



## PEMBROKESHIRE FLYING CLUB

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Since we are getting off to a slow start in receiving inputs from you folk, I will start this news letter with the repeat of an article I wrote many moons ago and take you along for the ride.

A one off maybe, the flight is a round trip cross country (hardly a cross country since it mostly follows the coast) land and have a cup of coffee then do the return leg. This will be a night flight since its about a tenner cheaper to hire a 152 after dark. On the way down we will overfly at 50 feet yes 50 feet what is probably one of the longest runways in the world-yes-Florida-yes the shuttle landing facility (SLF) at the Kennedy Space Centre all 4572 x 91.4 metres. I had given the (SLF) a telephone call prior to take off requesting permission, they were happy to oblige down to 50ft but no touch and go as they would have to check the runway to ensure there was no alligators asleep on the concrete (there about 4000 around the facility) and the cost might make your eyes water.

7pm just gone dark I call Ormand Beach Airport (OBA) for taxi and take off clearance. No need to call (JAX) Jacksonville as we will be going south along the coast. Next its a call to Daytona airport for clearance through their airspace which is often busy with commercial traffic. We get a squark code and are cleared along the coast not above 2000 ft. Once clear of Daytona we call the equivalent of flight info and request flight following and weather info, they have radar so will keep us up to date re. weather and any confliction that might affect our trip.

Flying just off the coast it's time to call (SFL) for permission to carry out our flyby, cleared not below 50ft. We track the centre line with all the runway lights on then climb away-thank (SLF) and request a frequency change to Space Centre Executive airport just a few miles to the west. We get clearance to land and when down since it was a while when we were last here we ask for progressive taxi whereby they more or less lead us by the hand to parking. We get a coffee sadly only from a machine at this time

of day We leave Space Centre Exec and aim to do a flyby at Arthur Dunne Air-park some 20 or so miles to the north. As we approach we select the appropriate frequency then five clicks on the press to talk button and on comes the runway lights. We now head back up the coast and visible inland is the flashing lights of a thunder storm in mid Florida. We get clearance from Daytona and land back at Ormond beach. We log 2 hours and 5 minutes.

This little episode took place mid 90's, referring to my logbook it was 11/04/1992. I am reliably informed that it is no longer possible to do a flyby at the (SLF). Myself and my wife enjoyed that little trip.

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If you have any tales to tell, aviation items for sale or even a good photo of your plane let me know.

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You might try a weather site that I find first class [www.ventusky.com](http://www.ventusky.com) it gives you all sorts of useful info.

## **UPDATE**

MAX Boeing has admitted the costs are far greater than previously stated now \$19 billion and rising with a warning of an extra charge of \$4 billion plus a 2 year loan agreement from its banks of \$2 billion.

(Bloomberg) -- Boeing Co. released a new batch of internal messages in which company employees discussed deep unease with the 737 Max while ridiculing senior managers, customers and regulators.

"This airplane is designed by clowns, who in turn are supervised by monkeys," said one company pilot in messages to a colleague in 2016, which Boeing disclosed publicly late Thursday. The company had already provided the documents to lawmakers and the U.S. Federal Aviation Administration.

The communications threaten to upend Boeing's efforts to rebuild public trust in the 737 Max, which has been grounded since March after two deadly crashes. The Democratic chairman of a U.S. House of Representatives committee overseeing an investigation of the Max called the messages "incredibly damning."

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Just been reading WHICH mag re fake/poor quality/dangerous goods largely made in China and among others sold by AMAZON and on EBAY.

If the item looks too good to be true it probably is. Fake reviews are par for the course. BEWARE and pay by credit card then you may have some recourse should the item be not as advertised. Common sense I know but we all get tempted.