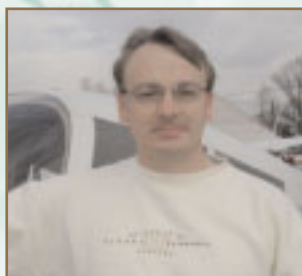


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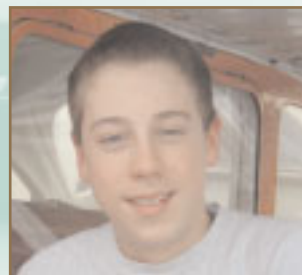
### Instrument Pilot

Mark Astley  
November 26, 2003  
CFII Lewis Smith



### Instrument Rating

Michael Bell  
February 17, 2004  
CFII Lewis Smith



### First Solo

Michael Westervelt  
February 20, 2004  
MCFI Paul Benson

## Winter Workshop Classes Underway for Flight School



A new series of aviation workshops is underway in the flight school this winter. The evening workshops cover a variety of aviation topics.

In a change from past workshops, participants are asked to pre-register for each workshop no later than the Friday preceding each class. The workshop seminars, held on successive Tuesday evenings, are taking place in the flight school classroom from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m.

*Here's the schedule as the workshops have occurred and are planned:*

**Airworthiness**, Wednesday, February 4. This workshop addressed airworthiness issues. Conducted by Dave MacMillan, CFI and IA, the workshop covered a range of airworthiness items and answered a variety of questions that stem from airframe and powerplant issues and subsequent documentation and necessary log book entries.

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## New Club Members

Scott Masarky   Mike Watson   Wayne Tanis

## "Wings" Pilot Proficiency Awards

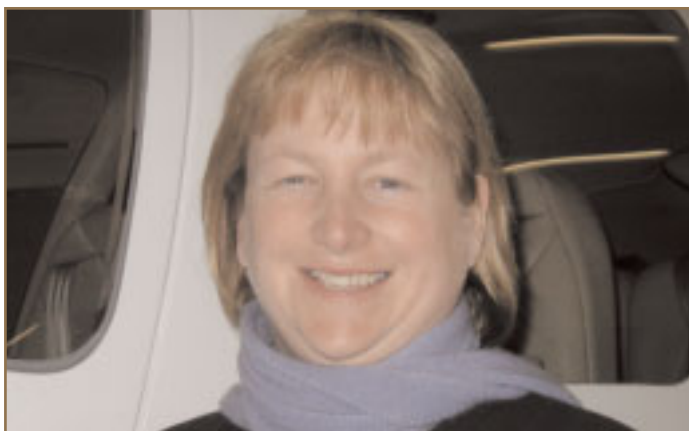
Howard Golbek, *Phase VI*  
Albert Pucciarelli, *Phase II*  
Emery Dupuis, *Phase II*

## Welcome New Students

Paul Klubek, *Pompton Lakes, New Jersey*  
Wayne Tanis, *Waldwick, New Jersey*  
Mike Watson, *Ridgewood, New Jersey*

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## *Meet Instructor Donna Plotz*



“I can think of nothing better than flying a small plane,” says Donna Plotz, CFI and CFII, the flight school’s newest instructor.

Yet Donna got her start in aviation as a dare.

The Washington state native first came to the New York area more than ten years ago as a professional musician, conducting and playing trumpet. A graduate of Washington State University (BA, BM), she did graduate work in music at the University of Wisconsin at Madison. But the music biz being what the music biz is, Donna bailed after five years and became a New York City tour guide, then a tax professional before moving into investment counseling.

As an investment counselor, Donna found her niche. But after several years of 12-hour-plus workdays, six days a week, she figured there might be more to life. So in April, 2001, she returned to her native Seattle, where she continued to work as an investment counselor – but for no more than eight hours a day, four-to-five days a week.

For the first time in years, Donna had free time. She started experimenting. First she tried acoustic guitar, then acting. She took up knitting and got involved with golf.

“My father thought my activities were amusing,” Donna recalls. “Because the local airport was next to the golf course, one afternoon he suggested I try flying.”

Within two weeks, she’d signed up for an introductory flight at Chehalis Airport (CLS) in Chehalis, WA, halfway between Seattle and Portland, OR.

“That flight scared me to death,” Donna remembers. “But I figured if others could learn to fly, so could I.” She signed up for 20 lessons on the spot, but had to convince a reluctant instructor that she could do it. By her second lesson, she was

hooked. (With barely 30 hours in her logbook, Donna headed off for New Zealand to try her hand at a mountain flying course.) In April 2002, nine months after her introductory flight at Chehalis, she had her private pilot certificate. A month later she picked up her tailwheel endorsement so she could fly a Citabria in the thousand-mile 2002 Air Race Classic.

While attending a fly-in, she was bowled over by the passion and involvement of the owner/pilots. “Right there I decided on a career as a pilot,” she says. “And the first step to that life would be as a flight instructor.”

By November 2002, Donna picked up her instrument rating at Boeing Field (BFI) in Seattle. Thirteen months later, she earned her commercial certificate there, followed by her CFI. At the beginning of this year, Donna added her CFII at Sheble at Laughlin Bullhead International, AZ. At the same time, she picked up a commercial floatplane rating.

A member of Women in Aviation, the Ninety-Nines, Inc., AOPA, EAA and the National Association of Flight Instructors, Donna balances enthusiasm with professionalism in her aviation life. Her students are sure to benefit.

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## *Renters Insurance Provides Affordable Peace of Mind*

You’ve had a great day blasting around the sky. Upon your return to the airport, however, the wind has kicked up. You set up on final, but gusts keep pushing you off course. You didn’t keep up on crosswind landings, and you’re about to regret it. After a bobbled touchdown, you skid off the runway, clip a light stanchion and ding the prop. Whoops.

Granted, the costs of parts and labor to install them are covered by the FBO’s insurance. But you’re not off the financial hook – insurance companies, anything but altruistic, are not in business to give away money. They’ll cover the flight school for the damages that resulted from your misadventure, but they may come looking for you to recoup their losses. It’s called subrogation.

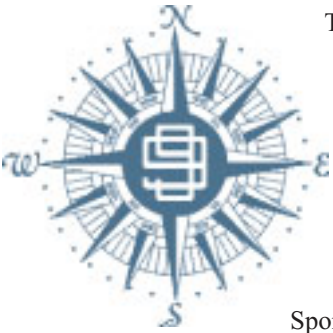
The good news is you can cover the threat of subrogation with renters’ insurance, available through several aviation insurance companies such as USAIG, AOPA Insurance Agency, and Avemco. You’ll find that the annual premium for non-owners’ comprehensive liability coverage is surprisingly affordable – as low as \$310 for Avemco’s Aviator Gold Plan.

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## *Student Pilot Forum Slated for March in Saddle Brook*



The Holiday Inn at Saddle Brook is the venue for this year's Student Pilot Forum, and like last year's gathering, it will be held on a mid-week evening. It is an open forum with local aviation professionals.

Sponsored by the North Jersey Chapter of the Ninety-Nines, Inc., the 15th annual Student Pilot Forum, is open to all interested persons. It will be held Wednesday, March 15, between 7:00 and 9:00 p.m. at The Holiday Inn, 50 Kenney Place, Saddle Brook. Students, pilots, instructors and any other interested parties are encouraged to attend the forum, which is provided as a free service to the aviation community. Registration will be open between 7:00 and 7:30 p.m., and the panel discussion will run from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m.

The forum's panel will be composed of local aviation professionals who will discuss and answer questions on a range of topics.

Among the topics to be discussed:

- *The flight school and the instructor;*
- *The written exam preparation;*
- *The medical;*
- *The checkride;*
- *The air traffic controller's view;*
- *The weather briefing;*
- *The FAA;*
- *Rental insurance.*

At the conclusion of the forum, door prizes will be awarded. For more information, contact program chair Linda Scully at 973-872-6213.

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## *Winter Workshop Classes Planned for Flight School Continued from front page...*

***Introduction to Instrument Flying***, Tuesday, February 10.

Designed for both VFR pilots and those interested in pursuing an instrument rating, Donna Plotz, CFII, provided pointers on what the six-pack reveals, how to develop a good instrument scan, and why reference to instruments keeps you and your aircraft right-side-up and comfortable on the approach.

***GPS Navigation***, Tuesday, February 17. There's more to GPS than the direct-to button. Lewis Smith, CFII, led the workshop through the intricacies of GPS navigation, from loading flight plans to intercepting and tracking courses.

***Stall-Spin Awareness, Part I***, Tuesday, February 25, and ***Stall-Spin Awareness, Part II***, Tuesday, March 2. Based on Rich Stowell's PARE approach to stall-spin recovery, the first session viewed a portion of Stowell's video followed by a discussion led by Paul Benson, Master CFI. The following session will view the remainder of Stowell's video and discuss potential conditions that could lead to a stall-spin, and address ways to avoid those conditions.

***Human Factors***, Tuesday, March 9. Neither midair collisions nor mechanical failures send most planes into the dirt. The overwhelming majority of aircraft accidents are attributable to human error. Donna Plotz, CFII, explores ways you can identify problems and improve your responses as they relate to flight safety.

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## *NAFI Renews Linda Scully's Master Instructor Designation*

The National Association of Flight Instructors (NAFI) has renewed the Master Instructor designation for Linda Scully, ATP and president of Aero Safety Training, Ltd.

Linda was named New Jersey's first Master Flight Instructor in 1999. The following year, she completed initial training to serve as a Designated Pilot Examiner. In 2002, Linda was named Ninety-Nines Section Governor for New York and New Jersey.

According to Linda, the Master Instructor designation recognizes professionalism within the flight training environment and a commitment to the aviation community. Currently, only six flight instructors in New Jersey (two of whom are with Aero Safety Training, Ltd) hold the Master Instructor designation.



## Calendar of Events 2003

March 2, 2004 (Tuesday)	Aviation Workshop	Stall-Spin Awareness II	Aero Safety Training, Ltd. Classroom
March 9, 2004 (Tuesday)	Aviation Workshop	Human Factors	Aero Safety Training, Ltd. Classroom
March 31, 2004	Student Pilot Forum		Holiday Inn Saddle Brook, NJ
April 14 - 20, 2004	EAA Sun-n-Fun		Lakeland, FL
April 30 - May 2, 2004	Wheels & Wings Airshow		Millville Airport
July 27 - August 2, 2004	EAA AirVenture		Oshkosh, WI

## Places of Interest

### NAS Wildwood Aviation Museum

500 Forrestal Rd.  
Cape May Airport  
Rio Grande, NJ 08242  
Phone: (609) 886-8787, [www.usnasw.org](http://www.usnasw.org)

### Air Victory Museum

South Jersey Regional Airport (VAY)  
68 Stacy Haines Road, Medford, NJ 08055  
Phone: (609) 267-4488, [www.airvictorymuseum.org](http://www.airvictorymuseum.org)

### Aviation Hall of Fame and Museum

Teterboro Airport (TEB)  
150 Fred Wehran Drive, Teterboro, NJ 07608  
Phone: (201) 288-6344, [www.njahof.org](http://www.njahof.org)

### Millville Army Air Field Museum

Millville Municipal Airport (MIV)  
PO Box 1547 Bldg 1A  
Millville, NJ 08332  
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