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The Air Scoop

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Bergstrom's Student Accomplishments

First Solo:

Kyle Watkins: 9/9
Aileen Coverdell:
10/6

Private Pilot:

Fabian Ubye: 9/22
James Reeder: 9/29

Instrument Rating:

Ryan Burdo: 9/7

Multi Engine Rating:

Dwight Ropp: 9/3

CFII:

Paul Keller: 9/19

***Congratulations
on all your hard
work and
success!***

As we've said goodbye to summer and hello to fall we want to prepare you for the upcoming months ahead. We want to keep you in the loop with all the fun and exciting things coming your way. We are ready to turn over a new leaf and hope you'll join us along the way!

Letter from the President

We are so blessed to have this wonderful fall weather for flying! Cool mornings and the turning leaves make for smooth flights and amazing scenery. Now is the time to take a friend for a scenic flight, introduce someone to the joy of flying, or just exercise your flying privileges. We would love to see each and everyone of you at Bergstroms soon and truly appreciate your business. Come fly with us!



Malin Bergstrom
President

Oktoberfest Potluck Lunch

You're invited to our Annual Oktoberfest Potluck at Noon this Friday, October 17th. We promise to provide plenty of brauts,(root) beer, and exceptional company!

This is an opportunity to bring your family, friends, and coworkers out to Bergstroms for a relaxed lunch. Get to know the Bergstrom Team, hangar talk with fellow flyers, and spend your lunch at the airport.

Don't forget to contact the office to RSVP and sign up to bring your favorite family side dish or dessert by calling 509-547-6271.

Kid's Aviation Day

We are once again excited to host Kid's Aviation Day on Saturday, September

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18th from 9 am - 12 pm! The Mid-Columbia Ninety Nines put on this fantastic event.

****PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED****

Limited to 100 students- Ages 9-18

*For registration forms please contact:

kids_aviation_day@hotmail.com

or call (509) 545-1549

or they can be picked up and submitted at Bergstrom Aircraft, Inc.

Winter Hours

Effective Monday, October 20th

Office: Mon-Fri 7 am - 7 pm

Sat-Sun 8 am - 5 pm

Line Service: Sun - Sat 7 am - 9 pm

Maintenance Shop: Mon - Fri 8 am - 5 pm

Helpful Winter Weather Tips

- If cancelling your reservation due to bad weather, illness, etc. please call the office to cancel as soon as possible.
- Always check the weather before your flight.
- Show up 30 minutes before your scheduled flight to allow for preheating/deicing if necessary.
- Dress in warm layers.



The Green Hornet's visit to Bergstrom

The Green Hornet- Capitol Air Tour

We had a wonderful visit from The Green Hornet on Wednesday, September 17th.

On September 16th, Mr. Field Morey and his partner Mr. Conrad Tietell challenged themselves by going on a quick two week journey to visit every capitol in the lower 48 states and Alaska called The Capitol Air Tour.

In just 14 short days, they completed their challenge! At each stop they distributed information from AOPA to help demonstrate the value of local airports, like Pasco!

We are excited for them to come visit again!

[Check out their website here!](#)



Why I chose to fly

Like every pilot out there, I've always had a passion for aviation ever since I can remember. The thought of being high up in the air and all the freedom that comes with it was always a dream. My dream had become a reality after my 12th birthday. My dad gave me a gift certificate for an introductory flight at

Jeremy taking his first Intro Flight for his 12th Birthday at Bergstrom Aircraft.

The weather was so smooth, so clear it was perfect. I remember meeting the instructor and thinking to myself how knowledgeable and wise this man had to be. The flight was in one of Bergstroms old Skippers. red over white. As I sat down in the pilot's seat, I remember looking up at all of the instruments and not knowing what a single one was telling me. Actually that's not true; I knew a little considering I spent hours before my introductory flight on my Microsoft flight simulator flying around a 747. For some reason I thought flying a 747 was really going to benefit me for my first flight ever..

After we got situated inside the airplane, I waved to my dad holding the new digital video camera. I probably had the biggest grin on my face once the instructor started up the engine. I just kept thinking, "I can't believe I'm gonna fly this airplane! This is so cool!" Once that airplane lifted off the ground, I caught the flight bug, and my dream turned into a passion. I wished the flight could have been longer but it was just long enough to spark my career in aviation.

After that flight I knew what I was going to do in my life, and that was to become a pilot. After wasting my time in high school with all of the career quizzes (for those who had no idea what to do after high school) I graduated and was accepted to Central Washington University. Now I am a flight instructor at Bergstroms, giving out introductory flight lessons and hopefully changing the lives of many people who have an interest in aviation. My long term goal is to become a captain of a major airline. So as I have done since middle school, I patiently await my next dream to become a reality.



Jeremy Biediger
CFI

Is it time to get your Instrument Rating?

Many people ask if they should or why they should further their flight training in an effort toward getting their instrument rating. Well I'll shoot it to you straight, not only will getting your instrument rating give you the privilege of flying during instrument meteorological conditions (in the clouds), but the training will go much more in depth on using, trusting, and troubleshooting your instruments. This may not seem like much but the training I got while working on my instrument rating saved my bacon in crystal clear weather on more than on occasion. Even if you never want to fly in clouds- the skills you acquire and hone during instrument training will make you a much better pilot than you already are, and may even save your life one day.

My favorite part about instrument flying is that I don't have to wait for a fog bank to dissipate when leaving a coastal location. I can just file an IFR flight plan, hop in the plane, and get out of town. I encourage every at any level of training to put instrument training on your to-do list. You can even come fly with me! I have a very flexible schedule and I would love to work with anyone who desires to be a better and safer pilot. I may not have thousands of hours under my belt yet, but the time I do have is very concentrated with meticulous attention to detail and perfection. I would love to share some of my training with you. My hope is that what you learn with me makes you an even better pilot and helps you to further enjoy the privilege of flight.



Eric Grant
CFII, MEI

As autumn is starting to show it's colors and the sun is still shining brightly around the Tri-Cities area, most pilots don't think much about instrument flying. Why bother getting an instrument rating when you live in a place where VFR weather is in abundance? Not only is an instrument rating great for when the weather gets bad, it also makes you a more proficient pilot. I know, through experience that many pilots don't feel completely confident on the radios. When you training for an IFR flight, you'll be talking with ATC and Approach/Departure control all of the time. As I instruct, I spend a good amount of time teaching proper terminology. I want you to be ready for anything! With my past workplace located North of Seattle, I've got a lot of experience on the radios and flying in the clouds. It would be a privilege to help you get your instrument rating!



Jody Prior
CFII

Spotlight on Line Service



Joe Pedalino



Jeff Schuetze



John Abasolo



Tim Watkins

They are the familiar faces you see when you request fuel for your aircraft, towing an airplane, marshaling in/out, etc. This group of hard working men are our

amazing Line Service Team!

This upcoming cold weather brings a challenging season for them. They brace freezing cold temperatures while performing deicing and preheating services as well as their regular routine items. Our Line Service team works extra hard to exceed your expectations 365 days a year.

Regardless of aircraft size and type, Bergstrom customers are treated equally. Pilots taxiing in with a single-engine piston aircraft can expect to be treated just like the crew arriving in a large corporate jet- because everyone deserves the highest quality, service, and value!

"Next week our Professional Line Service Staff will have a meeting to discuss how well we are all doing as a team; and to talk about the preparations we have to make to meet the challenges of the upcoming winter season."



Joe Pedalino
Line Service Manager

Upcoming Events

October 20th: Winter hours begin

November 21st: Thanksgiving Lunch at Bergstroms from 12 pm - 1 pm

November 27th: Happy Thanksgiving! The front office is closed in celebration of Thanksgiving.. we will see you on Friday!

"Man must rise above the Earth-to the top of the atmosphere and beyond- for only thus will he fully understand the world in which he lives." --Socrates



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