

Pilot Makers December 2023



PILOT MAKERS AEROBATICS TEAM 2024

Under the seasoned leadership of Team Director Tayla Funes and the expert guidance of Jeff Granger, the Pilot Makers Aerobatics Team isn't just an extension of our flight school – it's a vibrant community with passionate aviators. Proudly associated with the local IAC Chapter 139, our Aerobatics Team connects you with a broader community of aerobatic enthusiasts. Enjoy access to exciting events, competitions, and the camaraderie of like-minded aviators. Express Your Interest: If you're ready to dive into the world of aerobatics, fill out our Google Form <https://forms.gle/ygnHSifdqQxwCd2r9> This will help us tailor your involvement and get you started on this thrilling journey!



Taylor Anderson in the Front And Jeff Granger in the back of the super decathlon

We are delighted to extend a warm welcome to Taylor Anderson, our newest CFI at Pilot Makers. We're thrilled to have Taylor join our aviation community! Additionally, we would like to extend our heartfelt congratulations to our incredible instructor, Jeff Granger, for reaching the remarkable milestone of 3000 flight hours. Jeff's dedication to excellence in URPT, spin, tailwheel, and aerobatics instruction has greatly contributed to the success of our flight school.

AVIATOR SECTION

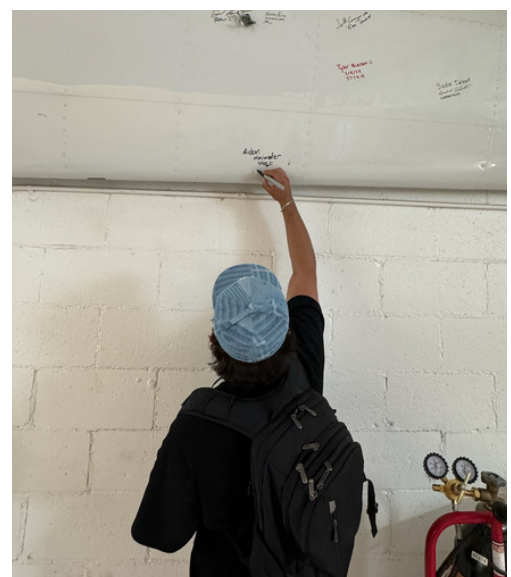


WINTER FLYING

As the winter season descends upon us, we want to equip all aviators with the essential knowledge to navigate the challenges of colder weather in the Utah skies. Frosty conditions demand heightened attention to aircraft safety, particularly regarding potential ice formation. Whether you're a seasoned pilot or a student, connect with your Certified Flight Instructor (CFI) to understand winter protocols, including snow removal, de-icing, and the use of 'Carb Heat.'

In addition to these recommendations, it's crucial to use De-Icing Alcohol Sparingly. Utilize the brushes available in the hangar to scrape away excess snow/ice before application, ensuring optimal effectiveness. (Do Not use brushes on wind-screen) This proactive approach not only enhances safety but also contributes to a collective commitment to responsible winter flying.

Winter flying is indeed breathtaking but requires extra vigilance. Stay informed on winter flight guidelines, monitor weather conditions closely, and embrace the beauty of winter skies responsibly. By adopting these practices, we collectively create a safer and more resilient aviation community. Safe flying this winter!



A MESSAGE FROM OUR DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS

As we approach the close of 2023, I would like to take a moment of gratitude and reflection. Jared Cobia's leadership has propelled our flight school to new heights, bringing invaluable additions: a new hangar at Provo airport and three additional Piper Archer II's to our fleet. Looking ahead to 2024, we're thrilled about our new multi engine program, a significant addition to our Part 61 program. Moreover, our expanded financing options and the introduction of our esteemed Student Liaison, Jennifer Cobia, aim to support deserving students through our elite program.



Our commitment to excellence is evident as we've empowered three tailwheel instructors to teach UPRT, SPINS, and TW this year. It's a testament to our dedication to providing top-notch training by passionate CFIs who genuinely care about our students.

Amidst these exciting transformations, we've decided to refresh our beloved logo to mirror the positive changes within our company. You'll begin to see more of our new logo as we finalize rebranding in the coming year.

To every aviator at Pilot Makers—whether a renter, student, or CFI—I want to express my heartfelt appreciation. My love for this school is immeasurable, and my dedication is unwavering. Plus, those planes are pretty cool! The blend of these passions within Pilot Makers resonates deeply with me.

As always, your feedback is invaluable, so please contact me at erika@pilotmakers.com. You'll often find me immersed in tasks within my office, passionately working towards progressing our flight school; however, please stop by anytime. I would love to hear from you.

Happy Holidays,

Erika, Robinson