

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA You're just sitting there just going, oh,  
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Interview of: SCOTT BOOTH

Pilot

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1 A. Sometimes. And sometimes you get groups of foreign people.  
2 Most of the guests are foreign. Sometimes you get groups from  
3 certain countries that they don't -- they just speak to each other  
4 whole time in the headset and they can't understand any English  
5 anyway, so they just chat nonstop. And that's fine by me. I can  
6 turn them off so I don't have to hear it and -- or, if I feel like  
7 it, I listen to them.

8 Q. What do you usually carry with you?

9 A. My headset bag and -- which is in my backpack, which has my  
10 water bottles and car keys. Sometimes I have my computer with me  
11 because, you know, some -- when I'm in the office, if my flight  
12 doesn't sell or there's maintenance on my aircraft for some  
13 reason, then I can get on my laptop and get some -- you know, it's  
14 just fun to have your laptop there so you can, I don't know, read  
15 the news or whatever you want to do.

16 Q. Do you remember how you got the weather that day?

17 A. It's on our briefing sheet. So, when I came in, I just look  
18 at the forecast that's on the sheet. And you have to initial in  
19 and sign in what time you got there. And then that's on one doc  
20 and then another doc is -- it's got, like, the takeoff and landing  
21 times. How you can't -- you know, don't take off to go to the  
22 canyon after this time and things like that.

23 So, you initial and then it has notes at the bottom that I  
24 can talk about. You know, don't park your aircraft this direction  
25 today because we're doing washing of the tarmac or whatever. So,

1 you have to read all those notes and then you initial.

2 Q. Do you remember anything about what the briefing sheet said?

3 A. No.

4 Q. And then in between flights, do you look at any other  
5 weather?

6 A. No, because you were just in the canyon. And I believe my  
7 flights were back-to-back-to-back. There wasn't, like,  
8 a -- wasn't an hour- or 2-hour break between each flight. It was  
9 pretty much land and take the passengers to the door. And then go  
10 wipe down the aircraft, and maybe go to the bathroom and drink  
11 some water, and get ready to go back out there. It's only a half-  
12 an-hour flight, so it's not like you're exuding a lot of energy.  
13 And it wasn't especially -- it wasn't hot that day.

14 Q. Do you remember if it was bumpy at all during the day?

15 A. I don't remember. But if it was, I would remember because  
16 it's not bumpy. Does that make sense? It would be an unusual  
17 occurrence because the flight is 90-percent-plus smooth all the  
18 way to the canyon. Except sometimes you'll get a very rare -- and  
19 it's been -- I can count on a couple of fingers where I've gotten  
20 a -- like, a 40-, 50-knot tailwind. So, you're just flying to the  
21 canyon. Like just -- and then when you come back, you're  
22 just -- you're, like, at 80 --

23 Q. Dog.

24 A. Yeah. You're just sitting there just going, oh, man. When  
25 are we going to get there? So, those are the things I remember.