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Trinity Aviation Academy: Training Pilots with a Mission

A Quarterly Newsletter

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Trinity gets an early start on spring cleaning

A successful fundraiser in February has given Trinity Aviation Academy the means to start construction on a planned classroom this spring.

One of Trinity's goals is to receive FAA certification so that students can be eligible for financial aid. The FAA requires that all schools applying for certification have a fully operational classroom.

Trinity held a Valentine's fundraiser to help generate enough revenue for construction materials to complete a classroom.

All the hard work and prayers of our volunteers, along with participation

of dozens of committed benefactors, paid off. We now have about one-third of our total expected cost of \$15,000.

Director Dan Mulkey expects to begin work immediately, applying to the City of Eatonville for a permit and starting the task of updating all the electrical wiring.

Meanwhile, the staff is doing its best to organize the hangars and get the planes in working order.

Plans are in the works for an open house later this spring to introduce the community of Eatonville to Trinity Aviation Academy.

Tad Henry, Trinity's lead instructor, recently moved from Graham to Eatonville with his family. They have been spreading the word about the school to everyone they meet. Often, they are met with surprise from residents who have no idea there is a school at the airport up the hill.

Our goal is to change that mindset. We hope to have the open house in either May or June and are working feverishly to present a clean, working facility to our neighbors.

Above all, we want to use this opportunity to tell others about the God we serve and why He is so worthy of all we do.



Trinity plans to turn the far left hangar into classroom space and stain the outside of all three hangars.

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President's Corner

Bernie Johnston

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We're learning how TAA fits into God's plan

Trinity Aviation Academy. TAA.

It's all about the Great Commission.

*If we surrender ourselves unto God,
He can then use us and the talent and
ability He has given us for His
kingdom work.*

*TAA exists as a ministry for helping
new missionaries to become part of the
Great Commission. It also exists to
allow other Christians to exercise their
ministry talents by helping TAA.*

*It's amazing how the Lord guides and
directs His people to minister to each
other in His body, and touch the lives
of the unsaved!*

*TAA is a dynamic, growing, loving,
changing group of believers involved
in God's plan — not man's plan.*

*I am learning how God's love for all
looks like something!*

- Blessings!

Prayers, funds keep up momentum

by Dan Mulkey, Director

As Christians concerned with the advancement of mission aviation, the staff at Trinity Aviation Academy prays daily for maturity in Christ, provision, health and safety for ourselves and for the staff of all the other mission aviation schools and organizations, that God may be glorified in all that we do. We also pray for continued open doors in all countries around the world.

On Wednesdays, our staff gets together at 9:30 a.m. to pray specifically for our needs here at Trinity, or TAA. We would greatly appreciate it if you would partner with us every Wednesday to do the same.

As for recent events, Trinity held a fundraiser banquet in early February. The event went off really well thanks to all the work put into it by the fundraiser committee. Many hours of planning and volunteer help went into making this event the success that it was.

Perry Pust, a recruiter from Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF) was our guest speaker. Perry has been with MAF for 31 years and has 21 years experience flying in the mission field.

We also showed short videos from New Tribes Aviation and Jungle Aviation And Radio Service (JAARS). These are just a few of the organizations that will recruit our students to be part of their ongoing service to reach the remote areas of our world for Christ, Bible translating and humanitarian needs.

A great big thank you to all of those who contributed to the banquet's success and to Christ Community Baptist Church (CCBC) for hosting us. Also, thank you to the people of CCBC who voted at their annual meeting to support the school this coming year.

We raised enough money from the event to begin the remodel of our hangers and construction on a classroom, starting with the update of the electrical service.



President Bernie Johnston and Director Dan Mulkey work on organizing the hangars.

Activity in the school hangars is ongoing. Students are working on replacing ribs in the stabilizer of a 172 Cessna as well as replacing the cam and lifters in the Cessna Cardinal's O360.

We are also doing an annual on a 172 with a 180 horse and constant speed propeller donated for use by Olan Johnston.

The Cherokee and the Citabria are flight ready, and we are looking forward to the arrival of a Champ donated for use by Art McLean and Rex Southerland. The latter may be put on floats by the end of the summer.

As we face the coming months, we are looking forward toward the goal He has set before us.

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ACTION POINT

*Would you join us in a spirit of prayer on
Wednesday mornings? If so, send us a note
at taa@rainierconnect.com to let us know
we can count on you as a prayer partner.*

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God has shown us a small glimpse of His plan

by Tad Henry, Instructor

God continues to bring us provision for both the current and future students of Trinity.

Many generous individuals have offered donations of time, talents, and resources to see the remodel work at Trinity done. This project is not simply to make Trinity a fine school, but also to allow us to be recognized by various organizations as a Technical School.

Not surprisingly, God had a plan for Trinity Aviation

long before we were aware of any of it.

I was recently contacted by a friend from college that I hadn't seen in almost 20 years. While neither of us



TRINITY'S NEEDS

1. *Tables and chairs*
2. *Dry Erase Whiteboard*
3. *Overhead Projector*
4. *Lectern*
5. *Classroom Supplies*



were believers back then, we both are now; and he lives only a couple of hours away.

He came up to visit and to see what we were doing at Trinity. It turns out he still loves aviation from way-back-when, but now is an IT professional. He offered Trinity several computers and the networking gear to go with it.

Trinity has also been blessed with a non-profit discount for an excellent pilot curriculum that goes up through the instrument

rating training. This will directly reduce the cost of training for our students.

What we still need is the remainder of our building supplies and classroom equipment. Specifically we do not yet have a projector, tables and chairs, lectern, white board, and supplies.

Our biggest need, however, is more students. Please pray that those who are called as missionary pilots will step forward into that call, and please continue to help us spread the word about Trinity.



Marcus in flight last summer.

Student excited for future as missionary pilot

by Marcus Erickson, Student

A new reality TV show, "Flying Wild Alaska," gives viewers a small glimpse of what it's like to fly into bare countryside with little or no navigational aids.

As much as I enjoy the show, I get even more excited when I hear the stories of missionary pilots and realize that is what I hope to be doing some day.

Hearing their tales makes me impatient to continue the next part of my training. I know

God has a terrific plan for me and for my family, and I'm eager to see how it unfolds.

Currently, I'm spending most of my time in Trinity's hangars, working on the airplanes. Each hour I spend there brings me closer to my required airplane mechanic certification.

I'm also helping to create the school's catalog and working through a mechanic technician curriculum. I hope to continue my flight lessons in the spring.

Gala event raises \$4,000

Trinity Aviation Academy held its first fundraiser on Feb. 11. The event attracted 120 dinner guests and featured both silent and live auctions.

Guest speaker Perry Pust, a recruiter for Mission Aviation Fellowship, spoke about his years as a veteran missionary pilot. Trinity board member Stan Gerlitz served as auctioneer for the evening.

Lorraine Gerlitz, chairwoman for the event, garnered praise for a job well done and a classy atmosphere. Fundraiser committee members included Marcus and Katie Erickson, Hope Henry and Jeannie Mulkey.

Director Dan Mulkey said the event raised approximately \$4,000, or nearly one-third of the \$15,000 needed for a planned classroom. FAA requires schools to have an operating classroom for its students to be eligible for financial aid.

Mulkey said proceeds from the fundraiser will allow the school to begin updating the electrical system in the classroom.



Above, from left: Renae Reed participates in the live auction; Tables were decorated for the upcoming Valentine's holiday; and Lorraine Gerlitz helps prepare the dinner for the event.



Stan Gerlitz served as auctioneer for Trinity's first fundraiser, which attracted 120 dinner guests.

In Appreciation

Trinity says thank you to those who participated in our Valentine's fundraiser.

Volunteers

Stan Gerlitz
Lorraine Gerlitz
Marcus Erickson
Katie Erickson
Tad Henry
Hope Henry
Saige Henry
Eli Henry
Mark Taylor
Susan Taylor
Dayna Brown
Helen Lucas
Mary Knapp
Delores Nelson
Galiya Moldagoulava
Michelle Harris
Joan Weaver
Renae Reed
Myles Reed
Garrett Reed
Dani Reynolds

Alyx Mulkey-Reynolds
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Tyler McKee
Trudy Renenman
Renee Renenan
Krysta Swanson
Katelyn Anderson
Rebecca Golling
Gen Stallone
Whitney Powell
Paris Gibson
Hannah McEwen
Sara Hensen
Bob Hill
Pat Hill

Auction Donations

Bob and Pat Hill
Mark and Susan Taylor
Cindy McKee

Double T Meats
Los Pinos
Collins Inn & Seaside
Old Country Buffet (David Hill)
Hair Country
Studio C
Sandy Bauslaugh
Renae Reed
Lorraine Gerlitz
Marcia Keough
Jackie and Bob LeSage
Gordon M. Rody
Dickau Life Group
Lambert Life Group
DuWayne and Linda Weber
Jean Weaver
Brenda Curtis
Subway, Eatonville
PD Nails

Prayer Partners

Kathy Maurer
Joan Konzelman
DuWayne and Linda Weber
David and Leslee Barnett
Jim and Elayne Urness
Skeeter and Helen Lucas
Michael and Judy Follis
Larry and Nancy Westergaard
James and Renae Reed

Finally, thank you to all those who attended the event, participated in the auctions and gave of your finances generously.

Monthly Commitments

Michael and Judy Follis
Skeeter and Helen Lucas

Check out Trinity's new logo

A big thank you goes to Rick Russie for his creative design.



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