

TRA Post

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SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER

What was TRA up to this September?



September was an exciting month at Three Rivers Aero! We're thrilled to welcome N4TH (above), the newest addition to our fleet. This month we also celebrated many student successes, connected with future aviators at WMU's Bronco Bash and the AZO Air Fair, and enjoyed a fun-filled movie night with our flight school family. Learn more about Commercial student Fardeen Niazi's aviation journey in the student spotlight section below!



STUDENT SUCCESSES



Adam Ormstead - First Solo



Lujin Oh - First TRA Solo



Nick Harris - Flight Instructor



Hailey Teasdale-Edwards - Instrument Rating



Isaac Groothuis - Flight Instructor



Ali Zorayz - Instrument Instructor



WELCOME N4TH TO THE TRA FLEET



We are excited to welcome the newest addition to the Three Rivers Aero fleet, N4TH! The perfect complement to N8394C, N4TH features the same panel and interior, giving students a familiar and consistent training experience with an upgrade - Autopilot! With a newly updated engine, interior, and avionics, this aircraft will be a great addition to our growing fleet. We are so excited to have N4TH on the flight line for advanced instruction!

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT -FARDEEN NIAZI, CPL



Fardeen grew up in Punjab, Pakistan, where flying with his father, a pilot for a Pakistani airline, gave him an early connection to aviation. A third-generation aviator, he is pursuing a BBA in Aviation Management and Operations at Western Michigan University. The discipline and teamwork he built at boarding school and in his service with the Air National Guard have carried over into his flight training, where he enjoys watching his skills and confidence grow with each stage. His favorite flight memory is his first solo, a milestone that showed him both how far he'd come and how much he still had to learn. Fardeen's goal is to fly for the airlines, and he hopes to become a flight instructor along the way to give back to the next generation of pilots!



MULTI-ENGINE PROGRAM SUCCESS

We are so proud of our new multi-engine program graduates in the month of September! Our Baron continues to be a fantastic training platform, and it's been a pleasure helping each of them reach their goals safely and efficiently, and we're excited to see what's next for them. Well done, everyone!



Auggie Perugini - Multi Add-On



Aaron Balok - Multi Add-On



Woong Han - Multi Add-On



WMU BRONCO BASH

Our team had a blast connecting with Western Michigan University students at our booth and sharing what Three Rivers Aero has to offer. It was exciting to answer questions, talk about career paths in aviation, and share the training opportunities available right here at TRA. A big thank you to everyone who stopped by, and to our staff who helped make the day a success. We hope to see some of those new faces out at the airport soon!

MOVIE NIGHT

Thank you to everyone who came out for our flight school movie night last week! We fired up the grill for burgers and hot dogs, battled it out in some friendly games of cornhole, and wrapped up the evening with the comedy classic Airplane! It was a great night of food, fun, and community, and we loved seeing students, instructors, and families come together outside the cockpit. Surely we'll do it again soon, and don't call us Shirley!

AZO AIR FAIR

Three Rivers Aero was on location at the Annual AZO Air Fair at the Kalamazoo/Battle Creek International Airport. Our own CFIs Matt and Victoria were on hand showing off one of our Cessna 172s and sharing their passion for aviation with the community.

EVENTS

