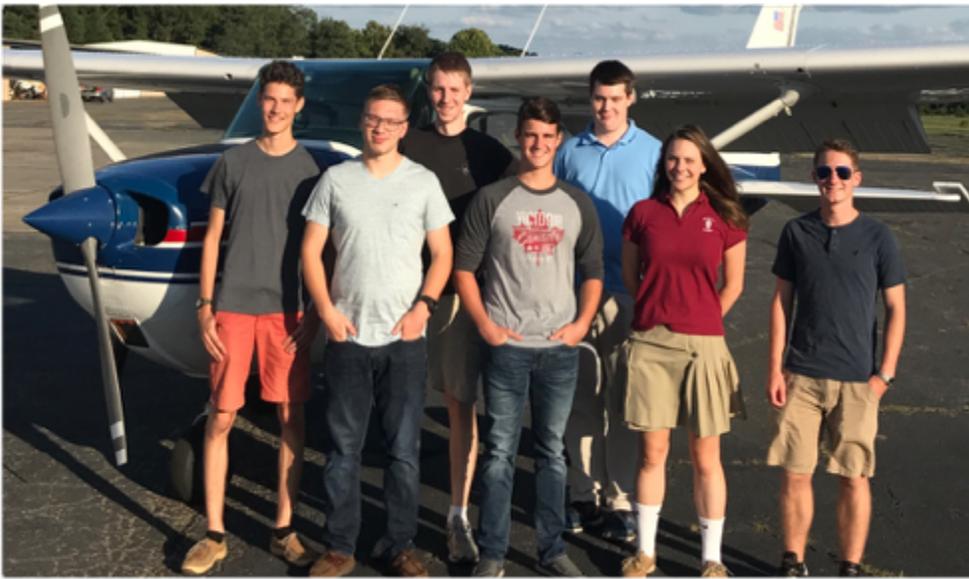


What's up with WASP?

Williamsburg Aviation Scholarship Program



The Newest Class

Meet (from left to right) Will, Isaac, Ian, Devon, Liam, Clare, and Jack

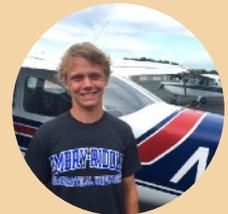
2017 is our biggest class yet! Here's a rundown of their ages, years, and schools they attend. Will (17, a senior, homeschooled). Isaac (17, a senior, Gloucester). Ian (17, a senior, Jamestown). Devon (17, a senior, Poquoson). Liam (17, a junior, Lafayette). Clare (17, a senior, Walsingham). And Jack (17 in April, a junior, Peninsula Catholic). Congratulations!

WASP DESPERATELY NEEDS YOUR DONATIONS

The total cost of training these seven students is \$77,000. Currently, we only have \$35,000, which is a serious deficit. Please, open your wallets to help these kids make their dreams come true. Visit waspscholarship.org and select the "donate" tab. Also, continue to page 3 for an article on our nation's pilot shortage and how WASP is helping to alleviate this problem.



Kyle Linglebach receives his private pilot license



Davis Hatcher receives his private pilot license



Ryan Royal receives his private pilot license

Williamsburg-Jamestown Airport Open House

September 23, 2017

This year we celebrated the airport's 47th Anniversary. WASP was there with a table & booth (compliments of Joey Ritchie) to promote WASP within the local community. VP Joey Ritchie and Treasurer, Gerald Runyan, manned the booth with the assistance of WASP student Issac

Rutan. In addition to being a 2017-2018 WASP student, Issac is a member of the local Civil Air Patrol with the rank of Cadet Captain. He wore his full uniform and added greatly to the interest and questions generated about aviation for young people. Furthermore, he somehow managed to complete a flight plan at the booth for his 50-mile cross country solo later that afternoon! Congrats to Issac!

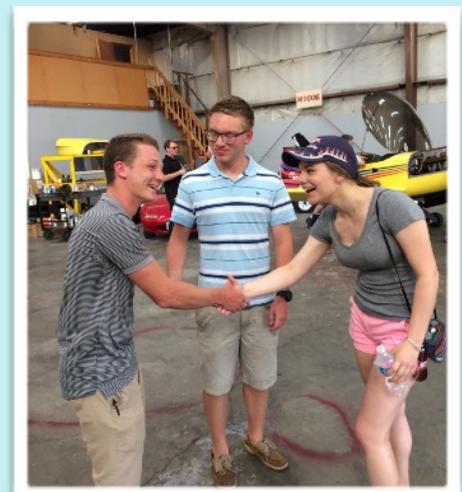
The weather was perfect, a good crowd attended, and many takeoffs & landings were observed and critiqued. Charly's Airport Restaurant was so popular that they ran out of some menu items and change at the register! I couldn't get my favorite coconut pie for desert.....



SUMMER BBQ

WASP, Williamsburg Flight Center (WFC), and Charly's Airport Restaurant joined forces to put on a customer appreciation BBQ on July 8th. A highlight of the event was the introduction of the 2017-2018 WASP class! A good crowd met in the WFC hanger to kick off the new class' year of learning and flying. Thanks to Jim Hamer, Chris Frye, Cat Perry, Dan Hausman, and Shaun for their cooking, assistance, and organization, as well as guitarist & vocalist, Jack Enea.

On the flying front, WASP conducted a flour bombing contest and a spot landing contest. A number of the students and others participated, and a relaxing and enjoyable day was had by all!



FEATURE: Pilot Shortage & State of Fundraising

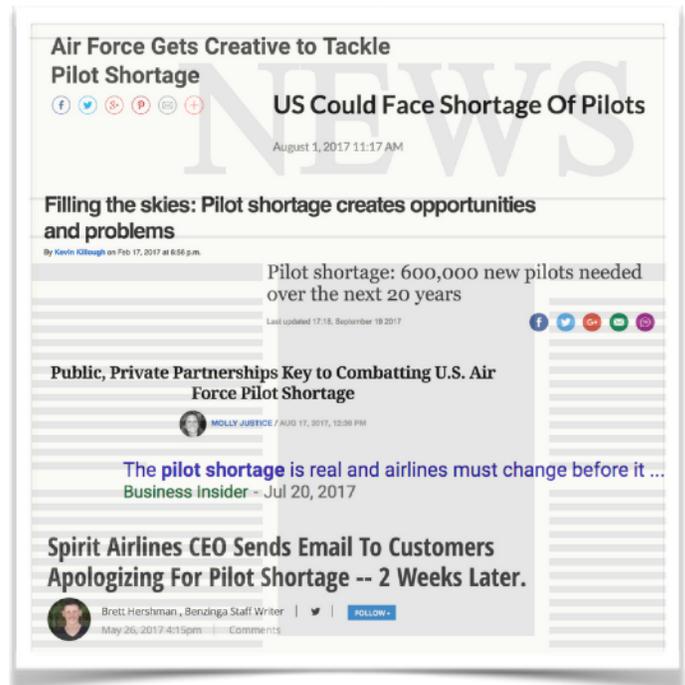
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America is facing a critical shortage of available pilots. Over the next 20 years, our country is expected to fall short of its 95,000-pilot requirement by 30,000 pilots. Our military is reeling from a shortage it is now calling a “crisis.” The Air Force alone is already short 1,500 pilots and is scrambling to find new and innovative ways to increase their available pool, such as partnering with civilian aviation programs.

Meanwhile, there are countless young Americans who are gifted and motivated and dream of becoming pilots. But there’s a problem; These kids simply don’t have the resources or the know-how to get started. It costs thousands of dollars for the education and flying experience needed to begin an aviation career, and the process is lengthy and complicated. Without the money or the guidance to pursue their dreams in aviation, most of these potential future pilots simply give up, assuming this career path is beyond their reach.

WASP instructors are a group of pilots who know how important it is to start flight training early before losing the option to other demands in life. Scholarships are essential. Few young people can afford the costs on their own, and we are dedicated to helping them get started.

In 2014, we started the Williamsburg Aviation Scholarship Program (WASP), a tax exempt charity focused on producing private pilots. At its core, WASP is a non-profit organization (501-c3) that funds the completion of a Private Pilot License for youth in the Tidewater Virginia area who lack the means to pay for it themselves, while giving them individual career mentorship from retired military aviators. Our board members fund the administrative and fund-raising costs, ensuring the students incur no costs at all and, even more important, that 100% of all donations go toward funding our students’ flight training. But it is only with your help that we can sustain this program! The cost to fund this new class is \$77,000, and we currently only have \$35,000. Please, we urge you, pass this flyer along and encourage others to donate. Thank you!



<https://www.waspscholarship.org/donate/>