

Training Center Profile

The Flight Academy

Seattle, WA

President: Luke Lysen

Private Flight School

11 CSIP instructors

The Flight Academy is the first *Altimeter* training center profile. Each issue of *Altimeter* will include a profile of a training center and highlight the facility, its instructors and provide an opportunity to share ideas and comments on CIRRUS pilot training and the CIRRUS Standardized Instructor Program (CSIP).

The Flight Academy is a nationally based flight school with a training staff of 11 instructors and five airplanes with more on the way. Reaching into Arizona and New York, the Flight Academy is headquartered in Seattle, WA, with training offices in Las Vegas, NV, Santa Monica, CA, and Caldwell, NJ.

The Flight Academy was founded in 2002 by Luke Lysen and John Fiscus. Both men are former CIRRUS employees where they were instructors and corporate pilots. All Flight Academy instructors are high time instructors, and have over 10,000 combined hours of instruction given in the CIRRUS.

The Flight Academy was one of the first CSIP certified training centers with its Chief Pilot John Fiscus being one of the first instructors in the world to become CSIP qualified last November. Since that time, the Flight Academy has worked with over 50 clients.

Luke says, "We do all types of instruction in CIRRUS. We have an



CIRRUS owner Roger Wojahn and Luke Lysen, president of The Flight Academy, are enjoying the view at St. George, Utah, during a training break. From the air, they enjoy the view in Roger's SR22 while working through a transition training session.

accelerated instrument course. Our IFR course has produced 25 instrument rated pilots, including some of the first pilots to do all of their instrument training in a PFD equipped plane. We also specialize in training zero time pilots through to their Private Pilot's License. We currently operate two CIRRUS SR20s based in Las Vegas (VGT) and are taking delivery of three more by the end of this month. We work with customers on recurrent training required for insurance, instrument currency, and detailed avionics training. We also have a popular course for spouses/partners called the Companion Course in which we help flying partners get comfortable in the CIRRUS."

Luke describes his flight training facility as unique. He says the Flight Academy offers training at their facilities or Flight Academy instructors, planes or both will go to the client. "We believe that making our clients comfortable is the best way to eliminate anxiety that can come from learning to fly. We try to show our clients all of the capabilities of the CIRRUS airplane and take every opportunity to get them actual experience flying in the clouds as well as traveling to new and fun training locations."

Luke describes the Flight Academy's partnership with CIRRUS and CSIP a positive one. According to Luke, the Flight Academy offers the most instruction given in a CIRRUS of any training company in the world and by becoming a CIRRUS Certified Training Center they further differentiate themselves from other training companies. ➔

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Since the CIRRUS Standardized Instructor Program began in November of 2003, one hundred instructors have become members.