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GRATITUDE DURING OBSTACLES

By: Erin Hudman, Regional Manager
 Is it possible to be grateful for our daily challenges? Only if we make it a habit to look for the good that comes from facing difficulties. One of the most powerful abilities one can learn in life is that of switching perspectives.



When this is achieved obstacles become a test of endurance and strength, an opportunity to push the limits to greater levels of achievement and self-mastery. Who understands this more than a helicopter pilot? My husband became a helicopter pilot after we were married and had two children. Soon after, I became a private pilot as well. I know the tremendous amount of

sacrifice and the support required to complete this goal. Becoming a helicopter pilot requires you to overcome your fears, build character, sharpen focus and stay in good physical shape. It is very easy to get discouraged and feel that you are not up to the challenge. I am always extremely impressed with the pilot that has to push

themselves through. These pilots may not have a natural ability, but still welcome the opportunity to stretch and grow beyond what they know. If you want to be a helicopter pilot it is important to understand there will be challenges. Always ask yourself what you will gain by working through each challenge. Then, be grateful for the opportunity! Gratitude shifts your focus from what your life lacks to the abundance that is already present. The more grateful you are for the experiences that strengthen you, the more worthwhile the journey will be once you have fulfilled your dream!

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT: KEVIN BRASHAR



Kevin Brashar is one of the newest members of our Pocatello-Utah Helicopter team and is always a 'half full' kind of guy! He has 3 dogs named: Target, Tape and Rambler and loves them so much you'll find them as his screen saver at home. If you catch him watching a sport, it would be skiing. Kevin just purchased his first TV and hasn't owned one in 8 years! He is quite the outdoor enthusiast and enjoys skiing, mountain biking, rock climbing and camping. He has been bungee jumping and would love to sky dive one day, just not by himself! His first vehicle was a Ford, Bronco but his favorite one is a Chopper. He loves the movie, *The Big Lebowski* and thinks Jeff Bridges is hilarious!

He enjoys watching YouTube and reading *National Geographic*. Kevin likes all types of music and even though he isn't the biggest fan of new country or mainstream rap, you will still catch him dancing to them. He is not picky, he can't think of a food he doesn't like but he definitely knows Mexican food is his favorite. His favorite smell is fresh rain and being an outdoor enthusiast he hates the smell of the port-o-potty. Kevin got the itch to fly as a child when he flew with his dad in his Cessna. His dream job would be bucket work fighting fires in Alaska. Recently, Kevin spent time on the ground fighting fires and this is what sealed the deal becoming a helicopter pilot. His favorite maneuver in

the helicopter is a 180 autorotation. His most nerve racking, but also proudest accomplishment is hovering. He's become more relaxed in the helicopter and enjoys seeing progress every time he flies. To him, "flying is an adrenaline rush" and he is officially addicted to flying. If he could meet one person it would be John Lennon because he is one of the greatest artists of all time. Kevin's heroes are his father and step-father because they taught him how to be a man. His personal quote is, "One more time." We love having Kevin as part of the UTH team and we're enjoying seeing him progress!



LIFE LESSONS

*By: Rick Manning,
PIH Base Manager*

Landing in football fields is hands down the coolest thing that I have had the chance to do in a helicopter! It's a rush landing on the fifty yard line with the fans screaming, cameras flashing, and football players lined up on either side with their helmets resting on their waist, waiting patiently as you make your approach into the field to deliver the game ball. It's hard to put into words how grateful I am to have the job that I do. I truly love what I do-as many of the other pilots can attest. Although, flying in and out of games is amazing, there is a lot that goes into making this operation safe. It all comes down to the training you receive.

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In ground school, some of us (including myself) don't-or didn't-realize how important the information covered will be to our career as a pilot. Flying in the pattern day after day, it is easy to just look outside and make decisions on whether or not it would be safe to fly. There is a reason that your instructor makes you check the weather, listen to the ASOS, and figure out Density Altitude long hand. It doesn't matter why you have come to Utah Helicopter, whether it is to own your own helicopter or for a career. Someday you will be making all these decisions on your own. You won't have someone there to back up your decisions or to stop and tell

you to check the weather again. Nobody will be there to make sure that the amount of fuel loaded into the aircraft is not too much for where you'll be landing.

Throughout my training, I've learned so much, but it didn't really become evident to the importance of what I have learned until I became an instructor. This realization opened up my mind to the actual possibility of the dangers lurking around each corner. Each experience teaches a new lesson. Recently, while flying with KPVI Channel Six News trying to get the best picture possible for Matt Gittins I applied skills to fly in the height velocity diagram, hovering 300 feet over the ground in order to get film of the whole field and the players as they run down the field.

There were occasions on this job where the winds were high enough making it possible to pull the helicopter into an out of ground effect hover. These are the shots that Matt dreams about and comes to us for. This situation makes the video smooth and they were able to position to get the best angle shot. There are times when the winds aren't as high which requires different skills. You still slow the helicopter down understanding that you aren't going to be able to pull into an out of ground hover. While circling around the field, the aircraft might start to shutter and the controls don't seem to be as responsive. As a pilot, I recognize when something is not right. At Utah Helicopter I've been trained thoroughly to recognize what is happening and how to appropriately react to this situation. The training you receive with Utah Helicopter will prepare you for your check ride, but most importantly, we train safe, wise decision making helicopter pilots. You will learn the in-and-outs of aviation problems that may occur and the proper solutions, errors of others and most importantly, how to be a safe pilot. November is the time to be thankful and as a pilot there are plenty of things for which I am thankful for. I am thankful for the opportunity to have attended a school with exceptional standards, owners, and instructors where structure, growth and safety are more than just a process. Utah Helicopter never has and never will settle for being average. I am thankful for these standards. My training has made me the pilot that I am today. I am thankful to have had instructors and a brother who made sure I would be the best pilot I could be. So, next time the instructor is nagging about your homework, airspeed, rate of descent, or trim ball, remember to thank them for always holding you to such a high standard. Someday, when their training saves your life or prevents an accident you will wish you had. The Instructors are preparing you for situations that will inevitably occur. When you are the one making all the decisions and applying these life lessons you will be prepared.

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CONTINUE LEARNING

By: BJ Belnap, CFII

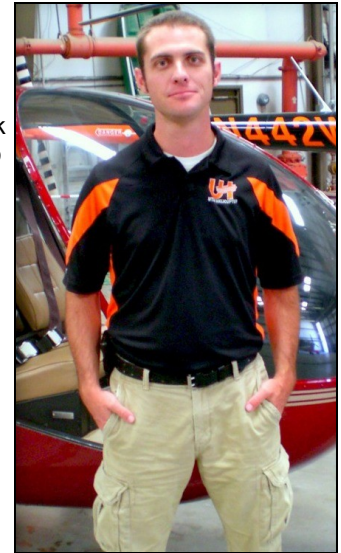
I have only been “on the other side of the desk” for just a short amount of time, yet I have learned so much about aviation and helicopters. So in thinking about what I might have to offer all the other CFII's out there, I'm afraid my pool of insight might be a little shallow. Continuing to learn is a very important part of being a good instructor and a great pilot. Although I have not been a flight instructor long, I have been instructing other things for a very long time. While in high school I began teaching swimming lessons and CPR/First Aid and have been ever since. Over the years I have figured out for myself that there are three things that help me to continue learning.

First, is to stay open minded. Have an understanding that each new experience is nothing less than a learning opportunity in its simplest of form. Granted, in the instructors seat, we are perceived as “knowing everything” by our students, and that's okay. However, it is also not a bad thing to admit that “I need to study up, so I can give the student all the information needed.” While talking with other instructors and pilots, we

need to be open to suggestions they may have for us, apply it, and if it helps keep applying it.

Second is to hunger for more. When I first started teaching CPR and First Aid I found a passion for emergency medicine. As I learned more about CPR and First Aid I gained an increased desire to be certified in more areas of emergency medicine. Prior to teaching CPR and First Aid, I had already been a lifeguard and later became a lifeguard trainer. As I trained different groups of lifeguards I wanted to know what I could do to better prepare these new lifeguards. Again, I found myself back in the classroom working toward an EMT certification. Now I run on the ambulance and am constantly learning as much as I can to help better myself to save a life when faced with an emergency. As pilots and CFII's we should long to know everything that we can to better prepare ourselves for any situation. I look for opportunities to hang out around instructors that have been at it longer than I, just to try and “absorb” as much information and knowledge as I possibly can. Just “keeping the big fan on top spinning” only takes us so far.

Lastly, but certainly not least, sharing what we have learned. I cannot think of a CFII I have talked to who has not said that they learn while teaching. When I teach CPR or swimming I am always noticing ways that I can share something differently for that particular student to more fully understand the subject. In turn, I also learn from that experience. When I get to a subject that is maybe not one of my strongest areas, I am forced to use the books more to teach. In turn I am able to retain information and teaching material better. Discussing experiences I have had in both flight and ground lessons helps me to dissect the situations and continue learning from those. I have quickly realized that flying and passing the CFII checkride was not by any means the end of what I have to learn. I have also figured out that the lessons I learn now have a lot more value than the ones I paid for during training. Being open minded and fueling the hunger for all the knowledge I can get and in turn sharing my findings are just a few ways I can “set the standard for quality and performance.... one pilot at a time.”



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UTH RECOGNITION

WELCOME NEW STUDENTS

Jason Barnes
Brett Yancey
Tonya Phillips
James Mabey
Aaron Anderson
Kevin Brashar
Lauren McCright

CONGRATULATIONS:

ROBERT DENNIS
on completing the Career Pilot Program and welcome as our newest employee!!!

BENTON BLAKE
on completing the Career Pilot Program!!!

JAKE OLSEN
on passing your Private Pilot license.

ALEX MARTINEZ
On passing your Private Pilot license.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!

JUSTIN ASKER
JOHN PRESTON

ED WALLACE
JEN GOMES

*"God gave you a gift of 86,400 seconds today. Have you used one to say thank you?"
-Unknown*



CONGRATULATIONS TO TWO OF OUR FAVORITE PEOPLE!!!
SPANISH FORK BASE MANAGER ELI HOBBS
RECENTLY PROPOSED TO HIS GIRLFRIEND STEPHANIE STEPHENS
AND SHE SAID YES!

Lovingly known at the Spanish Fork office as *our fixed-wing guy*, Jared Despain shared office space and a hangar with Utah Helicopter. He passed away the beginning of October and will forever be missed by all who knew him. Jared left behind a wife and two children. A trust fund has been set up to assist with anything they may need.
If you would like to donate to this trust fund, go to any Zion's Bank and give to Jared Despain.
We will always love and remember him.



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