



Professional Piloting Newsletter

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Newest Graduates

Scott McCormick, Johnstown, NY earned his CFI rating on March 13, making him the 16th graduate of the program. As of September 15, Scott has over 600 total hours. He is currently teaching the next generation of students at the Rochester Air Center.

Dan Rensel, Ashville, NY earned his CFI rating on September 11, making him the 17th graduate of the pro-

gram. The oral exam lasted about 2 ½ hours, and the flight about 1 ½ hours. The examiner told Dan he was well prepared and this was one of the easiest exams he's given in this area. Nice going, Dan! He has 230 total hours and will begin instructing at Jamestown Aviation after a brief stint at Dunkirk Aviation. Dan is currently working on a bachelor's degree in business at SUNY Fredonia.



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Graduate Updates

Aaron Conley, Akron, NY (May 2008) called June 16, to let me know he completed his CFI rating through American Flyers in Georgia. Aaron has approximately 380 total hours with 60 multi-engine hours. He plans to instruct and continue to work on his four-year degree. His goal is to complete the four-year degree and have enough hours to secure a job with an airline at the same time.

Mike Jeswald, Holland, NY (May 2006) completed the ATP exam on June 3. Mike took a three-day recurrent class for the Lear 35 he is flying for Advanced Construction Techniques of Buffalo. The check ride was all done in a simulator at SimCom in Orlando, FL. This rating allows Mike to fly as a captain in the left seat of the Lear 35. Mike is now planning to go to school for the Lear 40 as well. He has 1700 total hours with about 400 multi-jet.

Nick Cusimano, North Tonawanda, NY (May 2005) continues to fly for Pinnacle Airlines. With the economy as it is, he has not been able to upgrade to Captain but has good seniority for First Officers so he's generally happy with his schedule. He sends this message to current students, "We are going to be in desperate need in the whole industry. Changing the retirement age of pilots to 62 only delayed the pilot shortage. In the next couple of years it is going to be wide open hiring."



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Aero Club Scholarship

Gallager Bobseine and Dan Rensel received \$1,000 scholarships from Aero Club of Buffalo. The presentation was made as part of the Aviation and Space Hall of Fame dinner on May 22, 2009 in Depew, NY. Gallager and Dan received A.S. business administration degrees the very next day at JCC's commencement ceremony, and both plan to be commercial pilots. This makes four years in a row that at least one of the two Aero Club scholarships was awarded to a deserving JCC student.

New Students

We welcome the largest freshman class ever into the program this fall 2009:

- Danielle Bentley, Rochester, NY
- Jenifer Bird, Ripley, NY
- Eddie Bolton, Grand Island, NY
- Dean Brooks, Batavia, NY
- Jimmy Clear, Fredonia, NY
- Wes Frantz, Meadville, NY
- Austin Hancock, Avon, NY
- Zakaria Hassan, Rochester, NY
- Nick Kibbey, Pittsfield, PA
- Andrew Laurienzo, Lancaster, NY
- Stephen Majewski, West Seneca, NY
- Matt Marchincin, Jamestown, NY
- Adam Miller, Henrietta, NY
- Jason Mitchell, Lake View, NY
- Michael Payne-Murano, N. Chili, NY
- Roger Staples, Elmira, NY
- Shane Ward, Livonia, NY
- Nathan Westling, Dunkirk, NY
- Fred Wilder, Gowanda, NY

Ron Ciura Named FAASTeam Rep

The FAA has created new **FAASTeams (FAA Safety Teams)** to improve the nation's aviation safety record by conveying safety principles and practices through training, outreach, and education. Ron Ciura, who has been teaching the aviation lecture courses since our program began, has recently been named a FAASTeam representative. These individuals voluntarily serve to provide their community with advice, counsel, technical knowledge, and aviation experience, and as a communication link with the local FAA facility. They act as advisors to the aviation community in support of aviation safety and do so without designated regulatory authority. Representatives are selected for their interest in aviation safety, professional knowledge, personal reputation in the community, and ability to donate freely of their time and talents on behalf of the FAASTeam. In this role, Ron will be offering a briefing titled "**Is the Aircraft You Fly Really Airworthy?**" on Monday, November 2, at the JCC North County Center in Dunkirk, NCTC 117 at 6:30 p.m. The seminar is free and open to anyone interested in aviation safety, but especially those who own their own aircraft. Pilots know that this counts for the new FAA WINGS program. All students in our program are encouraged to attend.

Newest Ratings Completed

Ardis Liu, Staten Island, NY (Dunkirk Aviation) soloed on March 25. **James Rogers, Ripley, NY** (Jamestown Aviation) soloed on March 27 and then completed his first cross country flight at about 25 total hours. **Roger Staples, Elmira, NY** (Jamestown Aviation) soloed on September 9 at 13 hours!

Students who completed their Private Pilot rating include **Chris Fanton, Wellsville, NY** (Jamestown Aviation) on April 17 with 52 hours; **Elisabeth Tate, Buffalo, NY** (Prior Aviation) on May 22 with 60.9 hours; **James Rogers, Ripley, NY** (Jamestown Aviation) on May 26 with 52 hours; and **Ryan Hallquist, Kennedy, NY**

(Jamestown Aviation) on June 25 with 85 hours; **Matt Heid, Webster, NY** (Rochester Air Center) on September 17 with 62.1 hours.

Bryan Hennessy, Wellsville, NY (Jamestown Aviation) completed his Instrument rating on May 1 with 160 hours. **Adam Wylucki, Lewiston, NY** (Prior Aviation) completed his Instrument rating on May 6 with 120 hours.

Chris Sonier, Buffalo, NY (Prior Aviation) completed his Commercial rating on August 6 with 220 hours. Chris already has a good start on the CFI rating which will satisfy his degree requirements.

Bryan Hennessy, Wellsville, NY (Dunkirk Aviation) completed his Commercial rating on September 3

with 230 hours. Bryan will begin the multi-engine training immediately and will become a graduate of the program upon completion of that rating.

Femi Lawrence, Brooklyn, NY (May 2008) completed the CFI-Instrument rating on March 11 with 430 hours. He is now at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University working on a bachelor of science degree. On September 23rd he was sworn in with the US Navy. He will now be paid to be a student until he finishes his degree next May. At that time he will enter Officer Candidate School (OCS) and is guaranteed a flight slot. After OCS he will go on to flight school to continue to pursue his dream of becoming a naval aviator. Congratulations, Femi!

Angel Flight

Angel Flight, created by a group of pilots, volunteers, and friends who believe in the benefit of volunteering, is a non-profit charitable organization with the goal of arranging free air transportation for any legitimate, charitable, medically-related need. The service is available to individuals and organizations. They also arrange transportation of those who are financially distressed, or who are in a time-critical, non-emergency situation due to their medical condition. **Bryan Hennessy** knows a gentleman who has a Cirrus 22 turbo-charged single engine plane and works with Angel Flight. Bryan is excited about this connection as he was able to fly the plane on one of these trips and hopes to fly more in the future while logging valuable PIC time.

Rick "Plugs In"

Since the security has loosened some after 9/11, most of our students have had the opportunity to "Plug In" at the Air Traffic Control Tower at either the Buffalo or Rochester airport. I finally had this experience this past August at the invitation of Larry Pogorzala, who has been a controller for 27 years and teaches our Air Traffic Control class. Most students "plug in" for about two hours. It was so fascinating to me that I was there for 4.5 hours!





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Scholarship Opportunities

I continue to work to expand the list of scholarship opportunities available only to students in this program. Most recently, the Nalbone family at Dunkirk Aviation has created the John J. Nalbone Sr. Scholarship in honor of their father and grandfather who started Dunkirk's flight school in 1946. Mr. Nalbone is now 91 years old and can still be seen at all of the airport events. I thank the Nalbone family for endowing this scholarship through the JCC Foundation. For information on this and the other scholarships available, check out our website at www.sunyjcc.edu/piloting.

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