

Aviation Connection

PILOT MENTOR PROGRAM

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Where do I even begin to talk about my start in aviation... my father (Robert Beaudry) is a Captain for American Airlines and honestly I did not think I wanted to follow in his foot steps, I knew I loved to travel and experience new cultures. However, the road to a career in aviation seemed so overwhelming! Then he bought himself a small tail dragger and it snowballed from there. I soloed at the age of 17 in the Aeronca Champ 90 horsepower tail dragger aircraft and moved my way up slowly to bigger and more powerful aircraft.

Now at the age of 22 I have my Multi Engine, Instrument Commercial and Single Instrument with over 600 hours total time 110 Multi Engine, 375 cross country, 110 Instrument and 175 hours of night flight, etc... I have met so many people along my journey in aviation who have reached out and helped me either build time, or shown me how to better myself and my piloting skills. This journey is far from over and I want to pinch myself after every flight... just to make sure I am not dreaming. I'm at the threshold of an airline job and flying over 10 hours a week in multiple types of aircraft. The gratitude I want to show these people who either let me fly there aircraft or have me along as a safety pilot I will forever be in there debt.

Once I heard I was being considered to come along as a first officer on board a Cherokee Six on the way down from Montreal Canada to the Bahamas I was just about sure this whole thing was just a dream and I was going to wake up any second. Today was the day I got word that I had been chosen... today was also the day I knew I had what it takes to make it as a professional pilot in the airline arena... Just graduated college and right on track with where I want to be. Though I want to make it very clear that without these people in my life who have helped me along the way... None of this would have been possible. I'm just a kid who worked hard and showed my passion for aviation. If someone told me this is where I would be five years ago, I would never believe them.



There is nothing more I could ask for at this stage in my life, its really a dream come true thus far... Going to keep working hard and studying! Of course enjoy the ride aviation is giving me.