

BFC Newsletter

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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 April 28th @ 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 February:

FIRST SOLO

Nathan Krull, 2/2/09
Sophia Fiorentino, 2/6/09
Tim Wright, 2/16/09
Marc Aubertin, 2/17/09
Carl Crupi, 2/18/09
Ted Davis, 2/25/09

INSTRUMENT

Bill McCann, 2/17/08

Employee Of The Month

Greg Woo

Student Of The Month

This month's recipient for Student Of The Month is Joe Vitale. Joe is currently enrolled in the Aviation Science program at the North Shore Community College. He achieved his first solo flight in December and is working hard towards his Private Pilot License. His instructor is Andrew Struppa. Congratulations Joe!

Daylight Savings Time

That time of the year is just around the corner: time to "Spring Forward" to Daylight Savings Time. Remember to adjust your clocks on Sunday March 8th. Also remember that the conversion to UTC (Zulu) time will now be +4 hours rather than 5. With the change of the clocks and the extended daylight will bring the opportunity to fly later in the day, so take advantage of this and enjoy!

Think Spring!

Fire Extinguishers

A new large fire extinguisher has been mounted on the side of the hangar adjacent to our fleet. Please take a moment to take notice of it the next time you are on the ramp. Numerous smaller fire extinguishers are located within the BFC building and behind the dispatcher desk. Please do NOT hesitate to make prompt use of these extinguishers should the need arise.

Engine Starting Procedures

Below is a quick refresher on engine starting procedures.

Hot Start:

- NO prime
- Do NOT pump the throttle
- Clear the area
- Engage starter

Cold Start:

- Prime as necessary
- Clear the area
- Engage starter IMMEDIATELY
- Pump throttle as necessary

Flooded Start:

- NO prime
- Do NOT pump the throttle
- Mixture idle cutoff
- Throttle full open
- Engage starter
- Reverse mixture and throttle positions if engine fires

Keep in mind that prime is only effective for a VERY short period of time after it is applied. It is essential, therefore, to engage the starter AS SOON AS POSSIBLE after priming. Waiting too long will not only make the prime ineffective, but can flood the engine and raise the possibility of an engine fire. Having the key in the ignition and ready to go BEFORE priming will minimize the chance of this happening.

Also beware of a flooded engine. A flooded engine can occur with excessive priming and/or prolonged engine cranking. A good rule is to follow the flooded start procedure after TWO failed attempts at starting the engine.

A more detailed engine starting procedure can be found on our website by clicking on the "Latest News Updates" link located in our "News" section.