TBM Proficient Pilot Program (TBM-PPP)

TBM- PPP is a group of “Safety Passionate TBM Pilots” who are committed to learning and flying safely. This group expects no accidents over 3 years with 100+ members. The resulting SOP & SMS are kept relevant and short by examining accidents and ensuring that our SOP and SMS would likely have interrupted the accident chain under review.

We are seeking to provide data to insurers that supports identifying this group for consideration for policies for older pilots, larger liability coverage, and broader geographic coverage. This is measured by maintaining a Stabilized Approach Criterion of greater than 80% as an indication of safe operation. Members must also adopt the agreed SOP & SMS as their own.

Purpose

The purpose of this document is to provide guidelines for the “how to” implement our “Personal Commitment to learning and flying safe”. The goal is to demonstrate that this group under self-imposed Part 135 like operations has a statistically significantly lower accident rate than Part 91 operations. We seek to demonstrate this statistically low risk to underwriters.

Members

The “TBMOPA Landing Accidents Analysis and Recommendations” shows that pilots who comply less than 50% with the 500’ POH 80-95 kts IAS speed window comprise greater than 90% of landing accidents. Members who show a compliance of better than 80% with the “Me & My TBM” FDM may join TBM-PPP. We expect that members with a heightened attention to detail during the landing phase also exhibit lower risk during other phases of flight. Only members have access to the TBM-PPP forum.

Safety Buddies

Buddies are comprised of TBM-PPP members in good standing. Buddies are available to members to discuss individual flights in private. Buddies automatically receive a “TBM Report” for every flight by a member with a score of less than 80%. Members initiate these conversations for post and pre-flight risk assessment.

Safety Mentors

Mentors are TBM Instructors and don't own TBM aircraft. Similar to Buddies, Mentors are available to members to discuss individual flights in private. Mentors automatically receive a flight report for every flight by a member with a score of less than 80%. Mentors may initiate post-flight reviews. Members may desire to contact Mentors for pre-flight discussions.