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**2022 LOBO LANDING GROUND INSTRUCTOR
BIOGRAPHIES**

Chris Rust is teaching instrument related topics for ground school this year. Chris lives in Tomball, TX and is a graduate of the US Air Force Academy. He retired from the Air Force in 2019 as a career fighter pilot with extensive combat experience in the Middle East. He owns and flies a Lancair IV that he and his father built. He now flies for a major cargo airline.

Jeff Edwards, of McCall, Idaho, is teaching the EVO ground school this year along with instrument related topics. Jeff was the founder of LOBO and served as its president from 2008-2019. Jeff served in the United States Navy as a bombardier/navigator flying A-6 Intruders. He was an aircraft accident investigator with the U.S. Naval Safety Center and later for McDonnell Douglas and Boeing, where he investigated military and civil aircraft accidents around the world. He continues to consult on aviation accidents at www.avsafe.com. He has a Ph.D. in Aviation and has researched and written on many general aviation safety issues. Jeff holds an ATP certificate and is a former FAA DPE. He has 10,000 flight hours, including over 3,000 hours in Lancair aircraft.

Leslie Rust is briefing Air Traffic Control topics this year. Leslie lives in Tomball, TX and is married to Chris Rust, one of our LOBO-endorsed instructors. She is a graduate of Virginia Tech University with a degree in Aerospace Engineering. In 2009, Leslie was hired by the FAA as an air traffic controller. After certifying at Houston ARTCC in the Gulf of Mexico airspace, she went on to participate in multiple other FAA programs including SpaceX Spaceport planning and design, ATC simulator programming and design, and the national CPDLC implementation and training team.

Chris Zavatson, who is presenting on stability and control, landing energy management, hydraulics, and ESCO nose gear maintenance, is an aerospace engineer with the US Navy. He has over 2,000 hours in a Lancair 360 he completed in 1997. He has developed numerous design improvements currently used throughout the Lancair fleet. He is a frequent contributor to LancairTalk, and has helped many builders and pilots over the years. Chris resides in Woodland, CA.

Bob Pastusek is teaching landing gear maintenance. Bob is a retired Air Force Weapons Systems Officer with approximately 3,500 hours in F-4 Phantoms and F-111s and is the retired owner/CEO of a small flight test company supporting the US Navy and Marine Corps fighter aircraft and testing of weapons. He built a Lancair IV-P from 1999-2008, and has flown his "magic carpet" approximately 2500 hours all over North America. Bob is a founding member of LOBO and is currently the Board secretary.

George Wehrung, of Beaufort NC, is briefing landing gear issues and serves on the LOBO Board as Co-director of Safety and Training. He spent 26 years in the US Navy as a Navy Seal and Navy pilot. During that time, he flew and instructed in multiple aircraft types, and gained many years' experience flying internationally. He also ran the training program for the T-34C, supervising 80 flight instructors. Following his naval career, George spent ten years as an overseas contract pilot flying in Iraq, Afghanistan, Africa, and South America. He has significant experience in B707, KingAir, DHC-6, DC#-T, and T-34C, among many others. He's flown

Lancair aircraft since 2010 and since purchasing his ES in 2012, he has personally maintained and performed almost all of its upgrades. As a LOBO-endorsed instructor, he is qualified to instruct in the ES, IV, and Evolution series. He holds ATP, CFI, CFII, MEI and multiple type ratings.

Matt Speare is teaching our Partners In Command and serves on the LOBO Board as Co-director of Safety and Training. Matt served as a U.S. Army Aviator for 23 years, flying AH-64 (Apache Helicopter) and AH-6 ('Little Bird' Helicopter) aircraft. He survived 1500 combat hours and has 11,000 total flight hours. He was a T-34 instructor pilot, training over 300 military aviators. He now specializes in instrument instruction, and has trained over 50 pilots in civilian life. Matt's day job as EVP and Chief Information Officer of a \$4B financial institution in NC keeps him from flying more often, although he manages to fly over 15 Angel Flight missions per year. Matt is a LOBO-endorsed instructor in the Lancair 300 series, Legacy and ES aircraft.

Sherman Kearl is teaching IVPT engine management and aircraft loss of control. He has over 5500 hours in over 90 aircraft types. He holds a Master of Aerospace degree. He served our country in the USAF as a combat, instructor and test pilot in the F-15, F-16, and F-35. Sherman was the first Director of Operations for the Air Force for the F-35 and is one of our newest LOBO-endorsed instructors in the IV-series Lancairs. He currently owns Phoenix Flight Test which provides flight test management and execution. He resides in Ohio.