

WEBVTT

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00:00:01.945 --> 00:00:03.165

All right, uh, let's see.

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00:00:03.275 --> 00:00:05.285

Last presentation of the afternoon.

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00:00:05.705 --> 00:00:07.405

Um, it's gonna be given to us

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00:00:07.585 --> 00:00:10.165

by Lieutenant Commander Paul Oscar Meyer.

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00:00:10.785 --> 00:00:14.845

Uh, he's from VX 20. He is currently the E two C two GFTD.

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00:00:15.585 --> 00:00:19.165

Um, Oscar, uh, is obviously an E two pilot.

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He is, uh, primarily been working on, uh,

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00:00:24.125 --> 00:00:25.725

E 2D aerial refueling.

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00:00:26.345 --> 00:00:30.885

His presentation today is ambidextrous, a discussion

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00:00:30.885 --> 00:00:32.565

of handling qualities and time

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to train assessment in a multi piloted aircraft.

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Without further ado, Oscar,

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00:00:48.305 --> 00:00:49.725

Thanks for the introduction, Barb.

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00:00:49.785 --> 00:00:53.205  
And, uh, I realize I am the only thing standing between you

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00:00:53.205 --> 00:00:56.285  
and the bar this afternoon, so I promise to try

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00:00:56.445 --> 00:00:57.965  
and be faster and funnier.

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00:00:58.545 --> 00:01:00.285  
Um, but thanks for having me today.

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00:01:00.285 --> 00:01:03.965  
Here to, uh, discuss, uh, a unique thing, uh,

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00:01:03.965 --> 00:01:05.525  
that we've found in our airplane.

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00:01:05.745 --> 00:01:07.725  
Uh, discussing handling qualities

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00:01:07.725 --> 00:01:10.325  
and time to train a multi, multi piloted aircraft.

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00:01:13.455 --> 00:01:17.165  
March 5th, 2015, Oakland, a pitcher, pet Vanti

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00:01:17.385 --> 00:01:20.405  
and his major league debut warmed up throwing right-handed.

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00:01:21.135 --> 00:01:23.885  
While Cubs switch hitter Dexter Fowler took practice swings

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00:01:23.885 --> 00:01:25.685  
in the OnDeck circle, anticipating

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00:01:25.685 --> 00:01:28.845  
to bat right against the uniquely ambidextrous pitcher on

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00:01:28.845 --> 00:01:31.445

the mountain to the surprise of the entire stadium.

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As Dexter Fowler entered the batter's box,

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00:01:34.145 --> 00:01:36.005

van Didi switched his glove to the other hand

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00:01:36.425 --> 00:01:38.205

and stepped on the rubber setting up

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00:01:38.205 --> 00:01:39.245

to pitch the left-handed.

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00:01:39.895 --> 00:01:42.725

Distraught, his limited preparation for batting left-handed

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00:01:43.385 --> 00:01:44.805

Fowler went back to the dugout

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00:01:44.805 --> 00:01:46.245

to be handed his other batting helmet

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00:01:46.625 --> 00:01:47.845

so he could bat left-handed

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00:01:47.905 --> 00:01:49.845

and proceeded to strike out swinging against the

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00:01:49.905 --> 00:01:51.205

phenom ambidextrous pitcher.

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00:01:52.235 --> 00:01:54.045

Besides inciting a shameless plug

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00:01:54.045 --> 00:01:56.605

for my 2016 World Champion Chicago Cubs,

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00:01:58.025 --> 00:02:01.045

Dexter Fowler's dilemma raises a compelling observation

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00:02:01.045 --> 00:02:04.085  
of skill transfer with applicability to our profession

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00:02:04.085 --> 00:02:05.365  
that may often be overlooked.

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00:02:06.325 --> 00:02:09.965  
Although Fowler's five year \$82.5 million contract is far

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00:02:09.965 --> 00:02:13.205  
more lucrative than any normal pilot may ever be offered.

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00:02:14.465 --> 00:02:17.125  
The challenge of accomplishing high gain task operations

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00:02:17.125 --> 00:02:19.805  
from both seats of multi piloted aircraft should be

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00:02:19.965 --> 00:02:21.165  
approached with no less dedication

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00:02:23.345 --> 00:02:24.565  
As you can most likely surmise.

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00:02:24.565 --> 00:02:26.925  
From my opening slide and bio, our team has been charged

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00:02:26.925 --> 00:02:28.365  
with the task of developmental test

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00:02:28.365 --> 00:02:30.525  
and evaluation of the E 2D advanced hawkey

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00:02:30.945 --> 00:02:32.165  
air refueling capability.

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00:02:32.985 --> 00:02:34.925  
And so it was that six months ago I stood

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00:02:34.925 --> 00:02:35.925

before our chief test pilot,

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00:02:36.245 --> 00:02:38.525

a supremely respected Marine Corps C one 30 pilot,

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00:02:39.145 --> 00:02:40.285

and briefed him on our plan

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00:02:40.285 --> 00:02:42.205

to gain proficiency in a baseline aircraft

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during risk reduction in the lead up

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to our first modified aircraft being ready for test.

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We had done this sort of thing over the previous few years,

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but with new and different personnel involved,

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00:02:51.925 --> 00:02:53.245

I confidently briefed him our plan

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that the left seat pilot would track the AR basket,

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phenomenal amount of time maneuvering in

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and outta the pre-contact position

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and practicing closure rate management

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00:03:00.965 --> 00:03:02.725

and gaining proficiency and compensating

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00:03:02.725 --> 00:03:04.205  
for the handling qualities deficiencies

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00:03:04.715 --> 00:03:07.885  
that are infamous in the 1960s era, E two airframe.

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00:03:08.635 --> 00:03:09.805  
Without skipping a beat,

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00:03:10.045 --> 00:03:12.485  
I told him we would then slide back about 500 feet in our

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00:03:12.645 --> 00:03:15.005  
position, and the pilot and co-pilot would execute a side

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00:03:15.005 --> 00:03:16.565  
to side seat swap so

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00:03:16.565 --> 00:03:17.925  
that the other pilot could gain

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00:03:17.925 --> 00:03:19.405  
proficiency with the task as well.

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00:03:20.795 --> 00:03:23.565  
With the surprise look on his face, he tilted his head

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00:03:23.565 --> 00:03:24.805  
and asked probably what he thought

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00:03:24.805 --> 00:03:26.005  
was the most benign question.

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00:03:26.705 --> 00:03:29.525  
Why would you do that? Can't the copilot practice the task

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00:03:29.525 --> 00:03:31.885  
from the right seat in that moment,

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00:03:32.285 --> 00:03:35.045

13 years in nearly 3000 hours of Hawkeye flight time flash

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before my eyes as I contemplated all of the paradigms

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00:03:38.405 --> 00:03:40.885

and assumptions that have become ingrained in me

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through our relatively small carrier base, big wing,

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00:03:43.125 --> 00:03:44.205

multi piloted community.

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00:03:45.685 --> 00:03:46.885

Although the field of view and access

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00:03:46.885 --> 00:03:48.045

to controls is adequate

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and nearly identical from both pilot seats of the E two,

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00:03:51.485 --> 00:03:54.045

regardless of pilot seniority, aircraft commander,

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00:03:54.045 --> 00:03:55.405

or junior pilot designation,

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00:03:55.705 --> 00:03:57.845

the flying pilot is always in the left seat

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00:03:57.845 --> 00:03:59.325

for the performance of high gain tasks.

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00:04:00.145 --> 00:04:02.645

You see, the side to side seat swap entails a delicate

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ballet where the pilot flying sets the autopilot while the

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00:04:06.085 --> 00:04:08.765  
pilot monitoring normally in the right seat slides a seat

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00:04:08.835 --> 00:04:11.285  
craft disconnects from the ICS and seat restraints

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00:04:11.785 --> 00:04:13.565  
and moves over to crouch in the small

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00:04:13.565 --> 00:04:14.685  
space between the two seats.

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00:04:15.385 --> 00:04:17.645  
The pilot flying then slides the craft as well,

100  
00:04:17.645 --> 00:04:20.525  
and delicately switches seats from the left to right

101  
00:04:20.545 --> 00:04:23.165  
or vice versa, while still maintaining a semblance

102  
00:04:23.165 --> 00:04:24.405  
of control of the aircraft.

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00:04:25.025 --> 00:04:26.165  
So for a second or two,

104  
00:04:26.265 --> 00:04:28.165  
the autopilot is the only one at the controls.

105  
00:04:28.755 --> 00:04:30.925  
Fortunately, we got a fairly decent one.

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00:04:35.065 --> 00:04:39.045  
So going through that exercise, we developed a short list

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00:04:39.045 --> 00:04:42.045  
of five things that we're relearning about flight test from

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00:04:42.045 --> 00:04:43.605



our contemplation of the E two side

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00:04:43.605 --> 00:04:44.765

to side seat swap maneuver.

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00:04:46.695 --> 00:04:49.205

First question, the assumptions.

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00:04:50.625 --> 00:04:52.925

As an E two pilot community, we have been ingrained

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with the high gain task of day and night carrier landings,

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00:04:55.505 --> 00:04:57.125

and there are some reasonable considerations

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for why we have established a community

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paradigm for high gain.

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Piloting from the left seat

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after all the day carrier landing

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pattern is the left-handed pattern.

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So the left seat pilot can maintain the best view

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00:05:07.485 --> 00:05:08.405

of the ship and other traffic

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while maneuvering around the ship.

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The optical landing system,

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or Fennell lens is also on the left side of the ship,

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00:05:14.255 --> 00:05:16.125

which makes it easier for the left seat pilot

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00:05:16.145 --> 00:05:18.245

to maintain sight of the lens all the way to touchdown.

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00:05:19.035 --> 00:05:22.125

However, this paradigm also presents inefficiencies

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and nuances that are worth considering

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for their ramifications in area refueling.

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Fleet replacement. Squadron pilots are qualified

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00:05:28.485 --> 00:05:30.285

to land the aircraft at the ship in both day

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00:05:30.285 --> 00:05:32.085

and night conditions with an aircraft

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00:05:32.085 --> 00:05:33.165

commander in the right seat.

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00:05:33.555 --> 00:05:36.645

However, if the nugget pilot is having difficulty getting

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00:05:36.645 --> 00:05:39.485

aboard the ship, then the aircraft commander must execute an

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00:05:39.485 --> 00:05:41.565

airborne side-to-side seat swap in order

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00:05:41.565 --> 00:05:43.205

to affect a safe recovery from the left seat.

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All manner of instructors, aircraft commanders

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00:05:46.165 --> 00:05:48.925

and nugget pilots only perform carrier landings

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00:05:48.925 --> 00:05:50.045

and practice from the left seat.

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00:05:50.625 --> 00:05:52.845

The transfer of this left seat proficiency paradigm

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to the error refueling task has required us

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00:05:55.405 --> 00:05:56.525

to reexamine the reasoning

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00:05:56.525 --> 00:05:58.645

behind our established population stereotype

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00:05:59.065 --> 00:06:00.445

and the ramifications for time

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00:06:00.445 --> 00:06:02.485

to train new pilots in this highly demanding task.

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And when you question the assumptions, you may just find

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that an apparently benign population stereotype is actually

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00:06:10.325 --> 00:06:12.645

an organizational compensation for deficiencies

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00:06:12.645 --> 00:06:16.485  
that require high levels of pilot workload, even when

150  
00:06:17.715 --> 00:06:19.245  
performed from the preferred seat.

151  
00:06:20.065 --> 00:06:23.285  
As you can hear in this pilot's voice, uh, in this video,

152  
00:06:23.505 --> 00:06:25.405  
if we can ensure the sound is up

153  
00:06:29.145 --> 00:06:33.565  
Closer, 12 feet, five feet,

154  
00:06:37.575 --> 00:06:41.005  
looks like you have a good lap, there's the side

155  
00:06:42.105 --> 00:06:45.005  
that's the same hose, uh, look that you had,

156  
00:06:46.145 --> 00:06:50.365  
and I don't really want to go any further up either.

157  
00:06:51.715 --> 00:06:52.805  
Okay, looks good.

158  
00:06:58.275 --> 00:07:00.075  
I give you a little right ru. Yep.

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00:07:05.825 --> 00:07:07.085  
In our case, time to train

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00:07:07.085 --> 00:07:08.285  
and proficiency flying required

161  
00:07:08.285 --> 00:07:10.765  
for high gain tasks is significantly reduced

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00:07:10.825 --> 00:07:13.245

by limiting those tasks to the left seat so

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that the pilots do not have to build skill transfer

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00:07:15.245 --> 00:07:17.485

for handling qualities compensations from the right seat.

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Second, we must ensure testable requirements.

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As previously mentioned, the venerable E two is notorious

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00:07:25.045 --> 00:07:26.365

for challenging flying qualities in the

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00:07:26.365 --> 00:07:27.445

performance of high gain tasks.

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Indeed, the introduction

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of the air refueling task is the first time

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that the aircraft is attempting

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to meet level one handling

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00:07:33.845 --> 00:07:35.245

qualities during an up and away task.

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To accomplish this feat,

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the Northrop Grumman Corporation has incorporated a

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significant modification of the automatic flight control

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00:07:41.125 --> 00:07:43.685  
system to address some of the coupling sensitivities

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00:07:43.685 --> 00:07:44.885  
and PIO prone nature of the

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00:07:45.005 --> 00:07:46.205  
aircraft's dynamic characteristics.

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00:07:46.845 --> 00:07:49.965  
Consequently, the Navy's detailed specification requires the

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00:07:49.965 --> 00:07:52.645  
accomplishment of the task with no greater than a handling

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00:07:52.645 --> 00:07:54.645  
qualities rating of four on the Cooper Harper scale.

183  
00:07:55.805 --> 00:07:59.005  
Likewise, the fleet operational users establish requirements

184  
00:07:59.005 --> 00:08:01.365  
for training and qualification of aircrew

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00:08:01.365 --> 00:08:02.525  
for weapon system employment

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00:08:02.525 --> 00:08:03.805  
that also require consideration.

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The derivation of which includes its own assumptions

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00:08:06.645 --> 00:08:07.765  
is a must be addressed.

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00:08:08.235 --> 00:08:09.445

Replacement pilot training

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for E two pilots already requires nearly four years

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before the pilot arrives to his first operational tour.

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So any further excessive training requirement

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that delays their arrival to the operational

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squadron would be frowned upon.

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The current resource constrained environment is not

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anticipated to provide ready access to organic Navy tankers

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for the use of pilot qualification.

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So extra training resources for tanking will be met

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with some scrutiny and with any discussion of training.

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The consideration for expected attrition rate must be

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understood with the aforementioned link,

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the pilot training pipeline.

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Any attrition rate over

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and above the current rate observed in fleet replacement

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squadron training would be considered detrimental

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to efficient return on investments.

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So we set out an attempt to answer the questions

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of both requirements with the highest level of certainty

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with the tools we have at our disposal.

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Third, we need to learn from others.

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How do other aircraft operate?

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Well, we know from our previous conversation

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with our chief test pilot, the Marine Corps C one 30

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community mostly assumes the standard

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where the aircraft commander is always seated in the left

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seat and the copilot is seated in the right seat.

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And however, either pilot assumes the task of pilot flying

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or pilot monitoring depending on the desire of the crew,

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and there are no communicated organizational compensations

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made for any apparent handling quality deficiencies.

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There are some limitations with access to control, such

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as nosal steering that lead to the customary assumption

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of takeoff and landing tasks from the left seat.

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However, those are routinely circumvented through the use

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of sound crew resource management techniques.

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The air transport community is fairly

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well documented standards.

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Whether you favor the yoke

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and control column of the Boeing family

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00:09:41.265 --> 00:09:43.965  
or more familiar with the Airbus side stick accommodations

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00:09:44.625 --> 00:09:45.685  
in both applications.

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00:09:45.815 --> 00:09:47.765  
First officers always fly from the right seat,

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00:09:47.765 --> 00:09:49.365  
and captains are position in the left seat.

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The task of pilot flying

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00:09:51.165 --> 00:09:53.205  
and pilot monitoring are divvied up among the crew

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00:09:53.205 --> 00:09:54.325  
by the desires of the captain,

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00:09:54.785 --> 00:09:56.405  
and the first officer is expected to be able

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00:09:56.405 --> 00:09:58.405  
to pilot the aircraft during all phases

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00:09:58.405 --> 00:09:59.405  
of flight from the right seat.

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There's some documentation difficulty in skill transfer when

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00:10:02.725 --> 00:10:04.045  
first officers upgrade to captain

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00:10:04.225 --> 00:10:05.645  
and transfer to left-handed flying.

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However, the accomplishment

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of high gain tasks has been largely relegated automation

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and may be considered to have limited commonality

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with a task like error refueling.

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However, military applications

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of commercial derivative aircraft such as the PA Poseidon

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that have undergone developmental testing

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for the implementation of BOOM

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and receptacle AR have demonstrated consistent application

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of airline style cockpit standardization with respect

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to seat position and that either pilot is expected

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to be able to accomplish the task from either seat

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with minimal difficulty in skill transfer

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aircraft like the F1 11.

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00:10:36.925 --> 00:10:38.965  
Aardvark also provide an interesting example

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00:10:38.975 --> 00:10:41.445  
where cockpit designers anticipated the skill transfer

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00:10:41.445 --> 00:10:43.965  
and task performance would benefit from commonality

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00:10:43.985 --> 00:10:46.325  
and control location and handedness from both seats,

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00:10:46.955 --> 00:10:49.165  
primarily allowing the pilot to fly right-handed

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00:10:49.165 --> 00:10:50.445  
by the provision of a center stick

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00:10:50.445 --> 00:10:52.285  
and throttles position on the left side console.

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00:10:53.485 --> 00:10:55.405  
Although the weapon system operator in the right seat would

265  
00:10:55.405 --> 00:10:57.485  
not frequently require use of the center console set

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00:10:57.485 --> 00:10:59.685  
of throttles in the event of an emergency

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00:10:59.685 --> 00:11:02.085  
or instructor use while training new pilots, it

268  
00:11:02.365 --> 00:11:04.565  
provided greater ease of use given the well-documented

269  
00:11:04.725 --> 00:11:06.565  
handling qualities deficiencies of the F1 11.

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00:11:08.065 --> 00:11:11.325

The S3 Viking is another example of the use of provisions

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00:11:11.325 --> 00:11:13.205

for right-handed flying from both cockpit seats

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00:11:13.795 --> 00:11:15.805

with center sticks and left-handed throttles.

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00:11:15.825 --> 00:11:17.685

Air crew in either seat could fly the aircraft

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00:11:17.685 --> 00:11:19.525

with limited psychomotor skill transfer required

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00:11:19.525 --> 00:11:21.045

for the accomplishment of high gain tasks,

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00:11:22.245 --> 00:11:23.645

although similar to the F1 11

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00:11:23.825 --> 00:11:25.645

and that the right seat document was predominantly

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00:11:25.645 --> 00:11:26.685

a weapon system operator.

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00:11:27.185 --> 00:11:29.365

The common control system layout allowed instructors

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00:11:29.365 --> 00:11:30.805

to gain proficiency from either seat,

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including the challenging task of ar.

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00:11:34.625 --> 00:11:36.285

We don't want to neglect our rotary wing

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00:11:36.285 --> 00:11:37.325

friends in this discussion either.

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00:11:37.985 --> 00:11:40.445

In fact, they have long established primary control

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00:11:40.445 --> 00:11:41.645

placement schemes with name

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00:11:41.645 --> 00:11:44.485

to address the difficulty required in precise helicopter

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00:11:44.485 --> 00:11:46.365

control and high gain tasks such as hovering

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00:11:46.985 --> 00:11:48.085

as legend would have it.

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00:11:48.395 --> 00:11:50.245

Igor Sikorsky may have been one of the first

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00:11:50.245 --> 00:11:53.365

to address these issues in helicopters with his development

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00:11:53.365 --> 00:11:56.045

of the R four helicopter trainer with a single collective

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00:11:56.045 --> 00:11:57.445

between the pilots to save weight.

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00:11:57.995 --> 00:11:59.645

According to the Smithsonian Air

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00:11:59.645 --> 00:12:01.525

and Space Museum, it was so difficult

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00:12:01.545 --> 00:12:03.005

to teach students from both the left

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00:12:03.005 --> 00:12:04.645

and right seats with the single collective

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00:12:04.995 --> 00:12:06.525

that Sikorsky restricted students

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00:12:06.545 --> 00:12:07.645  
to training in the right seat

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00:12:07.905 --> 00:12:10.245  
so they could more quickly build the psychomotor responses

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00:12:10.485 --> 00:12:11.845  
required to fly the aircraft safely.

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00:12:14.825 --> 00:12:17.645  
Indeed, even the most basic training helicopters currently

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00:12:17.645 --> 00:12:19.925  
incorporate separate collectives for both pilot seats

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00:12:20.345 --> 00:12:22.605  
so the pilots can fly right-handed from either seat

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00:12:22.625 --> 00:12:24.285  
and more quickly be trained to compensate

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00:12:24.285 --> 00:12:25.685  
for the highly coupled flying qualities

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00:12:25.685 --> 00:12:28.045  
of the helicopter while performing high gain tasks.

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Although far from being a comprehensive review

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00:12:31.005 --> 00:12:33.325  
of the examples of cockpit design addressing the negative

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00:12:33.325 --> 00:12:35.005  
impacts of skill transfer between left

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00:12:35.005 --> 00:12:37.445  
and right seat, we've established an aircraft

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00:12:37.445 --> 00:12:38.765  
with highly coupled characteristics

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00:12:38.785 --> 00:12:41.045  
of routinely incorporated separate flight controls

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00:12:41.465 --> 00:12:43.245  
to aid the pilots and accomplishment of the task.

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00:12:43.825 --> 00:12:45.245  
The E two and C two communities,

315  
00:12:45.245 --> 00:12:49.005  
however, have established the side-to-side seat swap is an

316  
00:12:49.005 --> 00:12:51.165  
organizational compensation for the handling qualities,

317  
00:12:51.165 --> 00:12:53.685  
deficiencies, and limitations in cockpit control layout

318  
00:12:54.155 --> 00:12:56.645  
that require a significant level of skill transfer.

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00:12:57.155 --> 00:12:59.325  
This appears to be a fairly unique compensation

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00:12:59.325 --> 00:13:01.125  
among multi pilot aircraft, yet one

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00:13:01.125 --> 00:13:03.325  
that we anticipate will provide some benefit as we attempt

322  
00:13:03.325 --> 00:13:07.645  
to in innovatively evaluate the new AR capability.

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00:13:09.235 --> 00:13:13.645  
That brings us to number four, apply History Cooper

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00:13:13.665 --> 00:13:15.645



and Harper acknowledged the difficulty

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00:13:15.645 --> 00:13:18.045

of applying their ratings while including variability

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00:13:18.045 --> 00:13:21.125

of pilot skill and indeed referenced special consideration

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00:13:21.125 --> 00:13:22.205

for it in their seminal nasa.

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00:13:22.355 --> 00:13:27.245

NASA technical note on page 15 of that NASA document.

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00:13:27.245 --> 00:13:31.005

They state it is the opinion of the author authors that

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00:13:31.005 --> 00:13:33.885

as a general rule, each pilot should judge the suitability

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00:13:33.905 --> 00:13:36.445

of any set of airplane characteristics in terms

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00:13:36.445 --> 00:13:37.965

of his own skill and training

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00:13:38.225 --> 00:13:39.885

and in terms of the required operations

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00:13:39.885 --> 00:13:42.445

and circumstances as defined in the experiment.

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00:13:43.135 --> 00:13:45.605

Exceptions to this general rule have occurred,

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00:13:45.605 --> 00:13:47.125

however, when the research

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or development test pilot is asked

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00:13:48.645 --> 00:13:50.405  
to evaluate handling qualities with respect

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00:13:50.405 --> 00:13:52.365  
to his understanding of the lowest degree of skill

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00:13:52.825 --> 00:13:55.645  
and training existed in a group of operational pilots.

341  
00:13:56.555 --> 00:14:00.005  
However, when we have requirements to be assessed

342  
00:14:00.065 --> 00:14:01.085  
by test pilots,

343  
00:14:03.425 --> 00:14:06.085  
the must be transposed on the anticipated skill level

344  
00:14:06.085 --> 00:14:07.325  
of a new replacement pilot.

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00:14:07.875 --> 00:14:09.725  
There's enough potential for large error

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00:14:09.875 --> 00:14:11.405  
that it may call into question the

347  
00:14:11.405 --> 00:14:12.685  
general validity of the test.

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00:14:13.545 --> 00:14:15.925  
The learned psychomotor response to the community test pilot

349  
00:14:15.985 --> 00:14:17.885  
for compensations required during accomplishment

350  
00:14:17.885 --> 00:14:21.085  
of the high gain task may be considered overly optimistic

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00:14:21.105 --> 00:14:23.805

and could result in exacerbated resources required

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00:14:24.265 --> 00:14:26.925

for new pilot training and abysmal attrition rates.

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00:14:26.925 --> 00:14:31.445

For a standard group of replacement pilots application

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00:14:31.445 --> 00:14:34.005

of psychomotor learning theory may all too often be one

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00:14:34.005 --> 00:14:35.045

of those assumptions that we need

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00:14:35.045 --> 00:14:37.365

to question in the underlying user evaluation methods

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00:14:37.715 --> 00:14:39.285

that are prevalent in our profession

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00:14:40.345 --> 00:14:42.965

and the general generally accepted taxonomy.

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00:14:44.085 --> 00:14:46.205

Learning is expressed as a function of experience

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00:14:46.705 --> 00:14:49.445

and is characterized by a normally exponential growth curve

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00:14:49.795 --> 00:14:51.690

that depicts a large amount of of learning gained

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00:14:51.690 --> 00:14:52.770

with little experience

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00:14:52.905 --> 00:14:54.805

and the rate of learning is decreasing

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00:14:54.805 --> 00:14:58.765

as the experience increases to apply this theory into terms

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00:14:58.765 --> 00:15:02.805  
of our profession for known system deficiencies, the level

366  
00:15:02.805 --> 00:15:05.245  
of task performance could then be expressed as a function

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00:15:05.245 --> 00:15:07.005  
of the time to train for the typical pilot.

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00:15:10.405 --> 00:15:11.445  
Applying generalized Cooper

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00:15:11.445 --> 00:15:12.885  
and Harper handling qualities ratings

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00:15:12.885 --> 00:15:16.165  
to normalize locations on the performance scale provides a

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00:15:16.165 --> 00:15:17.965  
compelling depiction of resource trade-offs

372  
00:15:18.765 --> 00:15:21.565  
required in the handling qualities domain to attain levels

373  
00:15:21.585 --> 00:15:23.005  
of performance anticipated in the

374  
00:15:23.005 --> 00:15:24.125  
accomplishment of a high gain task.

375  
00:15:24.705 --> 00:15:27.365  
You'll notice that I've limited the application of Hqr R

376  
00:15:28.475 --> 00:15:30.485  
application to HQ of three and below,

377  
00:15:30.825 --> 00:15:31.965  
and the thought that any task

378  
00:15:31.965 --> 00:15:34.885

that would be considered high gain would result in notable

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00:15:34.885 --> 00:15:36.405

compensations required by the pilot

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00:15:36.785 --> 00:15:39.125

to achieve desirable performance on a reliable basis,

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00:15:39.635 --> 00:15:41.885

resulting in assessment of hqr of three or above.

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00:15:42.085 --> 00:15:45.325

Normally This generalized application

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00:15:45.325 --> 00:15:47.765

of psychomotor learning theory also further expounds

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00:15:47.765 --> 00:15:48.805

that the pilot will progress

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00:15:48.835 --> 00:15:50.885

through three distinct levels of development.

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00:15:51.705 --> 00:15:53.965

The first stage of which is the cognitive accomplishment

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00:15:53.965 --> 00:15:56.325

of the task marked by awkward, slow,

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00:15:56.325 --> 00:15:58.565

and choppy movements that the operator tries to control.

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00:15:59.225 --> 00:16:00.885

The pilot is required to actively think

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00:16:00.885 --> 00:16:02.845

through each required compensation for the task

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00:16:02.845 --> 00:16:04.685

and subsequent performance suffers.

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00:16:05.345 --> 00:16:07.565  
You may note the area of cognitive learning to the left

393  
00:16:07.565 --> 00:16:09.525  
of any area of increased performance marked

394  
00:16:09.525 --> 00:16:11.645  
by academic learning or ground school

395  
00:16:11.645 --> 00:16:12.725  
that could be considered training

396  
00:16:12.745 --> 00:16:14.125  
for the accomplishment of the given task.

397  
00:16:15.155 --> 00:16:16.845  
Next is the associative stage.

398  
00:16:17.305 --> 00:16:19.325  
The pilot has become more proficient at compensating

399  
00:16:19.325 --> 00:16:20.645  
for the handling qualities, efficiencies,

400  
00:16:20.945 --> 00:16:22.605  
but has not yet become second nature,

401  
00:16:22.905 --> 00:16:25.285  
and the pilot must still expend mental capacity

402  
00:16:25.285 --> 00:16:26.285  
and the accomplishment of the task.

403  
00:16:26.945 --> 00:16:29.525  
In this generalized application learning theory In relation

404  
00:16:29.525 --> 00:16:32.285  
to handling qualities, the standard pilot would not be able

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00:16:32.285 --> 00:16:33.965

to attain more than adequate performance

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00:16:33.965 --> 00:16:35.045

in the associative stage.

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00:16:36.105 --> 00:16:38.605

In order to progress to a level of desirable performance,

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00:16:38.705 --> 00:16:41.405

the pilot must progress in the stage of autonomic response

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00:16:41.945 --> 00:16:44.565

or the task accomplishment may be refined through practice,

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00:16:45.185 --> 00:16:46.685

but the pilot no longer is required

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00:16:46.685 --> 00:16:48.765

to expend extra mental capacity to compensate

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00:16:48.765 --> 00:16:50.165

for the handling qualities deficiencies.

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00:16:50.865 --> 00:16:52.845

It is in this range of autonomic response

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00:16:52.845 --> 00:16:54.245

that most test pilots operate.

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00:16:54.875 --> 00:16:57.005

They have established refined compensation techniques

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00:16:57.005 --> 00:16:59.085

for the deficiencies resident in their aircraft,

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00:16:59.505 --> 00:17:01.605

and most of the time dedicated thought

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00:17:01.605 --> 00:17:04.165

or observation to characterize the exact psychomotor

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00:17:04.325 --> 00:17:06.685  
responses they're providing to achieve task performance.

420  
00:17:08.225 --> 00:17:10.005  
As we consider our seat swap paradigm

421  
00:17:10.105 --> 00:17:11.685  
and the requirements for which we're tasked

422  
00:17:11.685 --> 00:17:14.645  
with evaluating this generalized application may be useful

423  
00:17:14.645 --> 00:17:16.925  
in helping us assess our requirements with more certainty.

424  
00:17:17.945 --> 00:17:20.365  
The normal fleet replacement pilot is estimated

425  
00:17:20.365 --> 00:17:22.405  
to graduate somewhere between the associative stage

426  
00:17:22.405 --> 00:17:24.445  
and the beginning of the autonomic stage of learning.

427  
00:17:25.195 --> 00:17:26.805  
This presents a quandary in any test.

428  
00:17:26.805 --> 00:17:28.125  
Pilot's attempt to assess the level

429  
00:17:28.125 --> 00:17:30.165  
of performance expected from a replacement pilot

430  
00:17:30.695 --> 00:17:32.485  
while they're evaluating the task from well

431  
00:17:32.485 --> 00:17:33.645  
within the autonomic range.

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00:17:35.345 --> 00:17:38.365



And the best way to overcome such a quandary is to strive

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00:17:38.425 --> 00:17:39.765  
to innovate resourcefully.

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00:17:42.175 --> 00:17:44.605  
Given the disparity between the anticipated performance

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00:17:44.605 --> 00:17:46.325  
of our given test pilot and that

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00:17:46.325 --> 00:17:48.525  
of a normalized replacement pilot with a reasonable time

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00:17:48.525 --> 00:17:50.485  
to train, we've come to the conclusion

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00:17:50.485 --> 00:17:52.285  
that we may gain a better understanding of time

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00:17:52.285 --> 00:17:54.765  
to train requirements by having the test pilot evaluate the

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00:17:54.765 --> 00:17:56.485  
performance of the task from the right seat.

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00:17:57.565 --> 00:17:59.645  
Although this may seem like a small change for most,

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00:18:00.345 --> 00:18:02.245  
it may be considered a huge paradigm shift

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00:18:02.425 --> 00:18:03.525  
for many in our community.

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00:18:04.345 --> 00:18:06.365  
And even though it will not provide empirical data

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00:18:06.465 --> 00:18:07.605  
to show equivalency

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00:18:07.805 --> 00:18:09.725  
and time to train, it is anticipated

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00:18:09.725 --> 00:18:11.645  
that will at least provide us a better understanding

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00:18:11.645 --> 00:18:14.565  
of the skill transfer potential for transitioning pilots

449  
00:18:14.565 --> 00:18:16.605  
and accomplishing the task with less time to train

450  
00:18:16.985 --> 00:18:18.845  
and handling qualities, compensation techniques

451  
00:18:18.845 --> 00:18:20.885  
that may not be as finely tuned as the test pilot.

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00:18:22.705 --> 00:18:25.285  
So What we've relearned about flight test

453  
00:18:25.945 --> 00:18:27.965  
is the more accurate and efficient evaluations

454  
00:18:27.965 --> 00:18:30.445  
of test programs can be attained by continuous practice

455  
00:18:30.825 --> 00:18:33.085  
and adherence to the tenants that we've covered here today.

456  
00:18:33.785 --> 00:18:36.165  
We must first question the assumptions inherent in all

457  
00:18:36.165 --> 00:18:38.525  
of our programs, communities, and organizations.

458  
00:18:39.185 --> 00:18:40.485  
We all have unique experiences

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00:18:40.485 --> 00:18:42.445

and paradigms with which we approach our profession,

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00:18:43.065 --> 00:18:45.445

and we should constantly strive for deliberate understanding

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00:18:45.445 --> 00:18:47.685

of the reasoning behind the population stereotypes

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00:18:47.995 --> 00:18:49.205

that we often overlook

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00:18:49.205 --> 00:18:51.685

because we've often, we've always just

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00:18:51.685 --> 00:18:52.925

thought that's how we do it.

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00:18:53.745 --> 00:18:55.845

Second, we should strive to ensure all

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00:18:55.845 --> 00:18:57.165

of our requirements are testable

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00:18:57.505 --> 00:18:58.925

and endeavor to identify new

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00:18:58.925 --> 00:19:01.405

and innovative ways to assess reasonable considerations from

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00:19:01.405 --> 00:19:02.885

our operational customers.

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00:19:03.745 --> 00:19:06.245

The acquisition cutting room floor has been all too often

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00:19:06.245 --> 00:19:08.325

littered with the remnants of programs plagued

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00:19:08.325 --> 00:19:10.285

by poorly written and untestable requirements.

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As the experts in our field,

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00:19:12.245 --> 00:19:14.565

we must aggressively seek out these inconsistencies

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00:19:14.985 --> 00:19:16.445

and pursue reasonable resolution

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00:19:16.445 --> 00:19:17.765

to the maximum extent possible.

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00:19:18.555 --> 00:19:21.845

Thirdly, even attendance at this safety workshop is a great

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00:19:21.845 --> 00:19:23.325

example of our society's drive

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00:19:23.785 --> 00:19:26.925

to continuously learn from others so that we do not continue

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00:19:26.925 --> 00:19:29.045

to repeat the mistakes or missteps of the past.

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As part of our professional obligation, we must continue

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00:19:32.205 --> 00:19:34.245

to strive for communications of lessons learned

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00:19:35.045 --> 00:19:36.805

lest we are doomed to repeat the mistakes of others.

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00:19:38.385 --> 00:19:39.525

Fourth, scientific

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00:19:39.525 --> 00:19:42.205

and engineering history provide enormous wealth.

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00:19:42.745 --> 00:19:43.745

Let go back here,

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00:19:44.945 --> 00:19:45.945

Pardon me.

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00:19:47.825 --> 00:19:49.965

For scientific and engineering history provide enormous

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00:19:49.965 --> 00:19:52.725

wealth of knowledge and application from other related

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00:19:52.725 --> 00:19:54.605

fields that should continuously be referenced

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for their general applications of specifics of our programs.

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It is through this continued emphasis on application of new

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and expanding technologies while still applying the

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historical lessons of the past that we can strive

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to innovate resourcefully.

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It is that innovation that will empower us

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00:20:09.725 --> 00:20:10.845

to find novel solutions

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00:20:10.845 --> 00:20:12.605

for seemingly insurmountable challenges

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and give us confidence in expanded risk management

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00:20:15.125 --> 00:20:16.925  
methodologies even in a landscape

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00:20:16.925 --> 00:20:18.685  
of apparently anemic resources.

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00:20:19.915 --> 00:20:23.285  
Adherence to those tenants may indeed aid us in overcoming

503  
00:20:23.525 --> 00:20:26.085  
challenges in a program to be able to have success

504  
00:20:26.395 --> 00:20:27.485  
that makes it look easy.

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00:20:33.345 --> 00:20:36.565  
And with that, I'll take any questions if anybody has any.

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00:20:44.465 --> 00:20:44.685  
Sir.

507  
00:20:45.065 --> 00:20:46.725  
So did, so I gather you did

508  
00:20:47.485 --> 00:20:48.965  
Ariel refueling from the right seat?

509  
00:20:49.105 --> 00:20:52.445  
Did you take data, you know, right seat versus left seat

510  
00:20:52.465 --> 00:20:53.485  
of the same person

511  
00:20:53.625 --> 00:20:55.285  
And we, we have not yet.

512  
00:20:55.465 --> 00:20:58.965  
So all of the video shown was of risk reduction efforts

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00:20:58.965 --> 00:21:00.485

that were actually accomplished with, uh,

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00:21:00.565 --> 00:21:02.525

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00:21:02.945 --> 00:21:04.285

Are you planning to do Right seat.

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So the, so the plan is to, uh, approach it in,

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in this manner, not full, uh,

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00:21:10.235 --> 00:21:11.805

evaluations from the right seat,

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00:21:11.825 --> 00:21:14.925

but to have, uh, essentially a right seat assessment

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00:21:15.185 --> 00:21:16.445

of time to train.

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So, um, specifically the requirement of of HQR four.

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So, um, the differences between, you know,

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because of how that requirement is written,

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there is no specification in that requirement

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of saying is it an HQR four from the left seat

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or is an HQR four from the right seat?

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Um, so based on our community paradigm, um, what has, uh,

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been pressed forward is that we are essentially evaluating

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that requirement from the left seat, uh, in that,

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that is from the 1960s development of the airplane.

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Uh, all of the flying qualities evaluations that,

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that we have that are documented,

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were all from the left seat.

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Um, however, uh, we are using this right seat methodology

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as an attempt to, uh, aid our fleet counterparts

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and as it goes into the fleet to, and, and,

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and to be able to reduce some of that risk to, to say, um,

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if we can have a test pilot be able

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to do it from the right seat, even though, um,

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even though they may be, uh,

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have more highly refined compensation techniques,

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that at least puts them closer on the learning curve to

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what a fleet replacement pilot would be

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and gives us a, a better confidence, uh, in the ability

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to train a replacement pilot in a reasonable

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time. Sorry,

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Beckon's a nineties, uh, early nineties, uh,

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I was project pilot for the uk, uh, uh,

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which was the first implementation of the prob on

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that seven, seven and high ride, just like the one 30.

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And, uh, very interesting.

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The MO made no problems about you should be able

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to refuel from both seats

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and it was part of the spec, part of eye, part

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of the except procedure, uh, by those folks that

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flew the airplane refuel the

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Yes, sir. Interesting

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Things have changed, Sir, sir,

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Foresee a fleeing conops in which, uh,

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pilots from received aircraft.

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I, I think, um, that's still yet to be seen,

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um, because of the community paradigm.

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I'm, I'm not sure that, uh, we will see it

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where they will allow, uh, junior pilots

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to tank from the right seat.

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Um, what I could foresee is something more like how the,

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the E six community implements it in, in talking to them.

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Uh, essentially a a three P

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and a two P are qualified to ar from the left seat

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and then as an air, as a part

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of the aircraft commander syllabus, then they, uh,

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become qualified to ar from the right seat.

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And then as, as an aircraft commander

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or an instructor, uh, they can ar from both seats.

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Uh, but I think that's, you know, I we've addressed this

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so far, uh, primarily from the, from the testing

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and evaluation standpoint

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and as a way to, to, uh, better predict

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what we can anticipate, uh, junior pilot performance being,

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but not necessarily as a push

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to the fleet in their implementation of the conops.

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Currently the CONOPS is written such

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that they are only planning to do it from the left seat.

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Sir, do

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You see this, uh, in the future being pushed

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to eliminate the seat swap maneuver as a,

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as a future risk reduction?

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Uh, this will not eliminate the seat swap maneuver in the

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carrier landing task.

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I can say that much. Uh,

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however, this as, uh, Commodore was, uh, asking

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it has the potential to eliminate the seat swap maneuver as,

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as part of the error refueling task. Absolutely.

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Right. So you were saying there's no

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currently no plan to do

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That, right? The

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Push for that in The future?

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Absolutely. Do you think that's Absolutely, and

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and that would, if, if we successfully demonstrate it, um,

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I, I would foresee that there would be high likelihood

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that they would probably push to want to do

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that based on the proficiency requirements

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and the, um, yeah, the, the drive to be, uh, ar capable

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for as many pilots as we can in the community.

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Any other questions? Thank you. Appreciate it.