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**NO FUEL SURCHARGES THROUGH
MARCH 31—FLY NOW!!!**

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NEW AVIATORS AT OUT OF THE BLUE!

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CONGRATULATIONS TO THESE NEW PILOTS!!

Welcome to our very first OBA newsletter! We are trying to help keep the aviation community alive and well at Arlington Airport and we hope this will help you to stay connected with your fellow aviators. Please feel free to print this, enjoy it, and share it!! And don't forget to let us know what you think. I will be adding a comments/letters section as we go along.

Are you a Hero?

It has been wonderful to hear all the positive press about the US Airways pilot who made an incredible emergency landing on the Hudson river in New York recently.

The pilot himself, Capt Sul- lenberger seemed pretty nonchalant about it, explaining that he trained regularly (**every year**) for just such emergencies.

That got me thinking, when was the last time I flew with a CFI and had him pull the engine on me unexpectedly so I would have to practice

an emergency landing? When was the last time I practiced an engine failure on takeoff? What about putting out an imaginary fire? I wonder if I would be a hero or a zero in a dire emergency?

Well, my plan is to go out with an instructor this month to practice some emergencies. Maybe I'll throw in some strong crosswind landings and short fields as well as I'm probably a little rusty on those. I would encourage

you to do the same.

Take time **every year** to fly with an instructor to brush up on those critical skills you hardly ever use but may need someday. Then, if the time ever comes, you too will be a "hero" for saving the day in a difficult situation.



Upcoming Events you don't want to miss!

- Feb 21 IFR refresher - FREE
- Feb 24 Instr. GS starts - 8 wks
- March 11 - Border Notam FAAST Program
- March 14 BFR Seminar - FREE
- March 28 G1000 Seminar
- April 25 - Spring BBQ/Airshow
- May 16 - Poker Run
- May 30 - G1000 Seminar

Commercial Flights out of Arlington??

Ok, so maybe we're not Horizon Air, but we are starting up our Part 135 charter flights within the next month or so. All paperwork has been submitted (whew!) and we're just waiting for final approval from FSDO.

Like many small businesses we're looking at ways to stay alive in this economy, so please spread the word. Given the time savings, it can

actually be CHEAPER to fly to Friday Harbor, or Moses Lake than to drive there.

We have a beautiful new 182 with all the latest technology and safety features at your service to go wherever needed.

Our 182 is also available for rentals

and high performance or instrument checkouts, so call today to get on the schedule.



New A&P comes to Out of the Blue!

We'd like to introduce our new A&P/IA, Klaus Marx. Klaus recently moved here from Juneau, Alaska where he worked for many years with a variety of shops and charter organizations. All of his past employers had great things to say about him, and I am already seeing why.

Klaus is very knowledgeable about aircraft, and happy to share his wealth of experience. Klaus says, "I like to work with the owners so they understand their aircraft better. Rather than just taking the

aircraft in, doing the work, and sending it home, I prefer to have the owner assist with as much as they can so they become experts on their own systems."

That sounds like a good policy and consistent with our mission here at **Out of the Blue**. We are always striving to help you be better pilots as well as helping you to stay

involved in aviation at many levels. So, next time you need an oil change or other work done on

your aircraft, give us a call and we'll introduce you to Klaus.

You'll be glad we did, because not only is he knowledgeable, but he's an awfully nice guy too!



COME SEE OUR NEW PARTS DEPT.

And the Winner is

Out of the Blue recently celebrated three years in business by giving away \$500 in customer appreciation dollars. For three months every person who flew with us was given tickets to enter for the drawing. On Jan 10th, we had birthday cake and drew the winner . . . new student John DeNike!

John recently joined our Cessna Pilot Center Program and started lessons in our "classic" C-172. After a number of hours, he de-

ecided to transfer to the G1000 glass cockpit C172 and is getting fully immersed in today's new technology. In addition to the \$500 free giveaway, John

will also receive \$500 credit in the G1000 aircraft when he earns his pilot's license. What a bargain! John used part of his winnings to

take our G1000 seminar last Saturday. He said he was surprised at how much he learned and is looking forward to sitting through it again next time.

(We are now offering the G1000 seminar every two months. If you pay for it once, you can sit through it as many times as you want - I have gone to it myself 3 times, and each time I learn more! By the way, we have a similar policy regarding all ground-schools, you can sit through them again if needed—call for details)

John DeNike wins \$500 just for flying with Out of the Blue!

Free Seminars at Out of the Blue

FREE Seminar

Saturday, Feb 21 from 10-12 we will be hosting a FREE IFR info session. If you are an IFR pilot in need of a refresher, please join us.

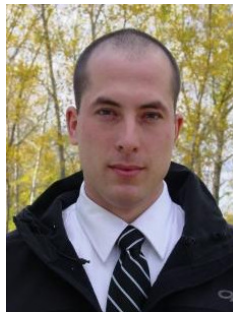
If you are interested in getting your instrument rating, this is a good place to start.

The FREE roundtable session will be led by Marla Patterson, a retired Navy Nurse and long time instructor. Packages will be available for simulator/aircraft training (our a/c or yours). Call to reserve your spot.

Our instrument Groundschool will be starting up the week immediately after—Tuesday, Feb 24.

Our Newest Instructor

Lucas Smith is a graduate of University of North Dakota flight program. Lucas is available any day of the week and is excellent at both private and instrument instruction.



Call him to schedule that practice emergency landing, or maybe your BFR. We think you'll like him!

FREE FAAST Safety Seminar

On March 11th, from 6 – 8 pm, Brain Webb, of Homeland Security, will talk of the threats we in the WA aviation community face, the regulations you must know when flying across, or even near, the border, and what could happen if you don't check the latest TFR's before taking off. This information could prevent you from making a mistake, losing your license or worse. Limited to 40 people. Call to hold a spot.



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