

Don't Come Up Short!

Approach and Landing Safety Tip

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If the desired landing spot is being undershot and a shallower approach is needed, both power and pitch attitude should be increased to readjust the descent angle. It is important to remember that a constant airspeed must be maintained. The pitch and power change must be made both smoothly and simultaneously. This will result in a shallowing of the glidepath with the resultant aiming point moving towards the desired touchdown point.

Want to learn more about approaches and landings? You can find the Airplane Flying Handbook here. If that link does not work, copy and paste the following link into your browser.

http://www.faa.gov/regulations_policies/handbooks_manuals/aircraft/airplane_handbook

“This Day in Women’s Aviation”

Powder Puff Pilot

A new page-a-day calendar for 2011 highlights achievements and events in women’s aviation history. This third edition celebrates over 200 years of women in aviation. The earliest is for balloonist Sophie Blanchard who, in 1805, ascended solo from Toulouse, France, making her the first woman to pilot her own balloon and eventually, the world’s first professional woman pilot. The most recent entry celebrates the Civil Air Patrol’s first female national commander, Major General Amy Courter who presided over the CAP’s 68th anniversary in 2009.

“There are so many fascinating events in women’s aviation history, it’s always hard to decide which ones to include for a particular day,” said Sue Hughes.

“Of course, the stars are well represented, like Jackie Cochran, Bessie Coleman, and Amelia Earhart,” she continued, “but the calendar introduces many lesser known aviatrixes.” For example, the 2011 version includes Britain’s Katharine Board, the world’s only female Zeppelin pilot; Ruth Elder, who attempted the first transatlantic flight by a woman; and many of the WASP, the first women to fly U.S. military aircraft during World War

The 2011 calendar is available at www.PowderPuffPilot.com or 888-801-6628..