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"Travelers are always discoverers, especially those who travel by air. There are no signposts in the air to show a man has passed that way before. There are no channels marked. The flier breaks each second into new uncharted seas."

-Anne Morrow Lindbergh, 'North to the Orient,' 1935

AOPA Chief Flight Instructor Visits Liberty

Johnathan "J.J." Greenway recently visited Liberty's School of Aeronautics (SOA). He is the Chief Flight Instructor for the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association (AOPA) Air Safety Foundation (ASF) and is responsible for the ASF lead "Safety Seminars" and the "Flight Instructor Refresher Clinics" taught throughout the United States. He visited the SOA for two main reasons. First, he wanted to learn more about our growing flight program and second, he was here to evaluate the platform instructional ability of one of our professors, Mr. Kurt Reesman. Greenway commented: "You have a top notch operation, and I felt privileged to step in and have a look!"



First LU Helicopter Solo Flight
Tom Von Olszewski (Clayton, NC)

SOA Provides Quality Assistance to Future Liberty Students

At the University's November College for a Weekend, the School of Aeronautics was selected as the school within the University that best demonstrates overall customer service to the students, potential students and their parents. We work hard to ensure we are service oriented as we believe it is our responsibility to be servants to all with whom we come in contact.

FAA FAASTeam Workshop

The SOA staff carved out a safety stand-down day to receive the first module of safety training from the FAA regional safety representative, Mr. George Ream. In addition to the training, the SOA leadership team spent time doing strategic planning for the future and where we feel God is leading our program.

Congratulations to the following students who earned certificates:

Solos:

Wes Devine, Luke Hamer, Zach Robinson, Anthony Sanchez, Tom Von Olszewski (Helicopter).

Private:

Isaac Lacey.

Instrument:

Aaron Kelley, Kevin Lang, Steven Pace, Christian Traxler, Jeff Wietholter, Lance Welch

Commercial:

Michael Kennedy

CFI:

Luke Vander Wiele

CFII:

Shannon Flynn

A Note from the Dean

As we close out 2008 I cannot help but reflect on how God has blessed the LU School of Aeronautics this past year. We transitioned from a department to a school within the University; we exceeded our expectations with a record enrollment of superbly qualified students; we added helicopter training; we have flown more hours than ever in our history; we acquired a state of the art flight simulator; we have added modern aircraft to our fleet; we are making steady progress toward initiating the aircraft mechanic's training program; we had several generous supporters step forward to assist us financially and with equipment; and above all, we have been blessed with safety and an incident free year. God's grace is evident in all that has occurred and we are deeply thankful. Please let me wish you a very Merry Christmas and God's blessings in 2009.



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