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AVIATION TRIVIA

What was the first aircraft ever to fly a total of 635 hours, 34 minutes before landing?

Curtiss Robin

On July 1, 1934 a specially modified Curtiss Robin set the still standing world non stop endurance record after flying for a total of 635 hours and 34 minutes covering a distance of 52,320 miles. The plane was fitted with a top hatch through which fuel and supplies were delivered while in flight. A railing around the front of the aircraft allowed for engine oil replenishment and maintenance while in flight. The aircraft was named Ole Miss and was piloted by the brothers Fredrick and Allen Key.

The School of Aeronautics Welcomes New A&P Program

Beginning in January 2009, the Liberty University School of Aeronautics will launch its latest addition to the aviation program – an Aviation Maintenance Technician School (commonly referred to as A&P School.) The ability to offer maintenance training will especially benefit those students on the mission aviation track, since most mission organizations which have aviation divisions require their pilots to be mechanics, as well. The new A&P program to be offered by the School of Aeronautics will allow these aviation students to take that necessary training right here at Liberty. The Chair of the Aviation Department, James "Ernie" Rogers, commented on the addition of the new program by stating, *"The A&P Program will enhance our ability to train missionaries for the mission field."* Mr. Bradley Blank has been hired as the director of the program, as well as two instructors – Mr. Brandon Kosse and Mr. Jon Damon. For further information you can e-mail Mr. Blank at bblank@liberty.edu.

Interested in Joining the Liberty University Precision Flight Team?

The Liberty University Precision Flight Team, lead by captains Eric Carter and Josh Stadtlander, is back and better than ever with a team consisting of six returning pilots and nine new pilots. The highly successful team, winning Regionals three years in a row, is looking for new and talented members for the 2008-2009 season. To join the team, the pilot must have his or her Private Pilot license, have advanced knowledge of the E6-B flight computer, or have highly developed knowledge in aircraft recognition. Applications will be accepted until Friday, September 5th. If there is any questions please contact Coach Jonathan "Stork" Washburn in the Liberty Aviation Offices at the Lynchburg Regional Airport or send an e-mail to jjwashburn@liberty.edu.

"We're Excited to Offer a New Program"

September 2008 will mark the beginning of The School of Aeronautics Helicopter Training Program, one of the two new programs to begin the 2008-2009 school year. *"We're excited to offer a new program in helicopter training"* states the Dean of Liberty University's School of Aeronautics, Dave Young. The Helicopter Training program will benefit the Missions Aviation pilots as well as those interested in working in the helicopter industry. *"It's a great addition to our program"* added Ernie Rogers, the Chair of the Department. Liberty University is one of the three schools in the United States to have a Fixed Wing and Helo training program.

New Safety Officer, Andrew Walton

Andrew Walton is the School of Aeronautics new Safety Officer as of the 2008-2009 school year. Born in Manchester, England, Walton is a graduate of Piedmont Baptist College in Winston-Salem, NC. Walton is a CFI and is looking forward to building on the culture of safety within the Aviation Department.

Congratulations to the following students who earned certificates:

Solos: Matthias Wrede, Delorean Lankford. Tyler Lawrence, Dean Baxter

Private: Kristie Morris, Daniel Figueredo, Jack Gutschlag, Chris Jenkins, Aaron Alvis, Ryan Ball

Instrument: Nathan Joachim, Micah LaVanchy, Oliver Sherret, Braxton Leicht, Nathan Edwards Shelly Engel, Jonathan Washburn

Commercial: Micah LaVanchy, Josh Martin

Commercial Multi: Jeff Burnham, Justin Carrick, Drew Martens

CFI: Drew Martens

"...On wings like eagles." Isaiah 40:31
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