

Pilot Makers November 2023



NEW CHIEF PILOT

Pilot Makers is thrilled to introduce our new Chief Pilot, Tanner Burrows. Although he has only been a part of our team for the past six months, his contributions have already had a remarkable impact on our school. Tanner brings to our team exceptional expertise as a Certified Flight Instructor (CFI) and holds the additional distinction of being a Certified Flight Instructor-Instrument (CFII). Tanner's infectious enthusiasm and his remarkable ability to make flying an enjoyable and enriching experience are truly remarkable. Our entire team at Pilot Makers is delighted to have him on board. Every moment spent with Tanner is filled with both learning and laughter, and he has quickly become a beloved figure among our students and staff alike.

As we look forward to the future, we are excited to witness Tanner's exceptional leadership as our new Chief Pilot. His knowledge, passion, and commitment to the art of flying are certain to take our flight school to new heights.

Join us in extending a warm and hearty welcome to Tanner Burrows in his new role as Chief Pilot. We are confident that his presence will enhance your flying journey and make your time with Pilot Makers even more rewarding.



AVIATOR SECTION



PILOT MAKERS AEROBATICS TEAM

The Pilot Makers Aerobatic Team, based in Provo, Utah, and associated with IAC Chapter 139, is taking aerobatics to new heights. Our two aircraft, the "Super Decathlon" by American Champion Aircraft and the powerful "Extra 300L" by Extra Aircraft, are the backbone of our Team.

The "Super Decathlon" excels in low-level competitions and affordability. Meanwhile, the "Extra 300L" sets high-level aerobatic standards. We practice at Nephi, under the guidance of Aerobatics Team Manager Tayla Funes. Jeff Granger, our IAC representative, and team members Carter Evans and Maximilian Arsenault, who are also CFIs here at Pilot Makers. The Pilot Makers Aerobatic Team is committed to excellence, safety, and pushing the limits of aerobatics. Get Involved and join us!



DISCOVERING THE BEAUTY OF SMALL TRAINER PLANES

In the world of aviation, fast and expensive planes often steal the spotlight. It's easy to get caught up in the excitement of speed and luxury, but in doing so, we may overlook the hidden gems of the skies - small trainer planes.

The first reason to appreciate these planes is that they open the door to aviation for a wider audience. They are more affordable and easier to operate, making the dream of flight accessible to a broader range of people. Whether you're a student pilot taking your first solo flight or a seasoned aviator looking for a weekend adventure, small trainers offer an excellent entry point.



Second, flying a small trainer plane is a hands-on experience that promotes a deeper understanding of aviation. Pilots of these aircraft (such as our Piper Archer's) must master the basics, from takeoff to landing, without relying on complex systems or autopilots. Many flight instructors are eager to make it to the airlines, but their stick and rudder skills will probably never be quite like they were when they were flying the trainers every day. In my opinion, flying small planes is the purest form of aviation.

Third, small trainer planes encourage a closer connection with the sky and the environment. They fly at lower altitudes and slower speeds, allowing pilots to fully appreciate the beauty of the landscapes below. You can spot details, take in the scenery, and experience the freedom of flight in a more profound way. Sometimes, slower is better.

Small trainer planes may not boast the glamour and speed of their more expensive counterparts, but they bring their own special charm to the world of aviation. They serve as the foundation for aspiring pilots and provide a platform for enthusiasts to develop their skills and share their love of flying with others.

So, the next time you're in the cockpit of a small trainer plane, take a moment to appreciate the simplicity, the skills, and the joy of flying that they offer.

To all "time builders" working to make it to the airlines, corporate flying, cargo, etc. - make sure you don't wish your time in the trainers away. Odds are, you will miss it one day.

Tanner, Burrows