

NEWS RELEASE

Pilot Proficiency Clinic Coming to Caldwell, Idaho

Aviation Event Offers Learn-Do-Fly Opportunities

Meridian, ID – Air-O-Drome Aviation on the Treasure Valley Executive Airport at Caldwell (KEUL) will host the country's first LEARN-DO-FLY Pilot Proficiency Clinic October 7–9, 2022. Organized by members of IAA and the Society of Aviation and Flight Educators (SAFE) Billy Winburn and Rich Stowell, the clinic will kick off with a meetup and keynote presentation on Friday evening, October 7th, and will run through Sunday afternoon, October 9th.

According to Winburn, "Rich and I were part of the initial discussions with other SAFE members about creating pilot proficiency programs back in 2010, which evolved into the popular EAA Pilot Proficiency Center at Oshkosh." He continued, "It's been twelve years in the making, but it's now time to export the lessons learned and offer a complete LEARN-DO-FLY clinic." The goal is not only to deliver pilot proficiency clinics, but also to develop collaborative networks of instructors and training centers capable of offering quality proficiency programs to pilots year-round.

As President of Community Aviation, Winburn has been instrumental in the concept development, training kit creation, and flight simulation mission design deployed at the EAA Pilot Proficiency Center during AirVenture. Stowell is a 20-year Master Flight Instructor (now Emeritus) best known for providing spin, emergency maneuver, and upset prevention and recovery training.

Rather than traditional lectures, the Wings-approved LEARN sessions will be interactive, requiring participants to be hands-on and minds-on. Among others, LEARN topics will include Training Mindset and Exercises; Spiky Death Traps in IFR Flying; Drugs, Your Medical, and Impaired Flying; Traffic Pattern Scenarios; Electrical Failure and Other Emergencies; Coordinating Pitch and Power; and Make the Next Five Seconds Perfect. Learners will also participate in three unique challenges: Effective Communication, First Principles, and Teach It to a Sixth Grader.

DO missions will be flown on Redbird MCX and TD simulators using scenarios like those available in the EAA Pilot Proficiency Center. FLY will offer related training exercises delivered in owner- or renter-supplied airplanes. A Decathlon will be available as well for those wanting to explore spins and unusual attitudes.

Avemco Insurance, SAFE, the Idaho Aviation Foundation, and the Idaho Aviation Association are clinic sponsors. Moreover, Avemco will extend a discount to insureds who participate. Others involved in supporting the clinic include Air-O-Drome Aviation, Idaho Division of Aeronautics, Treasure Valley Community College, Specialized Aero Works, and the Boise FAASTeam.

The cost to attend the clinic is \$295 per person for the first 30 early bird registrants; \$349 thereafter. The price includes at least 10 hours of LEARN proficiency training activities, daily snacks, two days of light breakfasts and lunches, and dinner at the airport on Saturday night. On-site flight simulation and in-airplane training activities are à la carte add-ons with a limited number of training slots available.

For complete details and to register, visit <https://www.communityaviation.com/clinic/treasure-valley>.

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