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**THE EDITOR'S FORUM**

I want to welcome you to another year of informative and interesting manuscripts presented in the *Journal of Aviation/Aerospace Education and Research*. This will be a challenging year for all of us in the aviation industry as we face the economic challenges of the day. "As the economy goes, so goes aviation" they say, and I as many of you have been in the business long enough to have seen the roller coaster effect. I am confident however that the economy will rebound and soon thereafter the flying public will be back onboard.

In the meantime we must all continue our efforts to make aviation the safest and most exciting industry we can. Through education and research we will persevere. In that effort we present our fall edition of the JAAER. We have three valuable manuscripts for you and one forum article that will spark interest in the topic of aviation testing anxiety.

Our forum article was presented to us from Teresa Ann Sloan and Dale R. Wilson from Central Washington University. The title "Assessment and Intervention Strategies for Test Anxiety in Aviation Students" instantly brought back memories of agonizing over preparation for a FAA check ride. I recall not wanting to mention to my friends that I was even up for a check ride as the "peer pressure" was sometimes as unbearable as the ride itself. If back then I would have had at my disposal any program to reduce the test anxiety, I would have pursued that aggressively.

This forum article describes a literature review on the topic of test anxiety and assessment and intervention strategies to help alleviate the pressures we all experience under such an assignment like a FAA examination. I am sure you and perhaps your students will find this most helpful. Perhaps it will motivate some to seek interventions programs at your school to assist your students. If we can assist our students in succeeding with their FAA check rides we can help them stay in our programs. This of course will motivate them to stay in our industry and not stray off to other disciplines other than aviation.

Our industry needs the best and the brightest. We cannot afford to lose them due to stress interfering with their successful performance on a check ride. Certainly not when the stress can be relieved with programs designed to help the students through their toughest times.

I hope you find the article of interest and perhaps valuable to assist you with your students. And consider using our forum to support or rebuff some of the ideas presented.

Fly Safe.

Bill Kohlruss  
Editor

