

Jeff Kanarish Quotes

“Most professional pilots make lousy radio calls. They don't do this intentionally. Either they never learned correct radio phraseology in the first place, or what was learned early eroded over time.”

“Poor habits and incorrect phraseology on the aircraft radio get passed from pilot to pilot like a bad cold.”

“Air traffic controllers use standardized phrases that are clearly spelled out in the ATC manual, and enforced through regulation and supervision. Pilots are given suggested phrases in the Aeronautical Information Manual, but there is no structure in place to ensure pilots use these phrases consistently.”

“While experience is a great teacher, pilots need a good foundation before building experience. Unfortunately, as it stands now, the foundation of radio communication for new pilots ranges from thin and weak to virtually non-existent. My goal is to change that, even if I have to do it one pilot at a time.”

“Why is standardized radio procedure so important? Go look at reports in the Aviation Safety and Reporting System. Misunderstandings on the radio are a factor in thousands of flying incidents.”

“I think a person is more apt to remember a lesson that contains an emotional component. You can read dry text about how important it is to use rudder carefully during a stall recovery, but the point really hits home the first time you mis-apply the controls and put the aircraft into a spin. That's why anything worth teaching should be taught with drama or humor.”

“If you never learned the right way to talk on the radio, then all those years of flying time give you is experience in making bad radio calls.”

“Are you going to tell that grisly, grumpy old captain his radio calls suck? Me neither.”

“You think you're having a hard time learning how to speak on the radio to ATC? Try it as a student, learning to fly here in the U.S., who speaks English as a second language.”