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Posted By: rrochfort (Dick Rochfort)

Thank you Rick, well said. Your comments are always well received; and Julian, I believe you are correct. This is most definitely a safety issue.

I would like to add that it was philosopher George Santayana said "Those who cannot remember the past, are condemned to repeat it"

Gentlemen, please direct your attention to the AOPA PA46 Safety Review available elsewhere on this site and on my website as well ([http://www.rwrpilottraining.com/Malibu-Mirage\\_Safety\\_Review.pdf](http://www.rwrpilottraining.com/Malibu-Mirage_Safety_Review.pdf)).

The review in summary says that the FAA and the NTSB agree that the PA-46 aircraft is a good and capable aircraft, and that accidents continue to be associated with inattention to, and poor understanding of the flight control system (autopilot) and improper use (or lack thereof) of pitot heat.

Runaway pitch trim is an infrequent but highly dangerous event whether it be uncommanded or inadvertently commanded.

Aural annunciators have been proven by both the military and the air carrier communities to be vastly superior to anything else in the cockpit in helping pilots to prioritize effectively (they even experimented with children's voices).

PLEASE - Do not arbitrarily defeat this excellent resource. Get it professionally & properly adjusted and then seek professional training on proper use.

...and remember, it was Carlos Santana who said

"Oye Como Va!"

Fly Safely - Train Often

Regards,

Dick Rochfort

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