Flight Instruction Profession: Martha Lunken on the demise of General Aviation

What has happened to General Aviation? The industry has numerous initiatives to "save" it. How did aviation, and freedom, reach these lows?

Columnist Martha Lunken penned her opinions in Flying Magazine of October 2012. It is well worth the read

[...] The noticeable general aviatiom "malaise" in my part of the world puzzles and worries me. Why? this downturn in student starts, number of certificates issued and airplanes sold and increase in airp bulldozer? I just can't accept the idea it's that's due to outrageous airplane, insurance and fuel cost.

See, I think flying airplanes is, at its core, about freedom and developing self-reliance, about making decisions and taking responsability for yourself and actions, about independence and energy and ha

I worry that we are abdicating core American values and becoming a a dependent people for whom unacceptable.

We are teaching a generation that it's not our responsability but rather the role of government to pro even if we don't use reasonable caution and commmon sense. Like sheep we accept mandated sea air bags, texting, smoking, baby crib design and bicycle helmets.

Yeah, I know all these laws and regulations can save lives, but where does it end? [...]

Curiously, this article is not listed with her other columns on the flyingmag.com web site. Too close to the tru

Here's the complete article attached to this FAQ.

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