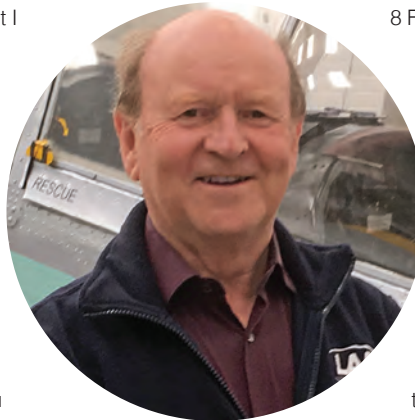


Coaching Corner...

Greetings coaches! You'll have seen that I have become the LAA Pilot Coaching Scheme Head of Training but don't worry, I'm not about to leap in and start interfering with how you do things.

I am primarily tasked with looking after any formal training for licences and ratings. However, I also hope to make the knowledge I have accumulated about UK and European regulations as the CAA's GA Safety Promotion man from 1999 to 2013, and since then from various committees of which I am a member. If you find yourselves trying to answer questions concerning regulations about which you are unsure, please get in touch and I'll try my best to find the answer.

Of course, I'm not just going to sit and wait for questions to arise. There are plenty of pilots who ought to be benefitting from your experience, the problem is getting you both together! We're looking for ways to encourage that, and your views will be gratefully received. To that end, we're planning on having a Coaches day at Turweston on



8 February, so let me know if you have any specific topics you would like discussed. We might be able to find some appropriate experts to pass on their knowledge.

In the meantime, those providing refresher or revalidation training may like to consider a topic to emphasise. There have been some serious accidents recently involving take-offs so, having considered whether the pilot stays on the ground until it's safe to lift the nose or tail, it's also worth assessing whether they aim for a positive nose attitude on lift off and shortly afterwards. I've noticed several pilots training with me have been just moving the control column to where it seems comfortable, rather than going for an attitude which they can then adjust to settle the speed. It seems to me that unless a pilot aims for a selected pitch attitude, any unusual trim, or power levels are likely to generate problems. I welcome any thoughts on topics to emphasise in future at cockburnlaa@btinternet.com. ■

Above Here to help, David Cockburn.