

Hello,

Welcome to Long Beach Flying Club.....it's the very best aviation organization for flight instruction in southern California. I feel lucky to be able to associate with such a professional and dedicated group of flight instructors and staff, not to mention their facilities and available aircraft.

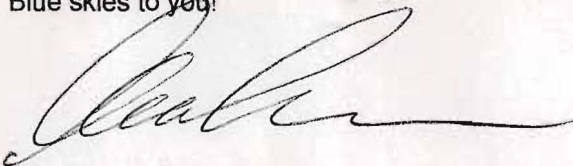
I was born and raised in the San Joaquin Valley (in Fresno, California). My first flight was in a Piper Cub, with three of us in a two-seater. My childhood buddy and I shared the front seat, while his dad gave us the grand tour of Fresno Air Terminal. I was 11. The excitement of that first flight never left.

My true calling has been in aviation. I soloed back in the 70s and flew aircraft for business as well as for personal pursuits throughout the western and southwestern states, as well as to Canada and Mexico. I had so much fun flying, I decided on a professional career path as a flight instructor here at Long Beach Flying Club.

I am a Commercial Pilot and Flight Instructor, with Instrument, Single Engine Land, and Multiengine Ratings. I am also a Ground Instructor with an Advanced and Instrument Rating. I have 1600+ hours of flight time in high wing and low wing aircraft, single engine and multiengine aircraft, tricycle gear and conventional gear aircraft, aerobatic aircraft, high performance/complex aircraft, and turbine powered aircraft. I am an active member of the Orange County Pilot's Association, NAFI (the National Association of Flight Instructors), AOPA, EAA (Long Beach Chapter), and others. I am especially pleased to help "dormant" pilots dust off their piloting skills/aeronautical knowledge, assist them in trip planning/flights/BFRs/Internet access to aviation sites, learn the beauty of the Garmin 296/396/496 GPS Units, and to work with pilots in training/refreshing their skills on our school's PCATD Training Device in the simulator room.

I am available by appointment 7 days a week and will customize your training program to suit your schedule and available time. For a get acquainted meeting, please call me/text me at 714-655-3492.

Blue skies to you!



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