

The Flight Plan



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New Facility for WWU Flight Center.

The weekend before finals brought snow to the Walla Walla Valley. This snowfall aggravated a leak in the roof of the Flight Center office we were leasing; causing a portion of the lobby ceiling to fall in and expose a large quantity of mold. The owner of the building decided the repair would be too expensive, so during Christmas break we began searching for an alternative space.

We were relieved to find a new facility located just down the street from our previous one. Our new facility has easy access off both Airport Way and Boeing Ave and ample parking in the old terminal building lot. We continue to have easy access to our hangar and the flight line, even if we are a few buildings off the ramp.

Luckily, our new facility is adjacent to the space we were previously renting for our Frasca TruFlight FTD. We were able to cut a door between the two spaces to make the FTD more easily accessible from our flight instructor offices. We also moved our Mentor AATD from the room where the TruFlight was located into its own space in our new facility.

Students are responding positively to our new facility. The building is only a few years old and has a new, clean feel. WWU Plant Services has supported us greatly with new carpeting, carpentry work, concrete work, a new computer network, and phone lines throughout the building.

If you are in the area please stop by and see our new place. Our new address is 124 W Boeing Ave, Ste. 4, Walla Walla, WA 99362.



Mike Morauske (current student), Jason Krieglstein (Certified Flight Instructor & recent graduate of WWU) and Chris Guernsey (current student) stand proudly in front of the new Flight Center office.

Aircraft Fleet Transition Nearing Completion



Three Walla Walla University aircraft on the flight line.

Walla Walla University's aircraft fleet has taken on a very different look in the past couple of years. The "new" fleet will ultimately consist of four Cessna 172s, one Piper Arrow, and one Piper Seminole. Each airplane will be outfitted with a full Garmin avionics package and new paint and interior.

To date, two Cessna 172s have been purchased and outfitted with the Garmin avionics package; which includes the Garmin 430 with WAAS. This equipment allows students to do precision GPS approaches. The student response has been great as the fleet continues to change.

The Piper Twin Comanche, N7504Y, is currently for sale and has been replaced by a 1983 Piper Seminole. The Seminole has

been a great addition to the fleet and has allowed students to train with a horizontal situation indicator (HSI), MX 20 multi-function display (MFD), and auto-pilot.

Two more Cessna 152s are scheduled to be sold before the end of the school year. We plan to replace these two aircraft with one more Cessna 172 that will also receive the new Garmin avionics.

In addition to the "new" aircraft and avionics upgrades, standardized painting has started on the fleet. Over the next few years the goal is to work towards one color pallet and make the aircraft recognizable wherever they are with tail insignia.

The "new" aircraft, avionics, and paint will continue to push the program to new heights. The response

from students, parents, alumni, and our own administration has been overwhelming. The tradition of aviation at Walla Walla University continues stronger than ever and with God's continued guidance "the sky is the limit."



One of the "new" Cessna 172s with new paint and avionics.



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