TEXT 1

How aviation safety has improved

1 Aviation accidents continue to horrify till this day, yet safety has been the highest priority for the aviation industry over the past 100 years. Technology, training and risk management together have resulted in praiseworthy improvements.

2 Despite tragic loss activity over the years, flying is often said to be the safest form of transport, and this is at least true in terms of fatalities per distance travelled. According to the Civil Aviation Authority, the fatality rate per billion kilometres travelled by plane is **0,003** compared to **0,27** by rail and **2,57** by car.

3 Statistically, you stand a better chance of being killed riding a bicycle or even by lightning than by flying. The chances of dying in an air crash in the US or Europe are estimated to be one in 29 million. Fatal accidents have fallen every decade since the 1950s, a significant achievement given the massive growth in air travel since then. In 1959, there were 40 fatal accidents per one million aircraft departures.

4 The improvements in safety are even more impressive when the increase in air traffic is considered. In 2014, the world's airlines carried a record 3,3 billion passengers. There were 641 fatalities and 12 fatal accidents in that year, according to the International Air Transport Association (IATA).

5 The improvement in airline safety is down to a combination of several factors, although the introduction of the jet engine in the 1950s stands out as a major development. Jet engines provide a level of safety and reliability unmatched by the earlier piston engines. Today, it is said that engine manufacturers have almost eliminated the chance of engine failure.

6 The introduction of electronics, especially digital instruments (known as the 'glass cockpit'), in the 1970s and fly-by-wire technology have been driving safety improvements.

7 While technology has helped drive improvements in the aviation industry's safety record, great strides in safety management systems and insights into human factors have also contributed significantly. 'Aviation accidents are a chain of events that almost always involve an element of human error,' Downey, Head of Aviation at a major US insurance firm, says.

8 Aircraft design may eventually have to change more dramatically, especially if flying is to be kept affordable as fuel costs climb in the future. This could bring about new forms of propulsion, such as electric, hybrid or solar-powered planes, radical new airframe designs, as well as new techniques, like assisted take-offs or unpowered landings.

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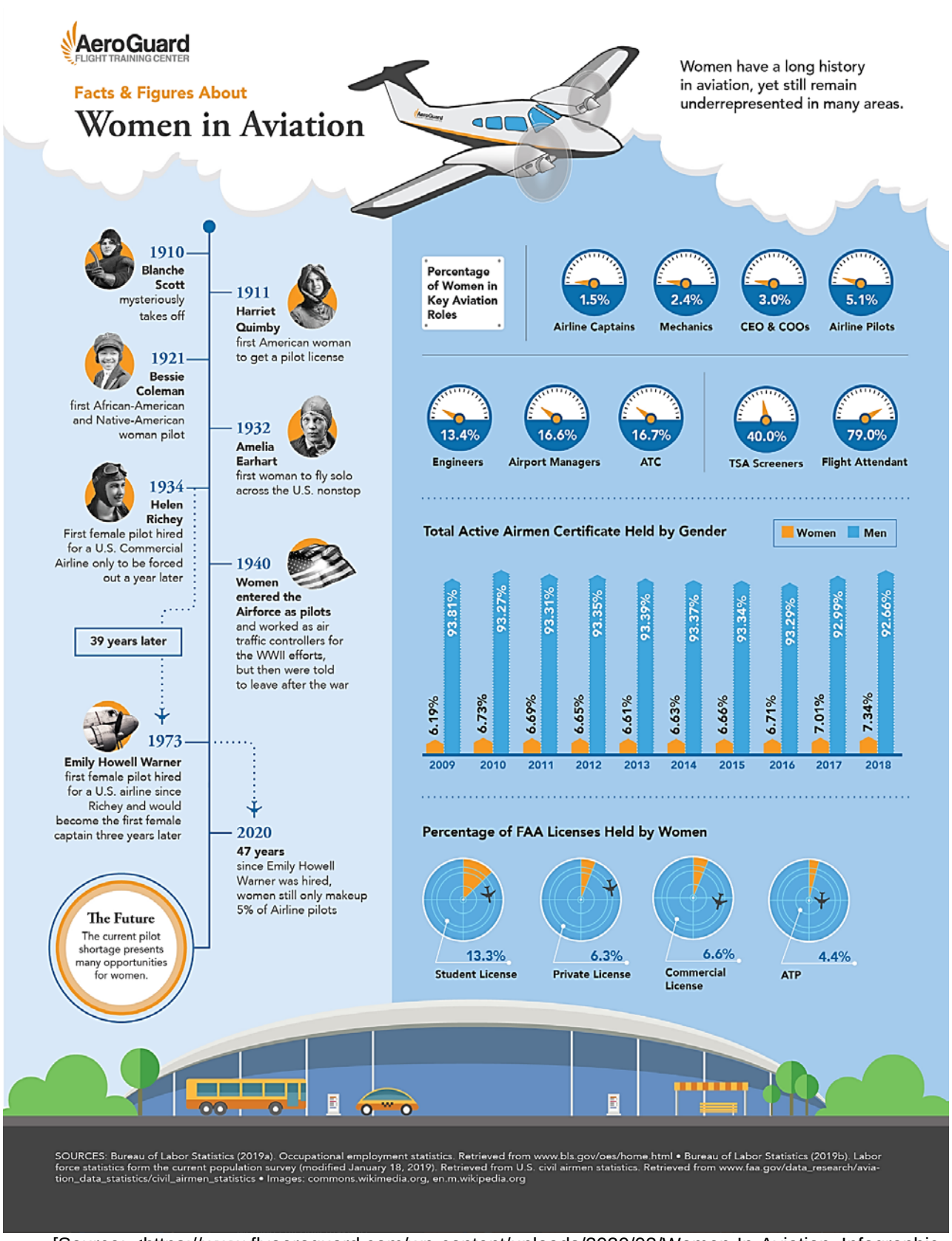
9 While 'glass cockpit' technology gives much better visual awareness, it also raises issues, as was seen in the loss of the Air France Flight 447 in 2009 with 228 people on board. Accident investigators concluded that the pilots became confused by the plane's instrumentation and took inappropriate action when the Airbus 330 flew into turbulence during a tropical thunderstorm over the Atlantic Ocean. Concerns over pilots' reliance on automation in the cockpit were also raised by the Asiana crash in 2013.

10 'What we see now is an increasing reliance on technology, which pilots may not fully understand, and that at some point this can diminish a pilot's situational awareness and stick and rudder skills,' says Downey.

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TEXT 2



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TEXT 3

Single Travel: Essential Tips for Planning a Solo Trip

It's perhaps the foremost question of the solo or single traveller: 'Is solo travel safe?' Without a companion to watch your back, you are more vulnerable to criminals and scam artists.

Know how long it takes and how much it costs to get from the airport to your hotel or to the city centre. Solo travellers are more likely to be 'taken for a ride,' so ask the taxi driver for an estimated fare before you leave.

Book a hotel with a 24-hour front desk if you'll be arriving late, so you don't end up sleeping in your car or worse. If it doesn't feel right, don't do it.

Whether you're on a street at home or 7 000 miles away, walking confidently and with direction is an effective technique for deterring unwanted attention, since appearing lost or confused can make you vulnerable.

Areas around bus and train stations can be scary and/or deserted, and small towns tend to shut down early. Locals who are genuinely trying to help you can appear unnecessarily threatening. Arriving during the day means you'll be able to find a place to stay and get your bearings before dark.

One of the best reasons to travel alone is to meet new people, but this also makes you more vulnerable. It's okay to hang out, travel, and share with new friends, but you might not want to ask them to hold your money. Scam artists can often be the most charming companions you'll find.

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TEXT 4

Musée des Beaux Arts

W. H. Auden

About suffering they were never wrong,
The Old Masters: how well they understood
Its human position: how it takes place
While someone else is eating or opening a window or just walking dully along;
How, when the aged are reverently, passionately waiting
For the miraculous birth, there always must be
Children who do not specially want it to happen, skating
On a pond at the edge of the wood:
They never forgot
That even the dreadful martyrdom must run its course
Anyhow in a corner, some untidy spot
Where the dogs go on with their doggy life and the torturer's horse
Scratches its innocent behind on a tree.

In Brueghel's *Icarus*, for instance: how everything turns away
Quite leisurely from the disaster; the ploughman may
Have heard the splash, the forsaken cry,
But for him it was not an important failure; the sun shone
As it had to on the white legs disappearing into the green
Water, and the expensive delicate ship that must have seen
Something amazing, a boy falling out of the sky,
Had somewhere to get to and sailed calmly on.



[<http://english.emory.edu/classes/paintings&poems/auden.html>]

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TEXT 5

'i thank You God for most this amazing'

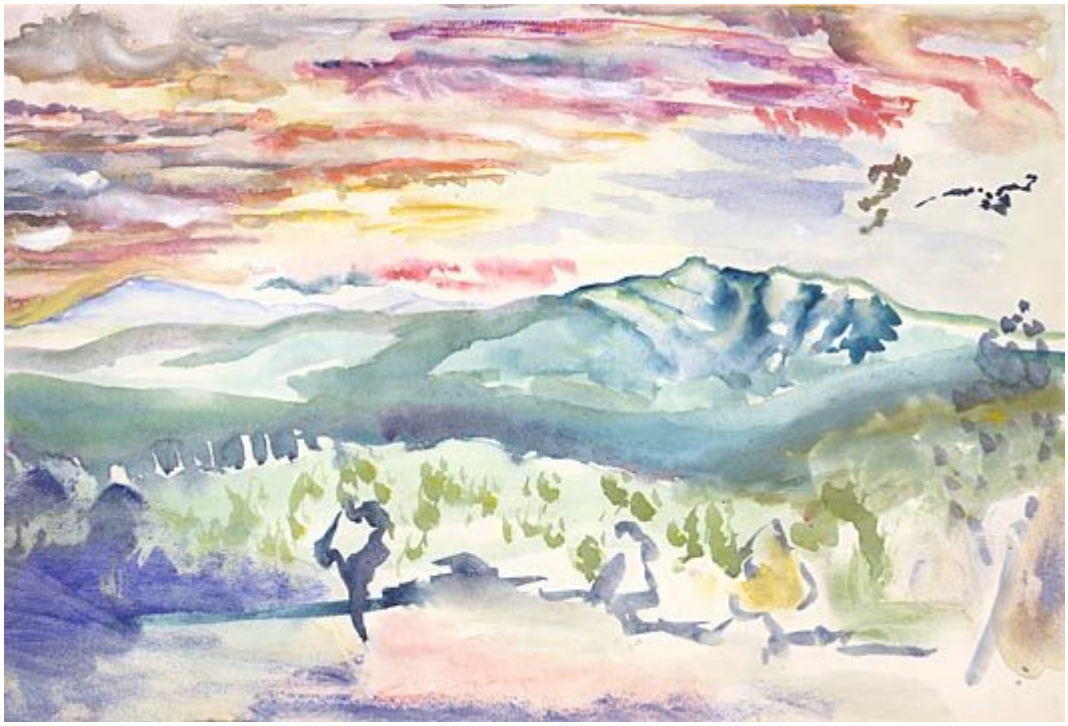
E. E. Cummings

1. i thank You God for most this amazing
2. day: for the leaping greenly spirits of trees
3. and a blue true dream of sky; and for everything
4. which is natural which is infinite which is yes

5. (i who have died am alive again today,
6. and this is the sun's birthday; this is the birth
7. day of life and of love and wings: and of the gay
8. great happening illimitably earth)

9. how should tasting touching hearing seeing
10. breathing any—lifted from the no
11. of all nothing—human merely being
12. doubt unimaginable You?

13. (now the ears of my ears awake and
14. now the eyes of my eyes are opened)



E. E. Cummings (American, 1894–1962), Chocorua Landscape. Watercolour, 12 × 18 in.

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TEXT 6 – UNSEEN POEM

Roads We Travel

Marilyn Lott

There are many roads we travel
And probably most we leave behind
We continue to walk ahead of us
New fresh roads we want to find

And sometimes we wonder
If we took the best road we could
If we could erase them and start over
We often think perhaps we would

Some roads we travel often though
Off and on throughout the years
They get worn and sad and weary
And we shed so many tears

But we try to put them behind us
And trudge bravely on ahead
Trying very hard to not look back
But find great new roads instead

So no matter where we've been
As our lives we continue to unravel
We all just try to do our best
With the many roads we travel!

[Source: <https://www.poemhunter.com/poem/roads_we_travel/>]

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TEXT 7



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TEXT 8



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TEXT 9

SHORT FUNNY TRAVEL STORIES THAT'LL MAKE YOU LAUGH OUT LOUD

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Jessie ON A JOURNEY

On our trip to Morocco in 2015, my husband and I spent a couple of days in the Sahara Desert as part of a tour group. I was super excited to ride a camel for the first time and spend a night under a Bedouin tent in the desert. Little did I know that I was about to experience the longest and most unpleasant night of my life.

Our camel ride started with me hanging upside down from the saddle with one foot in the air. My camel, Bob Marley, had decided to stand up before I could settle into the saddle.

I held onto the saddle for dear life as our Bedouin guide pushed me up onto the camel's back. Bob Marley let out a grunt of disapproval, and we rode off. I thought I was in for a bumpy ride; but except for the fact that the camel in front of me, named after Jimi Hendrix, was having a bad case of gas, it turned out to be a very pleasant journey.

BEDOUIN TENT



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