

## T-Craft Instructor Bio Listing 4/16/2025

### John Baglien



I have been passionate about flying since college (1972). I began flying back-country in northwest Montana in a Cessna 150 while stationed as Wildlife Biologist on the Spotted Bear Ranger District of the Flathead National Forest from 1975-77. Anticipating retirement, I got my commercial and flight instructor ratings in 2003 and 2005. In 2006 I retired from the Forest Service after 32 years, and for 14 summers I worked my retirement dream job – flying 2100 hrs back-country charter (172, 182, 206 and 210) for McCall Aviation. I have 4400 total hours, including 3300 hours real-world cross-country experience and more than 1200 backcountry landings in light aircraft to share.

## Jim Carpenter



I've been flying for 39 years and instructing since 2002. During that time I've accumulated over 9000 hours of general aviation, corporate, and airline flying. I'm currently a Captain for SkyWest Airlines, flying the Embraer 175 and based here in Boise.

Although I enjoy the flying, the real satisfaction from instructing for me is seeing the smile on someone's face after they've completed their first solo flight or just passed their check ride. If we fly together, it will be as a team to help you achieve your goal of learning to fly and ensuring that you become a proficient pilot along the way.

C.L. (Pete) Glick



I've been an airplane nut since childhood and always wanted to fly. Unfortunately, early on I let others convince me that I did not have good enough eyesight to be a pilot, so I didn't pursue it. To get close to airplanes, I joined the Air Force out of high school and spent most of my 38 years in the military maintaining F-111, F-4, and A-10 combat aircraft. I finally quit listening to people who said "you can't" and got my private pilot's license in 1994. I flew for a few years but had to quit when life and family took financial priority.

About 20 years ago, I started flying again and became a T-Craft member in 2007. Once retired, I earned Certified Flight Instructor – Instrument in both helicopters and single engine airplanes. I hold an FAA Gold Seal on my certificate as well as an Advanced Ground Instructor certificate and have an Aviation Safety Certificate. I have a BS from Embry Riddle Aeronautical University in Professional Aeronautics with a focus on Aviation Safety, and two AAS degrees, one of which is in Aviation Technology.

The best part of flight instruction is helping someone meet their aviation goals, no matter what that looks like to them. I am committed to producing safe pilots while being a good steward of the students' flying budget. Call, text, or email and let me help you meet your aviation goals.

Fly Safe,

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## Gordon Hall



As of March 2024, I have been a member of T-Craft Aero Club for 42 years and have enjoyed every minute of it. I received my private pilot certificate in 1982 in the club Cessna 150.

I became an instructor in 2002, and an instrument instructor in 2003. My main instruction areas with the club and its members are instrument rating, commercial certificate, Flight Reviews, and Level I and II Backcountry checkouts. I love flying in the backcountry and enjoy what this wonderful state has to offer.

In addition to flying, I am an avid whitewater rafter, fisherman, and hunter. I am retired after working 34 years as an Electrical Engineer for Idaho Power. I have two grown children, both of whom are private pilots, and former members of T-Craft.

## Jim Hudson



I've had a passion to fly since I was a kid, building and crashing model planes, pretending and fanaticizing that I was a pilot. I started pursuing my "dream" at a later stage in life after my kids left the nest. After earning my private certificate, I found that I wanted to pursue flying the Idaho Backcountry (to support my other interest, fly-fishing). I've taken several backcountry flying clinics and have 23 years' experience flying into many of the Idaho backcountry strips. I also fly charity flights for Angel Flight West and am a mission orientation pilot and past Idaho Wing Leader for Angel Flight West.

My interest in instruction began when my job as an engineer at HP was "downsized", which gave me the opportunity to pursue this career.

I have been flying for 25 years, with 4,060 total hours, 21 years and 2,775 hours instructing.

My goal is to teach my students to be safe and proficient pilots, emphasizing good judgment and decision-making skills. I teach more than the minimum and teach things that I never learned as a student but wish my CFI would have taught me. For instance, I'll take you into grass strips and do spin training, which are not required, but overcomes fear. I also realize that flying is expensive, and I strive to make the best use of a student's time and money.

I was awarded the 2018 Distinguished CFI for AOPA Flight Experience Training Awards.

In 2019 I presented 22 AOPA Safety Seminars around the country on BackCountry flying.

## Jim Manley



A chance encounter at a small country airport in northern San Diego County reignited my life-long dream of flying. I started instruction there, then transferred to the Private Pilot course at Palomar College. Being a typical starving student, I paid for lessons by making jewelry while living in a tent in the hills behind the campus. After graduation, I earned my Commercial license on the GI-Bill at Van Nuys airport in the San Fernando valley.

My wife's generosity with her inheritance enabled me to obtain my Instrument, Multi-engine, CFI and CFII ratings. I had a 2-year gig as a corporate pilot, then returned to school for airframe and avionics training. My avionics job moved to northern California where I also instructed for a local flight club.

A year later, we became part owners of an FBO. As the manager, I established a flight school offering all levels of flight instruction—primary, advanced, instrument, BFR, IPC, and aircraft checkout. After qualifying for an FAA Part 135 Air Taxi certificate, I flew single and multi-engine charter across the west. I also flew Air-Attack for the US Forest Service in the Sierra Nevada Mountains.

A surprising—but higher—call led us to join Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF). They assigned us to Ecuador, South America. For 17 years, I flew C-185s and C-206s in the Amazon Jungle and Andes Mountains where the only transportation options were to walk for days or fly for minutes. Normal operations took me to places you wouldn't drive your car on—if you could get it there.



MAF's move to KMAN brought us to the Treasure Valley in 2006. In 2015 I joined the T-Craft Aero Club where I now serve as club secretary. Today, I write aviation articles, blogs, and books. What I love most about flight instruction is seeing “the lights come on” when someone acquires a new skill or hones their experience to an even sharper edge.

As of this writing I have about 7,200 hours total of which 1,300 hours are as instruction given.

## David Meisner

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Are you ready to soar to new heights in aviation? Look no further than David Meisner, your trusted Certified Flight Instructor with a passion for safe and skilled flying. With over 25 years of aircraft ownership and a deep-seated love for aviation, David brings a wealth of experience and expertise to every lesson.

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**Community and Compassion:** Beyond the cockpit, David is a valued member of T-Craft Aero since 2020 and volunteers as a pilot for Angel Flight West, providing essential medical flights for those in need. He cherishes family time with his Dad, wife, and two children, sharing the joy of flight and life.

**Why Choose David?** David Meisner isn't just an instructor; he's a mentor committed to your success and safety in the skies. Whether you're embarking on your first flight or seeking advanced training, David's personalized approach and extensive background ensure you'll reach your aviation goals with confidence.

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*Fly safe. Fly skilled. Fly with David Meisner. 🌟*

## Jeff Norris



When I was in high school, I planned to apply for the Air Force Academy, until I learned that my eyesight would restrict me. Switching gears, I earned my bachelor's degree at NNC and then decided to pay off my loans with a four-year enlistment as an avionics system repairer in the Army. During that time, I had eye surgery and was accepted into the Army Warrant Officer Flight Training program. I served nine more years as a helicopter pilot; first as a Medevac pilot in Iraq and Afghanistan, and second as an assault helicopter pilot in South Korea. In 2016 I transitioned into the Idaho National Guard and moved my wife, and 3 kids close to family here.

I have been flying for 14 years and instructing since 2019. I am currently an airplane flight instructor for Treasure Valley Community College (TVCC) in Ontario, Oregon. I instruct in both the airplane and the classroom. I have been a T-Craft member since 2019 and I still fly helicopters part-time for the Idaho Army National Guard.

I am excited and passionate about flying and helping you meet your aviation goals. It is so rewarding to celebrate with my students on completing their first solo or upon gaining their private license. My goal is to provide you the best instruction possible for your time and budget. Call, text, or email me and we will discuss your goals.

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## Ivan Sudac



Hi! My Name is Ivan Sudac.

I have lived in Boise for 19 years. I absolutely love living and flying in Idaho!  
I'm happily married for 31 yrs. And have two children.

Flying has been my passion for my entire life.

I have been flying for over 38 years and have over 18,000 hours.

I became a private pilot in 1987.

I have been a CFII since 1990 and have flown many General Aviation Aircraft.

I have a BS in Electrical Engineering and an MS in Aeronautical Science.

I was a Fighter pilot in the Air Force from 1991 - 2015. I retired after 24 years as a LtCol.

- I was a Check Pilot and Flight Instructor in the Military.
- I've flown all over the world, was involved in flight testing

and did 3 combat tours in Iraq.

- Aircraft Flown:

- T-37
- T-38
- U-H1
- C-130
- F-16B/D
- Royal Air Force F-3 Tornado (as an exchange pilot in Scotland)
- F-15C Eagle (I flew the Eagle the most and it is my favorite ☺)

I am a Boeing 737 Captain for Southwest Airlines. I've been flying there for 16 yrs.

Unless I'm flying a trip for Southwest, I am available to fly!!

Or let's sit and talk about flying, also fun!