeral will be held on a sunny day."

- Layton A. Bennett

"I hope you either take up parachute jumping or stay out of single motored airplanes at night."

- Charles A. Lindbergh, to Wiley Post, 1931

"Never fly the 'A' model of anything."

- Ed Thompson

"Never fly anything that doesn't have the paint worn off the rudder pedals."

- Harry Bill

"Keep thy airspeed up, lest the earth come from below and smite thee."

- William Kershner

"When a prang seems inevitable, Endeavour to strike the softest, cheapest object in the vicinity, as slowly and gently as possible."

- advice given to RAF pilots during W.W.II.

"Instrument flying is when your mind gets a grip on the fact that there is vision beyond sight."

- U.S. Navy "Approach" magazine circa W.W.II.

"Always keep an 'out' in your hip pocket."

- Bevo Howard

"The Cub is the safest airplane in the world; it can just barely kill you."

- attributed to Northrop test pilot Max Stanley

"A pilot who doesn't have any fear probably isn't flying his plane to its maximum."

- Jon McBride, astronaut

"If you're faced with a forced landing, fly the thing as far into the crash as possible."

- Bob Hoover

"It occurred to me that if I did not handle the crash correctly, there would be no survivors."

- Richard Leakey, after engine failure in a single engine, Nairobi, Africa, 1993.

"If an airplane is still in one piece, don't cheat on it. Ride the bastard down."

- Ernest K. Gann, advice from the "Old Pelican"

"Though I Fly Through The Valley Of Death I Shall Fear No Evil, For I Am At 80,000 feet And Climbing."

- A sign over the entrance to the SR-71 operating location on Kadena AB, Okinawa

"You've never been lost until you've been lost at Mach 3."

- Paul F. Crickmore

"The emergencies you train for almost never happen. It's the one you can't train for that kills you."

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"If you want to grow old as a pilot you've got to know when to push it, and when to back off."

- Chuck Yeager

"Never fly in the same cockpit with someone braver than you."

- Richard Herman Jr, in "Firebreak"

"There is no reason to fly through a thunderstorm in peacetime."

- Sign over Squadron Ops desk at Davis-Monthan AFB, AZ, 1970.

" Just keep the flat side down, Boy !"

- R. D. Newsome