



New Students

- Martin Steyn
- Raj Praveen
- Jeffrey Fogarty

Accomplishments

- Andreas Henrikson—PPL
- Hanbin Xu—PPL
- Vishruth Batra—PPL
- Karan Aroskar—PPL
- Mandeep Chohan—PPL
- Ricardo Portillo—PPL
- Harshdeep Multani—PPL
- Angel Pereida—IFR
- Donna Garzon—IFR
- Meneka Devaraja—IFR
- Gautam Mahajan—IFR
- Gustavo Ordonez—IFR
- Rex Huang—MultiCom
- David Nordbek—SECom

Congratulations Rex!

One of our best students, “Rex” Hongyu Huang, is going home. He took only about 10 months to complete his entire course, and now he is leaving us with his Commercial pilot license, and a new outlook on life.

Rex arrived last July with several friends from China. It is very difficult for these students to learn because of the language barrier. But they have all been working very hard to overcome their obstacles, and succeed in the end. Rex has proved that. If you put your mind to it, you can do anything!

Now that Rex is going home, he has two more months until

Good Luck Kiran!

This article is dedicated to one of the CFA’s favorite instructors: Kiran Challa.

Originally a student, Kiran completed her entire course, and decided that she wanted to continue on. So, she got her CFI so that she could share her knowledge with other students.



he is finished converting his licenses. Then shortly after that, he has hopes of training on an Airbus and getting a job with an airline. He wants to fly internationally, between China and the United States. He is very excited to go home and see his friends and family again, but he will be missed here at CFA.

When asked what he enjoyed about his flying experience, he said that he loved seeing and visiting new places and having the opportunity to meet with friends.

His favorite plane to fly was the Piper Warrior. They are easier to land than Cessna’s and seem to be more stable, so they are a great

plane to learn how to fly in.

The one piece of advice that he would give to a new student is: “Study hard, and you will finish fast!”

Rex was an amazing student. He always had a smile on his face, and was always there to help if you needed him. Have a safe trip home Rex, we will all miss you!



Rex Huang, shown with his instructor

It is very rare that you see a female pilot, especially a female flight instructor.

Kiran started attending at CFA in late 2007. She finished her course in the middle of 2008, and got her CFI rating. She started working as an instructor last October.

Kiran is engaged to a former CFA instructor, Andreas Reiler. He left last July, and they have been maintaining a long distance relationship since that time. Kiran has recently decided to move to Norway to be with her fiancé.

Many people were closely attached to Kiran. She was a very kind, warm person who got along with everyone. She was always putting others ahead of herself, and would always listen to your problems. Kiran is the type of woman that statues are made of. People will always remember her. Never forgotten, always in our hearts.

We are all very happy for you, Kiran! We all want to wish you the very best of luck in your future, and please know that you will be missed!

The Leo March Memorial Aviation Scholarship

Given by Donna March in memory of her husband. The amount for 2008 was \$1,500.) This scholarship is available for men or women. Special consideration is given to local pilots, notably those who fly out of KSEE as that is where Leo was based.

Leo loved airplanes and his passion was flying his airplane, Piper Dakota N8402B.

Leo was always told that he would never be able to get a private pilot's license because he had polio when he was a child. He had a deformed left leg, which prevented him from working the rudders.

After Leo moved to Santee, California, he discovered an article about a paraplegic who had developed a hand control so he could continue flying. The hand control enabled the pilot to control the rudder without using his legs. This looked like an answer to his dreams.

At 40 years old, Leo March's dream came true when on April 1, 1974, he soloed! After many trips, it wasn't long before him and his wife bought their own plane.

Leo was very active in the Gillespie Pilot's Association, and an appointed member of the Gillespie Field Development Council.

At 67, Leo developed esophageal cancer.

He fought a valiant fight for three years, and passed away in October 2002.

To apply, you must be a U.S. citizen, be able to read, write, and speak English, write a 500 word essay, be a resident of San Diego County, and submit two letters of recommendation, be at least 16 years old, and possess a student pilot certificate, or higher with a third-class medical certificate.

For more info, and to download the Leo March Memorial Scholarship application, go to:

http://www.sandiego99s.org/pb/wp_60485d33.html.

Deadline to apply is June 15th, 2009.

The Wings of Freedom Tour

Mark your calendar! The Wings of Freedom Tour brings historic aviation to your community. Tour through the authentically restored aircraft or take a flight aboard for the ultimate immersion in history.

Three of the most famous WWII bomber and fighter aircraft are visiting your community as part of the Wings of Freedom Tour. A "living history" event where the museum comes to you.

Come to the tour for a once in a lifetime opportunity. Flight Experiences Donations are \$425 per person aboard the B-17 or B-24. The B-25 is available at select locations for flight experiences.



Flight experiences on the B-25 are \$400 for forward fuselage seats, and \$325 for waist gun seats.

Flight training in the TP-51C "Betty Jane" will be at most locations on the Wings of Freedom Tour. Flight training in the P-51 is \$2200 for a half hour flight, and \$3200 for a full hour. All participants will get the chance to feel what it was like to fly one of the most legendary fighters of WWII.

Walk-through tours of the aircraft are \$12 for adults, and \$6 for children 12 and under for access to all of the aircraft. WWII Veterans get into the ground tours at no charge. Reservations are not needed for walk-through tours.

Meet us at Gillespie Field Airport, at the Terminal Building:

April 28—9:00 AM to 5:00 PM
 April 29—9:00 AM to 5:00 PM
 April 30—9:00 AM to 5:00 PM
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