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HELICOPTER TRANSPORT SERVICES

*By: Erin Hudman,
Regional Manager*

Whether big or small, helicopters have got it all! When talking about the Sikorsky Skycrane we are talking BIG! Helicopter Transport Services began their Heavy Lift operations in 1999 and recently set up temporary shop at Utah Aviation Services in Spanish Fork, Utah. We have thoroughly enjoyed visiting with their crew, learning more about their operations and checking out their unbelievable aircraft. Our fascination with Skycranes increased after seeing it in person. We learned that the initial design was created to transport downed-aircraft, drop large bombs, and transport artillery pieces during the Vietnam War. The Skycrane can lift up to 20,000 lbs and has 6 large rotor



ter program was cancelled. Today, the Sikorsky Skycrane serves as an aerial crane (hence the name) and offers several advantages over conventional cranes. For example, they reach areas that are hundreds of miles

away from roads or in rough terrain. They are used for aerial fire suppression, construction, heavy lift operations, forestry, mining and much more! Helicopter Transport Services offer all of these services and we appreciate all that they do in our communities! Also, go to our website to see more video clips!

blades. It reduces drag and eliminates the pendulum effect by holding its cargo up and firm against its center column. Skycranes can also winch vehicles up and down while hovering. This process was very successful, but due to budget cuts the aircraft was never upgraded and the military Heavy Lift Helicop-

Look closely at the pictures below to see the size of full-grown men compared to the Skycrane.



NOISE POLLUTION



By: Mike Robinson,
Base Manager

“On July 29, California Congressmen Howard Berman introduced legislation aimed to reduce helicopter noise pollution over Los Angeles.” Titled the “Los Angeles Residential Helicopter Noise Relief Act of 2011, H.R. 2677, the legislation directs the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to restrict helicopter flight paths and set minimum altitudes in Los Angeles County. The bill allows for exemptions of helicopter operations related to emergency, law enforcement or military activities.”

This bill will give the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) new power and authority to regulate a very “subjective issue” ... noise pollution. *“If mandated to initiate altitude and route restrictions by Congress, the FAA does not need to perform a Notice of Proposed Rules Making (NRPMP), and therefore no open forum will take place to consider the concerns of the public or industry... Additionally, there is no direction to perform any*

study, analysis or data collection to determine if or where noise issues exist.”

Noise is a subjective subject because it is based on opinion from the public. What one person considers to be a minor annoyance, another person will perceive to be extremely bothersome. Noise pollution is a topic that is front and center in Idaho Falls. Some residents south of the airfield have voiced concerns over repetitive helicopter noise. Everyday residents count the number of times helicopters fly south of Grandview Drive. However, just on the other side of the airport is a subdivision that is consistently overflowed with minimal complaint. What makes the difference?

“In effect, the FAA could initiate a route that concentrates all helicopter traffic over a handful of neighborhoods and away from others while also putting more helicopters closer together, creating a whole new noise and safety issue...”

“Even then, we don’t know that the noise in sensitive areas will be

alleviated because no research was done to determine if any of the affected operations were involved in the initial complaints.” Having the FAA regulate helicopter routes and altitudes may be on the horizon. The legislation that is being discussed for both L.A. and Long Island is only the beginning. Is choosing where to fly a helicopter soon to be a foregone pleasure? How will this effect the helicopter industry throughout the nation? Who will pay for the added regulations? The solution to the problem is this. People need to be provided with a means of coming together and discussing the problem. If the problem can be identified and considered, then ideas may be shared and solutions implemented.

Information and quotes taken from:
“Legislation Aims to Limit Los Angeles Helicopter Operations”
Wednesday, August 17, 2011-Jen Boyer

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CFI TO CFI

By: Marcus Fueschel, CFI
Thunderstorms can be one of the most dangerous aspects of aviation-if you so choose. When I think of thunderstorms, lightning, thunder, ice, wind, turbulence, and so many more hazards come to mind that are just plain scary and deadly. However, there is an up side to a thunderstorm... they can be predicted! They are predicted not just by checking the radar and using all the nice things the National Weather Service provides us

with, but by using common sense. If you see some clouds starting to build up in the distance and turning black, you know that it’s time to consult those “little characters” on your shoulders. The angel is saying, “Don’t go! Remember all those times your instructor talked about good ADM!” On the other shoulder that little devil guy is reminding you, “You have bills to pay and you are an awesome pilot!” Although this is most likely true, considering we are all from

UTH, I’ve learned in every cartoon I’ve ever watched that you should listen to the one saying not to test the severe weather that this area has to offer. The moral of the story is always use good aeronautical decision making, check the weather before you fly, and don’t test the forces of Mother Nature. You might get away with it once, but the next time you might not be so lucky.
Fly safe!



SPOTLIGHT: AISHA BURNINGHAM/OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR

We would like to welcome Aisha Burningham back! She worked for Utah Helicopter in 2008 and is now an Office Administrator at our West Jordan, Utah location. She may be on the administrative team but she has had her share of flight. Her most nerve racking experience was going for a Discovery Flight and having a CFII do an autorotation with her. She claimed it was amazing but definitely intense. She would love to skydive! She would like to learn how to fly helicopters and obtain her Private Pilot's license someday. To her, flying is controlled chaos (and completely

exhilarating!) Aisha's name comes from her paternal grandmother. She has been married to Dustin Burningham for two years. They have 2 dogs; Ramsey who is a 5 year old Pitbull/Rhodesian Ridgeback mix and Cooper who is a one year old black Lab. Her first vehicle was an indestructible 1992 Jeep Cherokee Laredo. She loves all types of music. You will find a picture of her and her husband from their wedding on her screen saver. If you catch her watching TV it's probably *Top Shot* or *Sex and the City*. Her favorite movie is *8 Seconds* and if she's watch-

ing sports it's probably football or some equestrian sport. She loves horses, horseback riding, trap shooting and remodeling her new home. She loves reading fiction novels and scrolling through www.pinterest.com. Aisha loves fresh fruit or anything Italian. She cannot stand deviled eggs! Aisha lives by the quote "Whether you believe you can or you believe you can't, you're right." She is excited to be back to work at Utah Helicopter with such a great team! We agree and are glad to have her back with UTH!



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-Amelia Earhart

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