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Are you ready for Winter Flying?

Fellow LifeLine Pilots,

Winter is approaching and we should factor in cold weather operating techniques for safe flight operations especially in the central part of the country.

The basic winter flying fact is that more aircraft are lost due to icing related accidents than aircraft accidents in the warm, spring and summer months in thunderstorms. Being aware of forecasted freezing levels along your route of flight is paramount. Icing particles like to "hang out" in the top 1,000 feet of a cloud layer, so do whatever you can to stay out of this area. If you are in IFR conditions and you notice accumulation of ice on the wing request a change in altitude ASAP if you don't have deicers or anti ice. That can take the form of a descent to warmer air or a climb out of the cloud deck to sunshine above.

Personally, I get on the AOPA weather web site three days prior to my departure date to get a feel for weather trends paying special attention to the prog chart which gives a good representation of flight conditions 48 hours into the future. I give my passengers a call the night prior to departure to give them a weather briefing outlining the trip and what kind of conditions to expect.

If the forecasted temperatures are to be below freezing, I suggest you put your aircraft in a heated hangar to make sure the airframe is clear of ice and the oil is warm. If you don't have a heated hanger use a Tanis heater or put a drop light with a 100-watt light bulb in the engine cowling. Short of that order a preheat from your FBO on the way to the airport the day of the trip.

Another handy item would be to put a winter survival kit in the baggage compartment. Go to your local camping supply store and buy a red backpack (easier to spot from the air) and fill it with cold weather items such as silver thermal blankets, chemical hand warmers, flashlights, batteries, first aid kits, water bottles, energy bars etc. Keep it in the trunk of your car so it can double as a road side emergency kit if needed.

Let's all be prepared for the worst and hope for the best.

Carson Greene
Safety director.



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