

BFC NEWSLETTER

Be sure to check out our website at Beverlyflightcenter.com. Contact us at either Beverlyflightcenter@verizon.net or at ArneBFC@verizon.net with questions.

Upcoming Ground Schools

PRIVATE PILOT: Begins on Tuesday February 24th @ 6:30 p.m. The instructor will be Ann Marie Murphy.

Recent Accomplishments

Beverly Flight Center, Inc. would like to congratulate the following individuals on their accomplishments during the month of January:

FIRST SOLO

Austin Graf 1/13/09

Matt Plourde, 1/17/09

Aaron Manchur, 1/17/09

Michael Manchur, 1/17/09

Kathi Spurr, 1/25/09

PRIVATE

Don Garland, 1/10/09

Brad Maher, 1/13/09

COMMERCIAL

Bobby Curry, 1/20/09

Josh Sim, 1/27/09

Employee Of The Month

Paul Beaulieu

Student Of The Month

We have two recipients for Student Of The Month: Michael and Aaron Manchur. They are twin brothers who are currently juniors at Covenant Christian Academy. Both conducted their first solos last month. Their instructor is Paul Beaulieu. Congratulations Michael and Aaron!

Website Updates

Over the next few weeks our website will be undergoing many updates and improvements. Among the many additions will be flight planning resources, internet links to informational websites, news updates, rental information, and resources for all of our aircraft, including statistics as

well as Preflight and Normal Checklists. We are welcoming any and all suggestions as to how we can improve our website to suit our customer's needs.

Avionics Upgrade

We have recently added a panel-mounted Garmin 296 to Warrior 2159H. The 296 has a color moving map display and will greatly increase situational awareness, particularly on cross-country flights. We have added an internet link to our website where you can find more information on this unit.

Birds

Most of us are aware of the plight that faced U.S. Airways flight 1549 on January 15th. The aircraft encountered a flock of birds shortly after takeoff and the pilot was forced to ditch the aircraft in the Hudson River after losing power to both engines. Bird strikes are a serious matter for all aircraft. Unfortunately, bird activity is abundant here at Beverly Airport. Canada Geese use our airport as a rest stop during their migration, and can be seen at the airport almost on a daily basis. Be vigilant in looking for low-flying birds during taxiing, takeoff, and landing, and PLEASE report any flocks to ATC so that other pilots can be warned.

Practice Area Procedures

To enhance the safety of our flight school operations, BFC is implementing new procedures for training flights to and from our practice area. Eastbound flights should fly at 1500 or 2500 feet MSL when outside of the traffic pattern area, while Westbound flights should fly at 2000 feet MSL. Also, please monitor and utilize the air-to-air frequency of 122.75 when outside of the Beverly Class D airspace. Announce your callsign, position, and altitude when beginning maneuvers. In this way, pilots have enhanced situational awareness of other aircraft around them. This will become increasingly important as the warmer months arrive and the number of training flights increase. Please see our website or speak with our instructors and dispatchers for more information. We appreciate your cooperation.

Happy Flying!

