



# UTH ROTOR NEWS

## Special points of interest:

- CHECK OUT PAGE 3 FOR A LIST OF EVENTS FOR JUNE!
- SUMMER IS A GREAT TIME FOR FLYING... SIGN UP AT ANY ONE OF OUR 4 LOCATIONS TODAY!

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## HONORING THOSE WHO FIGHT FOR OUR FREEDOM

By: Miranda Graves  
Freedom isn't free! All good things need to be fought for and take hard work. How does this relate to helicopters? How does this tie to helicopters—freedom to gain an education; constitution of the United States  
We would like to honor the UTH students and employees who have served in the armed forces. Deepest gratitude extended to them and their families.

### We Remember...

This Memorial Day has been a time of reflection for the Utah Helicopter staff and students. Every person has been influenced or affected in a positive way by someone they know, someone they don't know, and someone they will know. A parent, a friend or a stranger has reached out and knowingly (or unknowingly) paved the path for each of us to be right where we are—in a free nation. Some may be enjoying this nation at a school desk-reading this newsletter, curled up on the sofa-enjoying the warmth of home, or even in a

foreign land--facing invisible foes. It is a privilege to be part of such a nation and benefit from the incredible sacrifice given that pro-



fects us.

Helicopters and the men and women who pilot them have been an integral part of our nation's freedom. This sacrifice has and continues to offer (among *many* other things) the freedom to gain an education. Each day we have the opportunity to gain knowledge—to learn the incredible art of aviation. The students / pilots at Utah Helicopter LOVE what they do! They love the freedom of aviation! The freedom to go forward and backward and hover in an unspeakably complex machine. To those who fought, to those

who taught and continue to serve and sacrifice--we want to tell you we remember. We remember those heroes who have stood with courage when others flee. These men and women's courage has kept our lands free. We remember those who've wrestled with their own battles with disease or heartache and in turn have kept our spirits soaring. We remember the unimaginable sacrifice of those who have reached out to offer safety. We remember the will of steel that has morphed and changed nations for the better. This courage and integrity is what continues to make our nation great. To those who keep our airspace clear and safe...we remember and honor you. We remember...and we thank you all! Quote from founding fathers...

**Utah Helicopter would like to say thank you to those who have and continue to serve us, who've kept and keep us, and who provide our safety and freedom. Happy Memorial Day!**

## IDAHO FALLS "EVENT-FULL" MONTH OF MAY

The month of May was a busy month for Utah Helicopter's Idaho Falls location. We can't believe how fast it flew by, but time flies when you are having fun!

Everything started with our spring open house and BBQ. For our new Office Administrator, Jen Gomes and new Base Manager, Mike Robinson, their first open house was a success. Our pilots, students, potential students, and families joined to eat and talk helicopters! Utah Helicopter open houses are a time when the team can come together, celebrate their accomplishments, and then show others how feasible and awesome becoming a pilot can be! We are greatly appreciative to all

those that came.

Following the open house, our Idaho Falls location took part in the first ever Idaho Aviation Conference and Trade Show. The show invited everyone from the entire Northwest region involved in the aviation community and was held in Aeromark's beautiful XL Hanger, located at the Idaho Falls Regional Airport. Aviation vendors from all over the region attended to take part in the event. People displayed their remarkable aircrafts and showcased their diverse services. Utah Helicopter was proud to be among the incredible aviation world in the Northwest. To wrap up the month of May was our most exciting event, the American Hero Celebration! Tran King, owner of Moun-

tain River Ranch graciously decided to use his season opener over Memorial Day weekend to salute all of our veterans, past and present. Located in Ririe, Idaho, Mountain River Ranch opened their doors to the public May 28<sup>th</sup>, and offered BBQ, a live band, war plane flyovers, wagon rides, helicopter rides, and more! Hundreds gathered to recognize and honor to America's armed forces that have kept us safe and those that continue to do so. Utah Helicopter is truly delighted we could take part in such a commendable event that was also such a great time! Utah Helicopter would like to thank all of those who attended and most importantly a special thanks to all of those who have served



## STUDENT SPOTLIGHT: BJ BELNAP



BJ Belnap, helicopter pilot by day, super hero by night! He began his training at our Spanish Fork location in the spring of last year. He is married with 2 beautiful children and 2 dogs. His screen saver at home is covered in pictures of them and helicopters. BJ loves spending time with his family. They go camping, boating, play softball and much, much more! If you catch him listening to music it could be about anything but rap. His favorite is country. He loves food but not seafood.

BJ's first vehicle was a brown 1985 Plymouth Voyager minivan. When he's making the big bucks flying helicopters he will own a red and white Ford F-150 with a 6" lift and 38" super swamper tires. BJ has always wanted to fly helicopters. His favorite maneuver is hovering or autorotations. His goal is to have a consistent job flying and would love to do LifeFlight. His most nerve racking experience was waiting all day before his instrument check ride which

lead to the accomplishment he is most proud of, his instrument rating! My favorite experience while flying has been flying to my hometown of Evanston, WY and landing at my place of work in the R44. His favorite quote is, "what would the world be like if everyone in it were exactly like you?" –Unknown. BJ's driven spirit and dynamic personality are a great addition to the atmosphere at Utah Helicopter. We love having you!

## JIMMY COTHREN: DIRECTOR OF MAINTENANCE

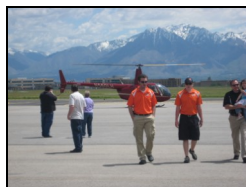
We would like to introduce our new Director of Maintenance this month, Jimmy Cothren! Jimmy received his A&P in December of 2010 in San Diego, CA. He started his career in the Marines and chose to obtain this license to further his career. Prior he worked as a helicopter dynamic component technician on Hueys and Cobras. His favorite helicopter is the Super Cobra because it is bad-A. Jimmy's most

nerve racking and favorite experience in a helicopter is spy-rigging, or hanging out of a helicopter. And his greatest accomplishment is his maintenance safety record. Jimmy is originally from North Carolina. He is married to his beautiful wife, Cinnamon. Their children consist of a funny combination of dogs; a pit-bull and a Chihuahua. He loves snowboarding, hiking and football. His favorite movie is *Lord of War* and loves

any good music. His favorite food is pizza and gummy bears. His hero is himself because no one is better than he (we love his confidence). Jimmy's favorite quote is "a man with a dream is a man on the rise." We're glad to have you with us!!!



## INTERNATIONAL LEARN TO FLY DAY



By: Erin Hudman  
Utah Helicopter had an exciting opportunity to assemble together with Leading Edge Aviation for International Learn to Fly Day! Leading Edge Aviation is running the new, beautiful FBO out of South Valley Regional Airport. This event brought in aviation enthusiasts from all over the valley! Mindy Braithwaite, a CFII for Utah

Helicopter, was our pilot in the R44 for the day! She took anyone and everyone on flights for only \$25. Mark Arnold, one of our guests, stated "I have met a lot of high time pilots and Mindy is better than all of them, I only hope I can fly with her again. As far as Utah Helicopter goes, it's the greatest company I know of in the State of Utah."

Leading Edge provided an amazing BBQ of hamburgers, hotdogs and refreshing lemonade. They were offering demo flights for an unbelievable rate giving people the opportunity to take the controls and see if the sky was where they wanted to be. We would like to thank all of those who came out and supported this event! We had a great time!

For more information go to:  
[www.utahhelicopter.com](http://www.utahhelicopter.com)  
or check us out on FACEBOOK

## UTH RECOGNITION

Thank you OAK CANYON JR. HIGH for letting us be part of your Career Day!

Thank you HAYDEN PEAK ELEMENTARY for having us at your vehicle day!

### AVIATION ALTITUDE WINNERS

MATT HARRIS  
JACOB OLSEN  
PATRICK DANIELSON  
SCOTT BANNING

### CONGRATULATIONS!!!

SOLO:  
ALEX MARTINEZ

NEW PRIVATE PILOTS:  
BRENT NEAL  
JEREMY ATKINSON  
NATE CHRISTENSEN

NEW COMMERCIAL PILOTS:  
SHAUN BRINKERHOFF  
ANTHONY HILLSTEAD

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!

RICK MANNING

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KEATON CHENEY

MIRANDA GRAVES

BROOKE RASMUSSEN

MATT HARRIS

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	EAGLE MOUNTAIN DAYS!	
5	6	7	8	9	HERRIMAN DAYS!	
12	13	14	15	16	17	REXBURG AIRPORT APPRECIATION!
19	CHUKARS OPENING DAY! IDA ICE CREAM SOCIAL!	21	22	23	24	PIH AIRPORT APPRECIATION DAY! WENDOVER AIR SHOW!
26	27	28	29	30		

## UPCOMING EVENT

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