

## New Planes Welcomed to Epic Fleet

Two brand new 2016 Cessna 172's were delivered to Epic within the last several months, and the Vice President of Operations, Josh Rawlins, says that the growing flight school has plans to receive several more planes.

The 172's have the Epic Flight Academy paint scheme and are equipped with the Garmin G1000 and new SCc Angle-of-Attack (AoA) Indicator. A new safety feature created by the Safe Flight Instrument Corporation, the AoA Indicator allows for a more accurate determination of the AoA and stall point.



Epic is set to receive another new 172 this year and two more in the 1st quarter of 2017. In addition, with CFI enrollment growing exponentially and reaching nearly three times the typical class size, Epic welcomed another Piper Arrow to the fleet this past month.

## Maintenance School Anticipating Approval

Epic's Part 147 Aviation Maintenance School has been in the works since early 2014, and the program is expected to be receiving final approval from the FAA in the first quarter of 2017. Led by Steve Hawrylak, the school will initially offer an Airframe program, and the Powerplant program will be offered soon thereafter. The first class is expected to begin in Spring 2017.

"Education is a social process. Education is growth. Education is not a preparation for life; education is life itself."  
- John Dewey

## Up-and-Coming Education Development Initiative

Ray Altmann, a recent addition to the Epic team, will be working alongside instructors in the coming months to encourage the use of interactive and adaptive teaching techniques. "Concepts are generally taught in one way in school environments," says Altmann. "Not everyone fits that mold, so you have to find ways to teach that fit the individual's learning style." Altmann will be reviewing the curriculum for each course and using his unique educational background to assist instructors in improving their individualized communication techniques.



## Epic Students of the Month

Neeladri Ganguly and Gareth Barton were recognized at the Student/Employee Appreciation event this past month for their hard work and persistence over the course of their flight training.

### Neeladri Ganguly

Hometown: Calcutta, India  
Joined Epic: December 2015

Neeladri has managed to complete his Private and Instrument ratings in 6 short months. Instructors and other Epic staff describe him as always being on time and thoroughly prepared for activities. He is currently time building and is looking forward to beginning the Commercial course soon.

### Gareth Barton

Hometown: Lancaster, England  
Joined Epic: October 2015

Gareth has already gotten his Private, Instrument, and Private Multi-Engine ratings in less than a year. Always respectful, punctual, and polite, Gareth has stood out among fellow students since he began training at Epic. He is currently time building and is eager to continue pursuing his Multi-Engine rating.



## Congratulations to all of our Epic students that have passed their checkrides on the 1st attempt!

### Private Pilot

Maria Fernanda Martinez Goez (7/15/2016)  
 Tai Van Ho (8/1/2016)  
 Bobby James Wood (8/2/2016)  
 Tan Minh Ho (8/2/2016)

### Commercial Single Engine

Zachary Zois (8/5/2016)  
 Cheyanne Boyd (8/15/2016)



### Instrument Rating

Sathyajith Manrico Ranasinghe Arachchige (7/11/2016)  
 Lucas Zolio Costa (7/14/2016)  
 Jose Mauricio Gutierrez Zequeda (7/18/2016)  
 Adegboyega Chidubem Dawodu (7/19/2016)  
 Ricardo Rene Marroquin Garcia (7/22/2016)  
 Neeladri Ganguly (7/30/2016)  
 Santiago Escobar Arias (7/31/2016)  
 Christian Enrique Madero Ramirez (8/8/2016)  
 Mauricio Sampedro Espitia (8/11/2016)  
 Frederick Stephen Hole (8/18/2016)  
 Gabriel Jaime Osorio Patino (8/2/2016)

### Commercial Multi Engine

Pablo Echvarria Velasquez (7/1/2016)  
 Alejandro Velasquez Garcia (7/15/2016)  
 Juan Sebastian Hernandez Nakamura (7/15/2016)  
 Ricardo Jaramillo Sierra (7/16/2016)  
 Zachary Zois (7/18/2016)  
 Raphael Jacques Habib (7/22/2016)  
 Hai Minh Doan (8/2/2016)  
 Thibault Jacques Jean Francois Huchon (8/5/2016)  
 Samuel Villa Alzate (8/12/2016)  
 Trung Hoang Minh Le (8/29/2016)

## Epic Volunteers for Pilots N Paws Rescue Mission



This past month, two Epic employees, Garrett Ray and Kayla Holsinger, flew N716EP to Waycross, GA and Tampa Executive in order to retrieve and deliver puppies in need of adoption relocation through the non-profit organization Pilots N Paws. The organization's rescue missions combine volunteers' passion for aviation and animals, and Epic Flight Academy proudly volunteered their time and resources to support the cause. The school plans to continue showing their support in the coming years and have already planned to volunteer three planes for the mission next month. Students will be able to participate in the upcoming flights, giving them the opportunity to satisfy their cross country flight training requirements while enjoying some time with furry friends in need.

### Upwards of 1.5M New Airline Pilots and Technicians Needed

Boeing released the annual Pilot and Technician Outlook at the July EAA Oshkosh Airventure, and their analysts are anticipating the need for 617,000 new commercial airline pilots, 679,000 new commercial airline maintenance technicians, and 814,000 new cabin crew by 2035.

### FAA Begins Enforcing Part 107 Rule to Regulate Small UAS

The FAA's Part 107 rule for small UAS was set in motion on August 29th with the hopes of further integrating drones into the National Airspace System. The rule requires users of small UAS under 55lbs to either hold the FAA mandated Remote Pilot Certification or operate the technology under the supervision of a certificate holder. In addition, the rule outlines altitude, weather, buffer, and airspace operating standards for drone usage.