

Hey Pilots, Family Members and Supporters,

In case you were wondering, yes, it has been since April 11th that I last sent out an E-Blast. I haven't forgotten about our cause, just very little has been going on and I've been restructuring my goals. That said, here it is the end of May and I have some information for you all.

And so that I don't forget, the address for the website is:

<http://www.TCVSystems.com/HeloPilots>

and our email address is: Pilots@TCVSystems.com.

I guess foremost on the list of stuff in the last seven weeks is the letter some of us are receiving from the FBI's Victim Assistance Program out of the Las Vegas office. The Case Number listed is "318E-LV-40690, Silver State Helicopters". The Victim Specialist sending out the letter is Maureen Seitz. The phone number listed is 702-584-5523.

I spoke to our attorney, Michael Berger, yesterday about a number of topics, this one in particular. To paraphrase his opinion, cooperate completely with the FBI. They are investigating SSH in a criminal matter. The questionnaire is there to collect evidence against SSH. And, yes, do let the FBI know about your certifications. And again, DON'T let your lender know about the certifications, completions, check rides, etc. But DO let the FBI know everything. The FBI is supposedly going to get in contact with everyone, but they are sending out the letters in batches.

There have been some issues brought up on various blog sites regarding our lenders and our attorneys. The most disturbing issue seems to be that we were told to refer any lender calls to our attorneys. When a certain student contacted Berger's office, here is what he experienced, "I recently received an "urgent" voicemail from AES/SLX, asking to call them within 72 hours. I emailed Mike Berger instead, who told me his office would not call on my behalf, so I should call them - even though Georgeanne and Gail had said in our first meeting with them in San Diego that we should let them handle all communications once we retain their services. Is anyone else getting mixed messages from Berger & Assoc? I'm not really sure what to do."

This was another point that I brought up with Mr. Berger yesterday. Again I'll paraphrase his response (I used to work in a law firm and know better than to claim to have a direct quote). Berger's firm has at least 1,293 SSH clients, whether individual or with co-signers (this number as of a May 3rd correspondence). They do not have the time to make over a 1,000 individual calls to lenders. They are working on the court case against the lenders. If and when one of your lenders does reach you by phone (or if you choose to return their call), simply refer them to your lawyer and give a contact phone number. To date, Berger has yet to receive one phone call from a lender regarding our accounts. Lenders are using their collections staff to hound us as individuals. Merely put them off with

that statement about contacting your attorney. DO NOT tell them that you refuse to pay the debt. That is a big no no.

SO, ONCE AGAIN, FOR CLARITY

1. Yes, cooperate completely with the FBI's investigation.
2. DO NOT tell your lender that you refuse to pay the debt.
3. If you make contact with, or are contacted by, your lender, state, "My lawyer has advised me to refer you to his/her office. His/her name is ___ and his/her phone number is ___". Fill in the blank with whomever you have retained.

And in a letter from Michael Berger on April 12th:

"... I picked up an endorsement from another attorney yesterday that had 4 SSH clients, and learned something interesting in the process. Attorney David Spieker of Stanislaus County , California has referred his 4 SSH clients to me. One of them, a former SSH student..., was sued by Key Bank for his default on his loan payments. KeyBank has already obtained a judgment against him. This is an indication that other SSH Students who do not pay and do not sue the banks will most likely be sued by the banks. In that case, they will find themselves alone, without the power of the group, and without the financial ability to defend themselves.

From an email from Michael Berger on May 3rd:

"...We have now signed up 1293 SSH clients. We are focusing this month on preparing the proofs of claim and preparing our Adversary Proceeding Complaint Against the lender..."

Mr. Berger has answered a majority of the questions on our Support Group Website. These are questions that we posed to him as a way of keeping us informed. Most of these questions are asked of him in one way or another by SSH student clients. The link to the Q&A page is:

<http://www.TCVSystems.com/HeloPilots/BergerQA.htm>

To keep up-to-date with what is going on at the Law Offices of Michael Berger, visit their blogsite at <http://www.bankruptcypower.blogspot.com>. On May 7th, Berger's office sent out, by email, a "receipt" for our payments and signed contracts. If you did not receive this email -- Subj: "Receipt for 1,300 SSH Clients", you should contact his office and update your email address.

From Matt Kilgore, Oakland, CA, POC on May 14th, 9:42 a.m.:

"Lender "hotlines" for students

... Just wanted to send out a quick reminder. There is an article in the San Diego Tribune today (among other publications as well as online) about Silver State Helicopters and the lenders. In the article, Key Bank offers up a "hotline" for students to call. I offer the following as my opinion. If you feel you must call, for your own sake and your fellow

students, be incredibly careful of what you say and what information you give them. The "helpful" hotline might be a way for them to gather information and use it against us. We've done a pretty good job thus far as to not giving out information as it was obvious from the beginning we shouldn't say much, but I have seen news articles here and there in which students state hours and or certificates completed. Things are starting to heat up again so it's important to watch our every move. No matter who represents you or who your attorney is, I think it would be beneficial to all to be careful. Student reps, please forward this along to your students as it affects everyone.

Thanks, Matt Kilgore"

Followed almost immediately at 10:01 a.m.:

"I just called the phone number in the article. Just wanted to see what it was then I was going to hang up. It goes straight to their "Risk Department". If that's not a red flag, I don't know what is.

Matt"

From Usagi01284@aol.com on April 15th:

Just receive a letter from AES saying the last letter send to us requesting payment was a mistake.

"We are in the process of reviewing the current situation and options, and you receive further information from us, your outstanding loan will be treated as if it is still in the grace period"

Not a lot of background information on the following bit of news, but I got a confirmation from Michael Berger that Student Loan Xpress has gone out of business. Neither of us know what to expect from this event.

From Jeremy Officer, POC St. Louis, on April 16th:

"...San Diego POC, Kevin [Wilhelmy] was able to secure financing through Sally Mae to continue his training. He disputed the SSH loan with the three credit bureaus and then just applied for a fresh student loan. I'm attempting to do the same thing at Midwest Helicopters and will be sure to let y'all know how it turns out..."

From Tony:

As I said in my opening paragraph, I have been restructuring my goals. In my case, this means I have picked my self up by the scruff of my neck and signed up with Los Angeles Helicopters in Long Beach. I, also, applied for a loan with Sallie Mae (SLMA - Student Loan Marketing Association, the federally established, publicly traded, student loan program). They offer tuition assistance (student loans and expense money) for APPROVED educational / training programs. Interesting that SSH was never on SLMA's list of approved training providers. While I have been approved with a co-signer (heck, in real life, I'm a struggling realtor), at least I have been approved. I've been flying for a month now, scheduled for my Instrument Check Ride for the 11th of June.

From Mike V. in Texas on April 12th:

"...It appears that Lancastrer Airport [KLNC], Lancastrer, Texas, will be staging location for the sale of SSH rotorcraft. I want to make sure the BK trustee knows that the aircraft are being staged here in the Dallas area."

And from Kevin Wilhelmy in San Diego:

"I thought I would pass this along for old times sake and see if everyone gets this. I found 978. I took my private check ride in that ship."

See the pictures at:

<http://www.TCVSystems.com/HeloPilots/images/SSHGraveyard.jpg>

From the Berger's blog site on April 16th:

"Texas based law firm Brown & Dean has decided to drop all 35 of its former SSH student clients and urge them to immediately seek legal counsel elsewhere. The majority of these former Brown & Dean clients have already committed to joining our SSH client group. We welcome them, and wish a full and speedy recovery to Charles Mitchell, the attorney who formerly was handling this matter for the Brown & Dean firm. Mr. Mitchell is the father of two former SSH students. He is recovering from a heart attack that he suffered in March and quadruple bypass surgery.

From Brandy Drake, POC, Gillespie Field, San Diego, CA, on April 14th

"To All of the CFI's & Students of the SSH Tragedy:

Thank you to Tony of "Helo Pilot Support Group" for getting the extra word out there for the Grand Opening of "Rotor Aviation SD". I am so proud to be a part of something so great. Being a POC for San Diego has led me all over the United States. I have had the pleasure to meet some of the greatest people I know today, whom I call friends. Even though most of them, "I've never even met face to face". Hearing your stories and cries of dismay have prompt me to put innocence at rest. My crusade for you will be one of time and triumph, for my mission will end when justice is served. Most of all I thank my partner and new found friend; Kevin Wilhelmy for being my earth, wind, and fire. Without him none of this would have reached the level it has. February 09, 2008 I traveled to Oxnard, CA. on a invitation from Kevin Ramsey to meet Gail & George Ann of Berger & Associates, it was then I decided that their word needed to be heard by everyone willing to listen. Sure enough on February 17, 2008 they traveled to San Diego and for over 2 hours these ladies warmed our hearts and filled us with the hope of getting back what is rightfully ours. When I met them they had a total of 6 clients, presently they have over 1,000 clients. God blessed us all in the form of "Bankruptcy Lawyers".

Being the master - mind in setting up the first "all former SSH" flight school since the bankruptcy in February 2008, has been my greatest success story yet. In due time there will be more events and flight schools in other states, so stay tuned there might be one coming your way. I am working with some of the greatest member's in the Aviation Network to bring hope back to the future Helicopter Pilots of America and jobs back to those of you that have been displaced.

I would like to conclude this epic on one finale note if I may; it goes a little something

like this... What can be said about the world we live in, when the Moral and Ethical values of respected members of society are no longer upheld. When does it become a crime when government officials associate with known criminals like Jerry whom is no more than crooked & greedy business man. So spineless and shameless he cannot and will not ever recover from the devastation that was encroached to over 2700 students and 999 CFI's {and all the friends & families involved} across 17 states. His leaches ordered to assist in such horrid plans to scam innocent people out of their loan money should be down right ashamed of themselves for not doing the right thing. To these people I bid you ado, for karma is coming for you and the Federal Pen is waiting for you.

P.S. Please set up a donation box in your city at the local grocery stores, I am raising money for students to finish their education, and for helicopters to be used to achieve flight time. 100 % of the proceeds go to the cause.

Brandy Drake
619-564-6995
619-599-5650 "

From Ray Tan-Torres, Chino, CA, on May 12th:

"...After many hours of deliberation with the Chino Airport Administration (mostly begging and pleading), and many more trips to the airport itself, I have finally received approval to open NU VISTA AVAITION! It's a helicopter flight-training academy where you can continue to make your dream of being a professional helicopter pilot come true. I wanted to extend an invitation to you, my former students first, prior to opening the doors to the public at the Chino Air Show May 17th & 18th. I know that continuing your training is expensive, and although I cannot do it for free (I would if I could), I can offer a price far less than you were paying at your former academy. You can pay as you go, with a credit card, or if you wish to put money on account, for every \$4000.00 you deposit, I will add 5% to your deposit. Currently, I have the capacity to accept 40 students into the academy. I cannot take more at this time, because I will not take more students than I have aircraft to supply training for. Enrollment will be on a first come, first serve basis. And after I have reached capacity, I will start a waiting list. If I have enough people on the waiting list, I will lease another aircraft, but I will not enroll students without having the resources necessary to provide training.

My promise to you: I will provide the best flight and ground school training possible. I will conduct my operations with honesty and integrity. And I will do everything that I can to help you fulfill your dream of becoming a professional helicopter pilot. Contact me as soon as possible to reserve you spot to continue your training.

Sincerely,

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From Louis Bohn on April 28th:

"In the current issue of Vertical magazine April/May there is a five page article plus the editorial about SilverState. Read it online."

From Tony:

Vertical Magazine's website is <http://www.VerticalMagOnline.com> . You will have to download their viewing software. The article starts on page 44.

To view their cover picture, a great shot of the last gathering of CFIs, aircraft and employees in Las Vegas and a shot of the EC120B, check out <http://www.TCVSystems.com/HeloPilots/images/VerticalPhoto.jpg> .

From Whirly Girl in St. Louis on April 29th:

HeliSat is up and flying!!! Call for flight schedule and prices

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Moscow Mills, MO 63362

Telephone: 636 366-9110

After Hours: 636 541-3927

FAX: 636 366-4166

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From Jason Reschke in Salem, OR, on May 1st:

"Just wanted to pass along some good news. After receiving one of your emails regarding disputing the AES accounts on our credit report, I went in and disputed them with the credit bureaus and I just got confirmation from TransUnion that ALL 3 of AES's accounts have been deleted from my credit report. If you haven't done so, I would highly recommend doing it because apparently it works, at least for TransUnion. Im crossing my fingers the others will follow suit!!

From Dave A. in St. Louis on May 4th:

DOWNLOAD THE SILVER STATE BANKRUPTCY FILING HERE!!

<http://www.swiftchopper.com/Bankruptcy%20Petition.pdf>

Marcus Wiedermann, POC, Camarillo, CA, on May 27th, reports that KCMA's newest certificated helicopter pilots Paul Cass, earned his private pilot certificate on 5-17, and Sheila Collier and Kevin Ramsey both passed their private pilot check rides this past Sunday 5-25-2008.

From Michael Berger's blogsite on May 13th:

"Notice of Appearance Filed Today

Today we filed a Notice of Appearance and Request for Service of Notices and Pleadings with the Bankruptcy Court in the SSH case. Attached to our Notice was a complete list of all clients that we represent in this case. We check the docket in the SSH case several times a week to keep on top of all developments in the case. The docket in the Silver State Helicopters, LLC case reflects 600 separate entries from the bankruptcy petition filing date of February 4, 2008 through today, May 13, 2008."

And on May 23rd:

"Our 2 New Attorneys

Congratulations to our 2 new attorneys, Brigitte Gomelsky and Blake Lindemann. Brigitte and Blake joined my law firm as law clerks in October of 2007. Both of them received notice this week that they passed the Bar Exam. Brigitte was sworn in as an attorney yesterday, and Blake will be sworn in next week. Both of them clerked for a United States Bankruptcy Court Judge prior to working here. I enjoy working with them to help our clients.

That's it for now. More when I get some information.

Thanks for your support and letters of appreciation.

Tony Vaca
Webmaster
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Back in the skies again