

My small plane flying experience began at the age of 21 when I flew with a friend in a small 4-seater rental plane. Several years later, I flew again, this time with a co-worker in a Mooney. Back then, I didn't think much of these two isolated flight experiences, but now I believe both led to my becoming a pilot.

I became a pilot after my daughter, Karin (who was very young at the time), and I became exhausted from constantly visiting friends in Oregon. The trips were tiring and took much time no matter what mode of transportation we used—air, bus, train, or car. Because of those earlier two flying experiences, I realized I could probably fly myself to Oregon. When I spoke to my Oregon friend again, I told her, “The next time I come here, I'm flying”. And I did just that. I immediately began training for my private pilot certificate, and I received it several years later. I remember the first time I approached Portland International Airport; I was flying a Cessna 182. It was beautiful and wonderfully exciting.



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Flying is a convenience to me and my family. My daughter Karin, when she was older, asked me to fly her to Long Beach and back because after much



Jeanne, piloting a Citabria

me to fly her to Long Beach and back because after much automobile traveling with her friends, she wanted a quick trip. On our honeymoon, I flew my wife, Jeanne, from Maui to Honolulu for a day trip because she had never been to Honolulu or Hawaii. Jeanne has taken flight lessons as well; this helps me. She can take-off, fly, and land a Citabria. She is not a certified pilot, but I often give her the controls while



Karin

I rest or do other things on longer flights. In Costa Rica, Jeanne and I rented a plane to fly to Quepos just for the experience. It would have taken us several hours to drive there, but took us only 20 minutes to fly ourselves. When it comes to the excitement and convenience of flying, nothing can beat it!

Today, I am a Commercial Pilot in multiengine and single engine airplanes. I am a Flight Instructor, and I teach airplane ground school at College of San Mateo. I have about 1200 hours of day and night flying experience in the USA, and I have some international flying experience. I have flown many types of aircraft; the largest was a Twin Beech E18S. My latest passion is teaching others how to fly. I love sharing my flying experience with others, and the enjoyment it brings me.



Godfrey in Twin Beech E18S

I am very happy that I decided to fly. Flying continues to bring joy, adventure, convenience, growth, and opportunity into my life.