



Professional Piloting Newsletter

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JCC's Newest Graduates

Brian T. Chase (Lakewood, NY) was enrolled in our program from fall 2001 through May 2003, completing all program requirements except for the CFI rating. He recently learned of the change in requirements that would allow his multi-engine rating to complete the degree. We worked this all out and he became an official graduate on July 6, 2011. Brian has earned a Bachelor's degree in Aeronautical Science from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University. He flew corporate for a while but soon realized that wasn't for him. He had some experience in automobile sales and had always wanted to run his own business. In 2006 he started *Chase Aviation Company*, located in Charleston, South Carolina, where his company brokers mainly \$1 to \$5 million jets! His wife, Kimberly, is also

a pilot, ERAU graduate and the Marketing Manager and Coordinator for the company. Their two-year-old son discovered airplanes at the age of about 9 months and is already "hooked" just like mom and dad! Check out his company at www.chaseaviation.com. Congratulations Brian!

Bryan Hennessy (Wellsville, NY) completed his multi-engine rating July 6, 2011, becoming the 21st graduate of our program. Brian has over 300 hours. He is hoping that through his contact in the industry he'll be able to build enough hours to be hired without going the route of Certified Flight Instructor. Congratulations Bryan!

Remison Bamisile (Staten Island, NY) was enrolled in our program from Fall 2007

through Fall 2008, completing all program requirements except for the multi-engine rating. He earned that rating on 10/10/11 and became the 22nd graduate of our program. Remi has been busy over the past three years. He completed a Dispatch Certificate through the FAA and can now do flight planning for any Part 121 airline. He earned his bachelor's degree in Aircraft Operations at Vaughn College of Aeronautics and Technology in July of 2009 and is currently employed as a Crew Scheduler with North American airlines. His goal is to earn the CFI, build his hours, and become a commercial pilot. And finally, he became a US citizen October 7th! Congratulations, Remi, on all of your accomplishments!

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Newest Ratings Completed

Shawn Flickner (Geneseo, NY Rochester Air Center) soloed on 5/13/11 at 13 hours and **Nick Gerhardy (Churchville, NY, Rochester Air Center)** soloed on 9/17/11 at 35 hours.

Students who completed their private rating include **Michael Holmes (Pittsford, NY Rochester Air Center)** on 4/14/11 at 44 hours; **Frank Gell (Rochester, NY Rochester Air Center)** on 8/11/11 at 67.2 hours; and **Derek Jaskula (Kenmore, NY Prior Aviation)** on 8/31/11 at 55.3 hours.

Students who completed their instrument rating include **Eric Allen (Westfield, NY Dunkirk Aviation)** on 7/5/11 at 120 hours and **Shane Ward (Lilovnia, NY Rochester Air Center)** on 8/19/11 at 124 hours. Finally, **Steve Majewski (West Seneca, NY Prior Aviation)** completed his commercial rating on 7/7/11 with 301 hours. Congratulations to all of you on your accomplishments.



Graduate Updates

Olufemi Lawrence (Brooklyn, May '08) completed his T-34 training this summer. The Navy needs helicopter pilots so he has transitioned to that training. He is still stationed in Daytona Beach, Florida.

Tom Demetreu (Almond, NY January '11) continues to do flight training in Elmira. He is over 400 total hours and earned his multi-engine rating in August.

Aaron Conley (Akron, NY May '08) was recently hired by American Eagle. He leaves on November 26th for sim school. Aaron has 1300 total and 60 multi hours. It is also still his desire to join the Air Force Reserves at the Niagara Falls Air Force Base. One interesting point he made was that eleven applicants interviewed for the job he was offered and only four were hired. I asked if he knew why some did not make it. He pointed out that the airlines have a low tolerance level for incomplete applications and three were dropped for that reason. The other four were eliminated for reasons such as lack of knowledge, preparation or flying skills.

New Students

We welcome the following new students to our program for the Fall 2011 semester:

Craig Briggs, Forestville, NY

Ben Cole, Olean, NY

Ted Courtney, Palmyra, NY

Tyler Craciun, Fairview, PA

Adam Crandall, Baldwinsville, NY

Kyle Cross, Horseheads, NY

Shawn Flickner, Geneseo, NY

Katie Fox, Canandaigua, NY

Nick Gerhardy, Churchville, NY

Chris Giermek, Cuba, NY

Jason Horning, Great Valley, NY

Ryan Houghtalen, Clay, NY

Shawn Klatt, Rochester, NY

Edwin Liriano, Rego Park, NY

Vincent Quinn, Forestville, NY

John Snyder, Bolivar, NY

Michael Zelli, West Seneca, NY

Connect with the AOPA

Students in our program are encouraged to take advantage of the offer of a free six-month membership to the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association (AOPA). Once a member, students can contact the AOPA with medical or any other questions they may have. Students also receive six free issues of *Flight Training* along with unlimited access to training resources, downloadable training materials, career pilot information, and more. The AOPA website is www.aopa.org. To take advantage of the free membership students can enroll online at ft.aopa.org/free1 or call 1.800.872.2672. Check out the section on their website called *Real Pilot Stories*. Serious pilots simply MUST watch many of these stories. I am sure you'll think "that will never happen to me" just like those pilots did!

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Job Outlook for Pilots

As all pilots know, the industry has been pretty stagnant in terms of hiring and advancement for the last four years. That has already begun to change as we get closer to the window closing on the mandatory retirement age of 65. One pilot I spoke to recently who flies for Republic Airways indicated that they are looking for 30 pilots per month, only getting 18 applications, and only 12 make it out of sim school. Instructors who have reached the qualifying minimums are now being hired into the regionals. Students should check out industry websites like Airline Pilot Central.com including the article containing the interview of Louis Smith, president of FltOps.com. The link is: http://www.airlinepilotcentral.com/resources/job_search_resources/future_airline_pilot_hiring_-_a_q%26a_with_louis_smith_20101102348.html

Here are just a few points from that interview:

- The “pilot hiring boom” has finally begun. It will be the longest and largest hiring spree in the history of the industry.
- The majors will return to the preferred positions for many pilots. The last ten years have been the worst ever seen, but the next ten years will be the best.

Three major reasons for the turnaround are: the mandatory retirement age of commercial pilots moved to 65 and the window is now going to close for many pilots, oil prices have dropped from the \$147 per barrel we have seen in recent years, and the severely depressed economy of recent years will soon be a bad memory.

While searching the internet for additional information, I found an article at economie.moldova.org/news/worldwide-pilot-shortage-looms that said “The U.S. airline industry hopes to hire 12,000 **pilots** this year and 65,000 by 2012 amid a growing **shortage** that threatens to disrupt passenger service.” Another article at project7alpha.com/2009/07/stand-by-mother-airline-pilot said “Furloughs (laid off **pilots**) will off-set the crunch in the short term. Mark your calendar for 12/2012, the beginning of the Mother of All Airline **Pilot Shortages!**”

Scholarships

Three scholarships were awarded last April after the Spring 2011 newsletter went to print:

Alyssa Sullivan (Holland, NY Prior Aviation) and **Sean Peters (Erie, PA Jamestown Aviation)** both received scholarships in the name of Dr. Kevin B. Kochersberger who generously continues his support of our students through an annual donation to the JCC Foundation. **Sean Peters** was also the recipient of the Professional Piloting Alumni Scholarship. **Sarah Evan (Bemus Point, NY Jamestown Aviation)** and **Alyssa Sullivan** both received the Lucile M. Wright Air Museum Scholarship. High school seniors in Chautauqua or Cattaraugus County who intend to pursue a career in an aviation-related field, or students who are matriculated in the JCC professional piloting program, are eligible to apply for this award. Finally, **Sarah Evan** also received three free glider flights as the result of an essay competition from the Brokenstraw Soaring Club in Pittsfield, PA. Check out their website at: www.flybrokenstraw.com.



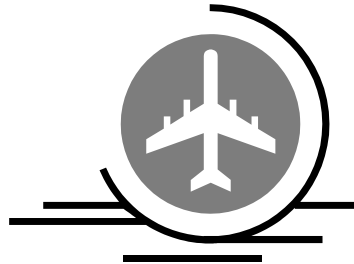


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