

**October
2015**

news from **Gene and Jen Arnold**
with **Mission Aviation Fellowship**
at **Moody Aviation**

Praise God with us!

- For great flying weather this year and the good progress the students are making.
- For safety in flight
- For Rose's good start at Whitworth University.

Please pray with us

- For Nate and Andrew as we head into the fall. The last few fall seasons have led to struggles with their health and a lot of missed school.
- For Jen—this year has been the hardest for her physically since falling chronically ill 10 years ago.
- For our ministry support which continues to be about 20% below target.

Correspondence:

Moody Aviation
6719 E Rutter Avenue
Spokane Valley, WA 99212
www.moody.edu/aviation

Support:

Mission Aviation Fellowship
PO Box 47
Nampa, ID 83653
www.maf.org/arnold

Of Frogs, Flies and Students As one frog said to another, "Time's fun when you're having flies!" And so, it's fall in Spokane and the smoky-winged ash aphids are swarming again. While the frogs are happy, the aphids are some of our less-favorite markers of the season's passing, ranking well below the changing of the fall colors. It's also true that "time flies when you're having fun," and in the spirit of the season, I, Gene, am both flying and having fun.

In addition to classroom teaching, I've been working directly with two students. Chris graduated from our program a year ago. Since then he's worked in our shop maintaining and refurbishing our airplanes. Like all our graduates, Chris is a licensed Aviation Maintenance Technician (AMT), and his skills have been useful with our fleet. The Cessna Skyhawks we use as our basic trainers are now about 16 years old, and their seats and carpets are looking a little worn. Chris and others have been freshening them up for another 16 years of service. ☺

Chris is also a teacher, instructing junior-highers part-time at a Christian school nearby. This year he thought he'd combine his passions for airplanes and teaching by becoming a Certified Flight Instructor (CFI). This certification is required for teaching others to fly. I've been instructing aspiring CFI's for several years now and really enjoy teaching teachers to teach. Chris has been a particular delight because he's already a skilled and experienced educator. My task has been simply to show him how to apply those skills in an airplane.

Chris, along with his wife, Jessica, and their three children are looking forward to where God will have them serve next. One possibility is that Chris would join Moody Aviation as an instructor for a couple years to build flight experience before heading overseas. Please pray for Chris as he finishes CFI and moves ahead to what God has next.



Chris is learning to teach aviators

My other student this season is Kelsey. While Kelsey stood with her class for our year-end commissioning service last spring, she had gotten out of sequence in the curriculum and was lacking one thing to officially graduate. This missing piece is the final training and then the test to become a certificated Commercial Pilot. For me, this has been a fun assignment to do alongside the CFI training for Chris. The maneuvers in the sky are pretty much the same for both of them, it's just that I sit on the other side of the airplane. With Chris I pretend to be the student, but with Kelsey, well, she is the student.



Breaking news: Kelsey passed her test as this letter went to print!

Kelsey is proceeding well, and by the time you read this she should have her new certificate in hand. She's not sure yet where the future will take her, but she does have her eye on a young man who graduated from our program a year ago. They are both eager to see where the Lord will take them, perhaps together.

QASAR It's rightly said that confession is good for the soul. A lot of times confessing an error or describing an unusual happenstance is not only good for oneself, but can save the hearers the grief of personal experience as well. To this end, most aviation organizations have a means for their members to "share your experience" (SYE) or report safety issues. These reports are used to identify hazards and mitigate them to keep from breaking equipment or hurting people through accidents. For a while Moody has used a hodgepodge of reporting systems for different departments and different purposes. Hoping for the benefit that comes from communicating more consistently and broadly, I undertook improving Moody's reporting system. I began by borrowing the name from MAF's reporting system: Quality and Safety Action Report (QASAR). The point of the name is that we desire to improve not just safety, but effectiveness (quality) as well. The system went from paper to an electronic form "in the cloud" so that it can be accessed from anywhere using any computer, tablet or smart phone. We thank God for the strong safety record He's given us, but we recognize there's risk in flying a machine above the earth, and we hope this system will keep us even safer in the future.



New Support Levels With the coming of the new year MAF is raising our recommended ministry support levels by \$400 per month. This is to keep up with the ever-increasing cost of living. Since we were already on the low side, this will take us below the 80% level. As we come to the end of the year, would you consider a one-time or monthly gift to support our ministry with MAF? Thanks for your partnership as we prepare workers to send into the harvest.

Family News On the home front, Rose is stepping up to her classes at Whitworth University and is enjoying her move toward adulthood. Rachele and Nate are seniors in high school and making their plans for the future. Meanwhile, Nate is a section leader in the school's award-winning marching band. Our eighth-grader, Andrew, is enthusiastically drumming his way through life. He's especially pleased to have been invited to participate with the high school marching band this year, giving him a chance to compete alongside his brother. However, Jen is struggling this fall. Ten years of fibromyalgia and chronic fatigue have combined with some recent stresses to push her to her limits. Please remember her in your prayers.



Thanks Thanks again for your prayers, support and partnership in many ways with us in this ministry of the gospel.

May you and your families enjoy the many blessings of this fall season!

Rejoicing in Christ,

Gene Jen