

My small plane flying experience began at 21 when I flew with a friend in a small 4-seater rental plane. Several years later I flew with a co-worker in a Mooney. I thought not much of these experiences back then, but now I believe these two incidental flights led to my becoming a pilot. I am an Airplane Pilot, Flight Instructor, and Ground Instructor.



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I became a pilot after my daughter, Karin, and I used to visit friends in Oregon. The trips were tiring and took much time no matter what mode of transportation I used—airline, bus, train, or car. Because of those earlier two flying experiences I realized I could myself fly. I said to my Oregon friend, “Next time I come here, I’m flying”. I trained and received my private pilot airplane certificate. Approaching Portland International Airport in the Cessna 182 was beautiful and wonderfully exciting on my first flight to Portland, Oregon. I now am a commercial pilot and flight instructor in single engine and multiengine land and sea airplanes, including tailwheel and pressurized aircraft.

Flying is a convenience to me and my family. My wife, Jeanne, has taken flight lessons.



Jeanne, piloting a Citabria

She can take-off, fly, and land a Citabria. She is not a pilot, but I can give her the controls while I rest or do other things. On our honeymoon, I flew Jeanne from Maui to Honolulu for a day trip because she had never been to Honolulu or Hawaii. My daughter, Karin, once asked me to fly her from Oakland to Long Beach for the weekend and then back home because after much automobile traveling with her friends she wanted a quick trip. In Costa Rica, Jeanne and I rented a plane and flew to Quepos just for the experience—20 minutes to fly; several hours to drive.



Karin



Godfrey in Twin Beech E18S

I am now an ATP rated pilot with more than 2400 hours of day and night flying in USA, and I have some international experience. I have more than 1000 hours as a flight instructor. I have flown many aircraft, the largest a Twin Beech E18S. I love teaching and sharing my flying experience.

I am very happy that I decided to fly. Flying continues to bring joy, adventure, convenience, growth, and opportunity into my life.