

✈ BEFA Newsletter ✈

BEFA: Phone (New Prefix: (425) 271-2332), M/S 94-35

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Congratulations!

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Rating</u>	<u>Instructor</u>
Tom Potter	12/17	Private	Pipkin
Art Langlie	12/26	Private	Guthrie

Coming Events

<u>Event</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>
• <u>Aircraft Maintenance Team</u> (Contact Walt Cameron)	4-8pm	TH	RNT
• <u>Board Meeting</u>	4pm	1/20	RNT
• <u>Instrument Ground School</u>		1/9/12	RTC
• <u>Northwest Aviation Conf and Tradeshow Puyallup</u>		2/25-26	
• <u>BEFA Safety Meeting</u>	10:30am	2/25	RNT
• <u>Redbird FMX Open House</u>		1/21/12	RNT

From Your President

By Bob Ingersoll

Another year gone by too fast. 2011 turned out to be a good year for BEFA. We have expanded our capability with activation of the Redbird Simulator; lease back of a C172/G1000 aircraft and our seaplane is now located at RNT with a new float truck for our use. Our safety record has been very good this year and our financial situation has been quite stable. From what I see at this time there appears no need to consider increasing either the dues or the hourly rates. If there is anything that could be better it is flying hours overall and particularly at PAE.

For 2012 we will continue to strive for an impeccable safety record and a “best value” flying experience at BEFA. I welcome your comments and recommendations and look forward to a great year of flying at BEFA..

Instrument Rating Ground School

By Frank Marshall

If you have completed work on your Private Pilot’s license, or you are getting close, now is the time to think about taking the next step – an instrument rating. It will vastly improve your odds of actually being able to use your license to take a trip at the time of your choosing (not to mention that you will likely find it makes you a better, safer pilot, and gives you a deep, well-deserved sense of accomplishment).

This year’s BEFA Instrument Ground School will be taught on Monday and Wednesday evenings, beginning on Monday, January 9 and running for approximately 10 weeks. The course will prepare you to take the FAA Instrument Rating Knowledge Test, and will help with your flight training as well. The cost of the ten-week course is \$425. This includes an excellent 850-page Jeppesen Guided Flight Discovery textbook (it will likely remain a valuable reference long after you’ve completed the course), the complete FAA Knowledge Test question bank, and the 2012 FAR/AIM.

Because of our affiliation with Renton Technical College, the course is part of the RTC curriculum and is open to the public. Because it is part of an accredited college curriculum, Boeing employees may be able to get reimbursed for the cost of the course through the Learning Together Program.

You may register for the course by calling the RTC registration office at 425-235-2352, ext. 5522, and asking to register for course no. **AVIA 102 S024** (“Aviation Ground School – Instrument Rating”). You should also reserve your spot in the class by adding your name to the sign-up sheet in the BEFA Renton office. The class will be taught in the BEFA classroom, and will be limited to the first 16 students who sign up.

If you have any questions, please contact Frank Marshall at 253-344-1923.

Northwest Aviation Conference Volunteers Needed

February 25th and 26th, 2012

By Glenn Dalby, BEFA Vice President

The Northwest Aviation Conference will be held February 25th and 26th at the Puyallup Fairgrounds. The Conference & Trade Show has been an integral part of aviation in the Northwest for 28 years and brings pilots, mechanics, aircraft owners and their families together for two days of seminars and presentations as well as over 300 exhibits. Additional information can be found on the NWAC website at: <http://www.washington-aviation.org/schedule.html>

BEFA has regularly participated at the NWAC with a display booth, and will be doing so again this year. We will need a minimum of twelve volunteers to cover the six shifts, as history has shown breaking up coverage into three-hour

shifts, with two volunteers per shift seems to work best.

A signup sheet with the available shifts and times is located on the counter in the BEFA office in Renton. If you would like to help out, but are unable to come in to sign up, please call the BEFA office on 425-271-2332, or send an e-mail to: befa_ops@mindspring.com

This is a great opportunity to get the word out on BEFA as well as experience the NW Aviation Conference. Thanks again for volunteering your time and effort.

Safety and Operations Briefing

By Wes McKechnie, BEFA Operations Manager

NEW PHONE NUMBER FOR BEFA (425)271-2332

Make note that Boeing's long support of BEFA's phone service has ended. We have purchased new (used) phones to replace the old phones they took back, (thank you Scott Heston of Heston Technical), and our communication lines are now supported by CenturyLink. Along with this change goes our old Boeing phone number. We were able to secure a new public phone close to the old number. The prefix is no longer 237, it is now 271. So, our new phone number is now (425) 271-2332. The old phone number will roll over through this January to a voice mail indicating our new number to be used.

Also, if you need to send a fax to BEFA, the new BEFA FAX number is: 425-271-2066.

These numbers are also at the back of the newsletter.

GENERAL SAFETY SEMINAR IN FEBRUARY, SATURDAY THE 25th AT 1030

A general safety meeting covering recent statistics and how we can avoid becoming one of them will be held at 10:30am, February 25, 2012. Please contact the BEFA office to sign up as we will need to know which venue to prepare for the meeting.

Grievances:

- 12/5/11 78440 Flaps left in the down position, door left unlocked.
 - 12/9/11 5344K Keys missing
 - 12/20/11 739BT Gust lock left off.
 - 12/x/11 758NF Gust lock and pitot cover left off.
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Notes From The Office

‘Attaboys For Our Volunteers

Your fellow members continue to pitch in to keep us running smoothly, often saving money in the process. This month we thank:

- Steve Beardslee and Bob Guthrie (CFI) for moving planes.
- Paul Ust for loading the GPS databases
- Guy Cranor and Paul Ust for moving planes
- Mark Gaponoff for painting the ramp markings
- Jason Watt (CFI), Shad Pipkin (CFI), Brad Seyfer and Wayne Johnson for working the bill mailings.

Volunteer Help Is STILL Needed

BEFA has a regular need for volunteer help. Unfortunately, Boeing work demands are making it increasingly difficult to provide community service. BEFA has many needs and cannot satisfy them without member help. If you can contribute, please call the office to volunteer.

Below is the BEFA updated volunteer project list for your generous consideration:

- Boeing employees who can post our new professional BEFA flyer up on the various Boeing facilities announcement boards. Please contact the office.
- Someone to make up a paint stencil-template.
- A work crew to remove all the English ivy from the area around the BEFA office and replace it with no maintenance landscaping.
- The BEFA security cameras lenses need to be cleaned, (requires ladder work), and some upper windows need to be washed.
- Someone to help with lighting improvements in the BEFA classroom.

If you can head up or help on any of the above projects, please let Wes know. Your efforts are greatly appreciated!

The Redbird Lands at BEFA!

By Carl Lancaster

The Redbird FMX is now available for BEFA member use. The Redbird is a full motion fully enclosed AATD (Advanced Aviation Training Device). It reproduces the sensations and feelings of flying a 172 Cessna. Unlike stationary or desktop devices, the Redbird FMX isolates the

pilot so they can focus on the simulation. There are six wrap-around high-resolution screens replicating a 180 degree outside view. The interior instrumentation is similar to our own 172s. The two setups available for the Redbird include a Cessna 172 with a KLN94 GPS (similar to N97PD) and a Cessna 172 with a G1000 glass panel (similar to our newest aircraft, N2030C).

The instructor's console allows your CFI to test various weather conditions and/or failure scenarios. Have you ever wondered what it's like to fly in heavy turbulence or in a thunderstorm? How about icing? How will the plane react if your pitot static system fails? Or what about a full blown engine failure?

If you would like to work on radio communication, the Redbird has headphone/microphone jacks. You can communicate with your CFI just like on a normal flight. A third headphone jack near the debrief table will soon be installed for ATC simulation.

Use the Redbird for training or use it when the weather becomes uncooperative. The FMX can be used for:

- Up to 20 hours toward your instrument rating
- Up to 2 ½ hours toward your private rating
- Up to 50 hours toward your commercial pilot certificate
- Up to 25 hours toward your ATP certificate

In addition, the FMX can be used for the instrument practical test and the instrument proficiency check (IPC) – circling to land is not authorized. You can also use the Redbird for the commercial pilot practical test and the ATP practical test.

For instrument rated pilots, the biggest benefit of the Redbird is your ability to stay instrument current. You can use the Redbird for your FAA mandated instrument currency requirements.

Other uses include:

- Basic training techniques, such as stalls, turns around a point, slow flight and steep turns
- Emergency training with your CFI – including the ability to ditch!
- Spin training.
- Testing an approach or flight to an unfamiliar airport. Get a feeling for the surrounding topography. The database is world-wide.
- Going on a commercial trip? Use the Redbird to see

your route or the surrounding landmarks

The cost to use the Redbird is \$75.00 per Hobbs hour. You will need to contact your BEFA CFI to begin using the Redbird. Your CFI must be authorized to operate the Redbird, and many already are. There are rules of operation for using the Redbird. Your CFI can brief you on those. A copy of the rules of operation will soon be in the cockpit, along with startup procedures and checklists. If your CFI needs Redbird authorization, ask them to call Bob Lancaster or Wes McKechnie.

Please see Diana or Wes to enter a raffle to win one of two FREE HOURS in the Redbird. 100% of the proceeds will go toward our new pop machine!

For the Web Heads: Links

SCHEDULE MASTER: <http://www.schedulemaster.com>

or

1-800-414-6114 using your user ID, password and phone menu

Jeppesen Employees Flying Association:

<http://www.flyjefa.org>

BEFA Homepage: <http://www.befa.org>

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Classified Ads

This space available for free classified ads for members.

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- 1) Ops Manager: Leave voicemail (425) 271-2332 or Pager 206-540-7720
- 2) Ops Officer, or 3) Any Board Member

Everett

Office: No phones at this time in Everett. Please call RNT Office in an emergency, otherwise call the focals below.

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***Now Available at BEFA
REDBIRD FMX – Flight Training Device***



Fully capable and affordable full motion training device with rich, full color graphics

Enhance your flight training with the amazing Redbird FMX Flight Training Device! This affordable, high quality flight training device is now available at the Boeing Employees Flying Association in Renton to BEFA members and the public!

Purchase a \$5.00 Raffle ticket to WIN one of two 1-hour training sessions in our new Redbird FMX! Learn more at our Redbird Open House on January 21, 2012

For more information and to obtain raffle tickets, contact Wes McKechnie or the BEFA Office at (425) 271-2332.