

THE CROSSWINDS

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Winter 2011

Fall Achievements! Congratulations!

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| First Solo Kyle Logan | Private Certification Aaron Rice |
| Mackenzie Baker Benjamin Litchfield | |
| Patrick Trepanier Andrew Hallauer-Joyes | Commercial Certification Ross Young |
| Spencer Martin | Multi-Engine Certification |
| Aaron Bly | Westley Schroepfer |
| Roger Whaley Nicholas Cooke | Jake Pedersen Damien Duringer |
| Jon Bottheim Jace Cox Adam Hensley | Matthew Peterson Jeremiah McLaury |
| Mark Evans | CFI |
| Chad Caveness | Cody Simmons |
| Evan Adams | Evan Wheeler |
| Edward Agag Jake Evans | Cody McCall |

New Midstate CFIs (continued)

Finals are approaching for wrapping up Fall Quarter 2011. We didn't get to introduce all our new instructors to you in our Fall 2011 Crosswinds issue and so we wanted to make sure you got the chance to meet our last new hire! Here are a few fun facts.....



Westley

Schroepfer

had his best flight ever when he got to take his dad up for the first time after he got his private license. They flew over their house. A hometown boy from Camano Island, Wes first knew he wanted to fly during his intro flight in Mt. Vernon when he was 16 years old. Wes loves the freedom and ability to go anywhere at any time. He hopes to be the best instructor he can be and to make flying safe as well as fun for his students at Midstate. Wes remembers

his flight over the Yakima firing center when it was inactive during his Commercial EOC. His favorite pet memory was rescuing a little bird when he was younger and 30 seconds after he let the bird go, his cat did an acrobatic jump about five feet in the air to get some lunch! His greatest inspiration belongs to both his mom and dad because of their hard work and their encouragement. His mom did make him wear embarrassing Halloween costumes as a kid. Wes got back at her by "throwing things around the house". He says, "My mom hates it when I try to juggle our plates and knives, too." Wes did select his mom as doing the kindest thing anyone had ever done for him, and Wes shares, "I think my mom giving birth to me pretty much takes the cake." Nothing more needs to be said.....

CHRISTMAS GIFT IDEAS FROM MIDSTATE

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| Baseball Caps | \$16.90-23.00 |
| Sweatshirts | \$33.00 |
| T-Shirts | \$10.84-14.50 |
| Anniversary Hats | \$ 9.00 |
| Anniversary Youth T-Shirts | \$ 5.00 |
| Knit Hats | \$19.50 |

(while supply lasts)

If you would like to surprise someone with a gift, give us a call at 509-962-7850 or email us at midstateaviation@fairpoint.net and we will get it under your tree.

Winter Flying

By Peter Dzyubak,
Chief Flight Instructor

It's hard to believe that fall quarter is almost over and along with it so is our warm weather. Congratulations to everyone who has soloed this fall! As the winter descends on our region, so do the cold temperatures. As pilots we need to plan for weather as well, that means dressing accordingly for our flights. The sunshine may give a false

impression of warmth but the wind may tell a whole different story. Bring a warm coat, warm gloves, and a hat to name a few items. They become very useful during morning preflight inspections.

Remember – *Fly Like A Pro*

Mandatory Schedule Begins-January 4th

First day of classes: January 4th

NO MANDATORY SCHEDULE:

Martin Luther King Jr. Day: January 16th

Presidents Day: February 20th

MY FIRST SOLO FLIGHT

By Kyle Logan
CWU Flight Student

The first solo flight is a landmark moment in training to become a pilot. My interest in flying began when I was in middle school when my parents bought me flight simulator programs. I constantly stayed up far past my bedtime. Then as a surprise for my sixteenth birthday they got me a real flight lesson and from there on I was hooked. During my summers I took on a job working as a Helitack firefighter for the Washington State Department of Natural Resources which kept me connected to aviation. After brief flirtations with joining a flight program in the past, this year I finally decided to make the commitment and put in the effort to achieve my dream of becoming a pilot.

At first the workload seemed overwhelming, but once I realized there were a lot of people willing to help, the workload became increasingly more manageable. After hours of homework and some rough landings my instructor thought I was ready to fly solo.

When my instructor stepped out of the plane he looked back and shouted, "GOOD LUCK," closed the door and walked away. All that was going through my head was the realization that in the next 15 minutes I would either be really happy or dead. I taxied to the threshold of runway seven, opened the throttle, and lifted off. I was flying! Going up doesn't

seem to kill many people, it's the abrupt impact with the ground that does. Turning final I came on centerline, found my glide slope, made the appropriate adjustments and with a CHIRP....CHIRP I was down, not dead. I was stoked! Then the panic set in realizing... "Wait, I have to do this at least two more times!" I took a deep breath, gave my instructor a thumbs up and took flight.

I look forward to many more hours in the air, the people I will meet, and the one-off images I will see because of Midstate's instructors and their passion to fly, spot on mechanics, and the dedication of line workers and office people. I don't know where this path called aviation will lead, but I'm ecstatic to indulge in the art of flight.

Kyle Logan is a freshman at CWU and working on his private pilot certificate. He had the first private solo flight this fall on October 21st. Check out Mr. Logan on Midstate's Facebook page.

HAVE **YOU** CHECKED OUT OUR FACEBOOK PAGE? WE HAVE SOME GREAT FIRST SOLO FLIGHTS THAT YOU JUST HAVE TO SEE☺



Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!