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 Newsletter
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What a busy summer!

Things were Hopping at Red Sky Aviation, thanks to you, our loyal flying family! We exceeded all previous flying records!



June: 132.35 hours
 July: 114.35 hours
 August: 147.71 hours
 September: 141.89 hours

Got My Private Pilot’s License!



- Andrew Ouellet**
- Roland Pinto**
- Mike Castruccio**
- David Ray**
- Dan Dujmovich**

**Congratulations from
 Red Sky Aviation! ☺**

Meet the Instructors!

Our fabulous flight instructors will be featured over the next several newsletters - meet Mark Heidenreich on p. 2



Photo by U.S. Army

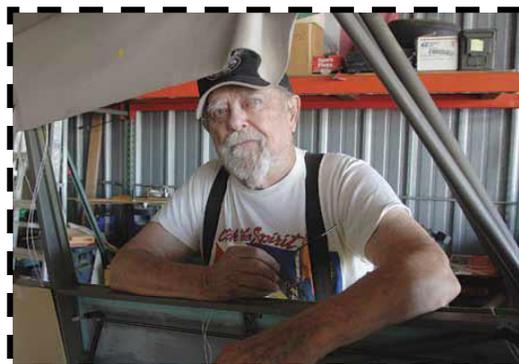


Photo by Doug Jorgensen, The Independent

Sam is famous! Our patriarch, Sam Haley, was featured in the November 8 edition of The Independent, Livermore’s local newspaper, where he shared his World War II experiences. Stop by and read the article in the office, or go to the link to check it out (newspapers are available in the archives one month after publication date).

<http://independentnews.com/app/pdf/11-08-12.pdf>
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RED SKY AVIATION is a family-owned and operated Flight School. We provide private, sport, instrument, and commercial pilot training, rent aircraft, offer classes, restore antique and classic aircraft, and provide pre-sale aircraft consultation. Our family has, collectively, over 150 years of aviation experience! We love what we do and hope you will be part of our aviation family!



Mark Heidenreich — Mark has been flying with Red Sky Aviation since 2009. A native of Southern California, Mark moved with his family to Omaha, Nebraska, after high school. After graduation, he joined the Navy and served 18 months of active duty in the late 1960s during the Viet Nam War, primarily in and around San Diego. After leaving the service, Mark returned to Omaha where he started flight training at Sky Harbor Flight School (now Tac Air) at Eppley Airfield. He received his pilot's license after 36 hours of flight time. His first solo? He just felt he was ready!

After completing his Private Pilot's License, he used his GI Bill to pursue additional flight ratings: Commercial; Instrument; and Instructor. Immediately after completing his instructor rating, he was offered and took an instructor job at the flight school where he trained when his instructor moved on to take a position in corporate flying. Mark believes he learned more in one week of giving instruction than in three years of taking instruction! It's true, when you teach someone else, you really confirm all you have learned yourself! Then, as now, he enjoyed working with students.

Eager to try new things, Mark moved into a corporate flying job with Peter Kiewit Sons in Omaha in 1975. He worked there for 25 years, transporting company top management to job sites and prospective job sites all over the world.

His most interesting stop was Thule, Greenland, 600 miles from the North Pole. He described it as 'almost totally barren with extreme weather conditions—winds of over 100 mph were typical, such a different environment.' One of the challenges there for a pilot is that, being that far north, normal navigation devices were affected by the magnetic pull of the pole. The downside to corporate aviation was that he never really knew his schedule in advance.

Of his over 35 years in Nebraska, Mark reports it was tough (climate) duty for a California kid! When Mark retired in 2000, he wanted to get back to California so that he could spend at least half of his life here! He played some golf, took up sailing on San Francisco Bay, then went back to flying after a couple years. He worked at another corporate flying job for about three years, tried his hand at building a kit airplane, a Rans, a side-by-side high wing taildragger. He sold it in 2010 because it was too small and bought a Cessna 170. He is also part owner of a Turbo 210, he flies for fun about once a week.

He saw a Red Sky ad for a flight instructor on the Livermore Airport bulletin board, came over, and has been here now for about 3 ½ years. He also instructs private clients in a Cirrus at Livermore. Mark's favorite kind of student? One that is self-motivated to learn! He finds that no two students learn the same and enjoys the challenge of trying to tailor a teaching approach that is suited to each student.

Ground School - **Red Sky**

congratulates our 2012 Ground School Graduates! Adrian Addison, Andrew Donohue, Mike Castruccio, Tony Castruccio, David Leath, Doug Green, Scott Waite, Daren Putman, Gillian Bishop, Mark Duguid, Kajol Bolaki, Chet Wehe IV, Charlie Ng, Rohail Siddiqui. We are delighted to report that all our Ground School students are either currently taking their private pilot flight instruction or plan to start soon! Have you completed ground school? Or do you know of someone who may be interested? A new class session is scheduled whenever we have enough interest. If you would like to take a ground school class to prepare for the FAA Written Examination, please notify the Red Sky Aviation office. Current class cost of \$250.00 includes course materials. You won't find a better deal. And, we serve cookies ☺!

Red Sky Partners with Local Park District!

Red Sky Aviation will offer several classes through the Livermore Area Recreation and Parks District between January and May 2013! There is something for everyone:

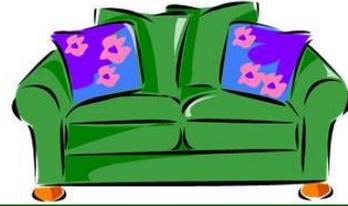
What Goes on at the Airport? For kids from 8-15 years (Saturdays)

Are Flying Lessons for You? 15+ years (weeknights, plus intro flight)

I Always Wanted to Fly! 55-70, or anybody! (weeknight, plus Saturday, plus intro flight)

Register at:

<http://www.larpd.dst.ca.us/>



Pilot's Lounge – drop by anytime during open hours and enjoy a leisure spell in our lounge area. Watch work on the current airplane project, read a book or magazine or just chat with whoever happens to be here. We want you to feel at home! If you have an idea or suggestion, write a note and drop it in the Suggestion Box! Our goal is to continue to make Red Sky Aviation a place where you want to come fly and then visit, or visit and then fly!

Recent Red Sky Events!

You may have seen us out and about!

LARPD Children's Fair

In September, Susan and Laura spent two days entertaining area children with flying glider races at the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District's Children's Fair, held at the Robert Livermore Center. We had lots of fun and shared information with lots of parents, grandparents and friends about flying lessons.

Livermore Airport Open House

In October, Bob and Sean visited with Airport Open House attendees and held more glider races with local kids who visited with their families! Everybody enjoyed the airshow, and we always love telling folks about Red Sky Aviation!

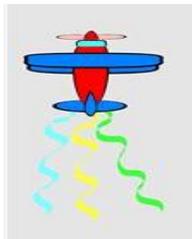
Did You Know...?

A new windshield for the Aeronca 7AC Champ costs around \$500.00!

Keep flying so we can buy more parts! ☺

Recent Solos! – Way to Go!

Mike Castruccio
Pat Leary
Andrew Donahue
Roland Pinto
Jong Lee
Michael Wynn
John Sutherland
Evgeny Ivanov



Scott Waite
Daren Putman



Yeah! Daren P! 1st Solo

(How 'bout that Cessna 140! Sweet!)

New Red Sky Students

<i>Nicholas Wilson</i>	<i>Walter Johnson</i>
<i>Christopher Nielsen</i>	<i>Rajneesh Raina</i>
<i>Yoni Shchemelinin</i>	<i>Mike Gibney</i>
<i>John Sutherland</i>	<i>Kris Gospodinov</i>
<i>Jake Armstrong</i>	<i>Michael Wynn</i>
<i>Thandi Parmpaul</i>	<i>Scott Waite</i>
<i>Daren Putman</i>	<i>Ravnak Rayash</i>
<i>Jong Lee</i>	<i>Mark Duguid</i>
<i>Roland Pinto</i>	<i>Jian Zhou</i>
<i>Jake Klein</i>	<i>Mike Krueger</i>
<i>Pete Connell</i>	<i>Brian Lippo</i>
<i>Ananth Racherla</i>	<i>David Thomson</i>
<i>Brick Rule</i>	<i>Brian Linderman</i>
<i>Charles Bidwell</i>	

Know somebody who's interested in learning to fly? Refer a friend to us! After their third lesson YOU will get \$20 off your next flying hour! Be sure they give us your name!



Please note: Any omissions or errors to student pilot lists in this newsletter are all Susan's fault! Please advise us if you were left off an important milestone list and we'll include you next time! :o

Dear Santa,

Please bring us:

Champ Windshield and Strips, Mag Switch, Fairings, Radio and Intercom, Seat Covers and Cushions. Also for our Cessna 152: Bearings, Rod Bolts, Gears, Gasket Set, Pistons, Rings, and whatever other airplane parts you might think we need! Thank you!

Your friends at **Red Sky Aviation**

From our Red Sky Family Album!



Laura, aged 2,
when our Antonov AH-2 arrived!