

FAASTeam presents:

# Making Your Own Checklists

Modern pilots use checklists as a way of correcting for the failings of human memory.

Even for important tasks that may be completely memorized, a good pilot will back up memory by referring to a checklist. It's likely that every year accidents are avoided and lives are saved because pilots were reminded of important settings and procedures that had been inadvertently missed. The manufacturer's FAA-approved flight manual or pilot's operating handbook (POH) is the foundation for safe operation of the aircraft, but many manufacturers' checklists seem stark to some pilots. Checkmate.com and a variety of other aviation publishers have created commercially available checklists that augment the ones in the aircraft POH, with additional items that many pilots find a common part of their flight process.

Some aircraft owners, flying clubs, and flight schools have created their own checklists for use by their pilots. How much checklist is enough?

Which checklist is right for you? Have you ever thought of making your own checklist? Have you had it with the laminated checklist that says Beacon On before even turning Master On? It may be time for you to make your own checklist.

In Star Wars, Luke Skywalker eventually created his own light saber and tinkered with the design.

## Event Details

**Sat, May 30, 2015 - 12:00 PDT**

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This was to make a tool that was more to his liking, and was recognized as a sign that his training was complete. Many pilots find that the process of creating their own checklist forces them into a deeper understanding of the aircraft and its safety features, and makes them a safer pilot. Obi Wan would be proud. SCFC Chief Pilot Dan Dyer invites all pilots to join him for a discussion about making your own checklist. He'll talk through the benefits that custom checklists bring to single-pilot resource management, and the safety pitfalls to guard against. He'll talk through the process he uses to create checklists for San Carlos Flight Center and the verification process SCFC uses to ensure that new checklists meet or exceed the safety standards of the manufacturers. Any questions, contact us at (650)946-1700 or [info@sancarlosflight.com](mailto:info@sancarlosflight.com). San Carlos Flight Center was voted Best Flight School in the US in the 2013 AOPA Flight Training Excellence Awards. We are committed to promoting safety in general aviation through our evening safety seminar programs. For more information about this and any of our weekly seminars, please visit <http://sancarlosflight.com/activities-and-events>.

**Directions:** Located in the Skyway Building, next to the Hiller Aviation Museum. Parking and entrance behind building. Suite 215 is upstairs in the northwest corner. Pilots who fly in should park in transient parking and call the Flight Center for advice (650) 946-1700.

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