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**Note:** The previous *Plane & Easy* issue can be found [here](#).

## Last Chance to Donate and Help Support the Children of Sierra Leon

- On Saturday, Oct. 10 Michael Johnson and a few other Paramount representatives will be running in the "Go for Bo" 5k run in Virginia.
- Donations and proceeds from the 5k race will be sent to the Child Rescue Center and Mercy Hospital in Bo, Sierra Leone, Africa.
- Paramount is a proud supporter of this event and has participated in the run for the past several years.
- If you want to help support the children cared for at the Center, you can [make an online tax-deductible donation](#), on the GoforBo website. Click the "sponsor" tab.
- The children accommodated and cared for at this Center are all orphans. They have lost their parents, siblings and other relatives to war and civil unrest.
- The [children of the center would like to thank you for your support](#).

**Resource:** [GoforBo website](#), [Thank you video](#)

## Critical Reminders – These could save your life and lives of your passengers

Last year the father of a friend of mine was killed in a plane crash during takeoff. He was the PIC. The resulting investigation has revealed some startling facts that are both chilling and serve as reminders to all of us to maintain our vigilance, to always follow SOPs, to avoid complacency and to conduct a 30 second review prior to initiating any takeoff or landing.

It turns out that the gust-lock on the aircraft (a corporate jet) was still locked when the pilots attempted to takeoff. A compounding element was the fact that an abort was not initiated until more than 7 seconds AFTER reaching V1. To no surprise, they went off the end of the runway with little chance of survival. All souls on board were killed.

Following the accident it was discovered that the crew failed to perform ANY checklists. There is not one recording of any checklist being accomplished prior to engine start, after engine start,

during taxi or prior to takeoff. Not one. Prior to flight the crew is required to ensure that all flight controls are free. This is a checklist item of course.

This is yet another example of how critical it is that we continue to maintain our discipline at all times. The captain had been flying for more than 30 years with tens of thousands of hours. This crash illustrates that we are ALL subject to complacency.

From one professional to another, I use this sad example as a reminder for all of us to remember these key items at all times:

**1. Always follow SOPs**

**2. Avoid complacency** - never assume everything is going to be “all right.” Always use checklists, keep your iPads on for map cross-checking or have paper charts open.

**3. Maintain Situational Awareness** – this includes awareness of the relevant position of your aircraft with other aircraft, with the ground, with weather and obstacles. It also includes being aware of the condition of your aircraft, your crew and your passengers.

**4. Perform a 30 second review prior to every takeoff and approach** – know what you would do prior to 80 knots, after 80 knots but before V1 and after V1. The same applies prior to initiating an approach.

These four easy steps are critical for maintain the highest level of safety. Thank you for all you do and for continuing to be a great pilot representative of Paramount. – *Michael W. Johnson*

### **Paramount Sees Firsthand the Increase in Used Aircraft Market**

- With the end of the year quickly approaching, Paramount has been looking at its Ferry and Procurement Services Divisions to identify trends in the business.
- Paramount’s Ferry Division has seen an increase in aircraft deliveries throughout 2015.
- These aircraft movements are mostly due to the sale and purchase of used aircraft due to the increase of sales in the used aircraft market.
- There has been a lot of movement of commercial aircraft between airlines, especially in the Asia market.
  - Part of this trend is due to newer airlines and start-ups seeking to purchase or lease used aircraft versus buying or leasing new aircraft.
- As Paramount’s pilots, what type of movement have you seen at your airline? We want to know, so email us at [admin@paramountarg.com](mailto:admin@paramountarg.com).

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### **High Flyin’ News From the Line**

- Congratulations to Lorenzo Pecellin Fernandez who was recently upgraded to captain at VietJet.
- Pilots continue to participate in the Command Upgrade Program ta VietJet.

### **Things We Love**

- In Paris, France on Oct. 6, Chanel held an airline-themed runway show. [Check out their airline fashion.](#)
- VietJet Air recently [hired its first female pilot](#), Antonette Ortiz Parocha. We wish her a warm welcome!

- In September Lufthansa hosted a pop up store in Tampa, Florida to promote their new route.
- If you have any “Things We Love” to share, send us an [email](#) or post to [Paramount’s Facebook page](#).

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