



news from

Gene and Jen Arnold

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Over their five years at Moody Aviation, students take several major exams for Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) certifications. These include at least two tests for mechanics and three for pilots. The pilot exams cover Private, Instrument and Commercial certifications. Each one consists of several hours of oral quizzing followed by two to three hours demonstrating flight skills. Within the context of the school I (Gene) have authority to conduct these tests.

As the final tests came due this June, the other examiners were unavailable, so I ended up giving a whole lot of tests for commercial pilot certifications. The students had all studied hard and were well-prepared, which made giving (and maybe even taking) the test fun. As Paul reminded Timothy, when one is well-trained, he is prepared for every good work (2 Timothy 3:17). And having been trained, they all did well, with no question in my mind that they had the “right stuff.”

Due to some quirks in our academic calendar, many of the students had already walked for their graduation in May. However, none had actually completed the requirements for their degrees. This commercial test was the last major piece for most of these guys. With this finally being done, the looks of tired-but-joyful relief on their faces should tell how they feel.

Among these graduates, two are immediately coming back to work in Moody’s shop, keeping the airplanes in flying trim for the students following them through. One is getting married (and quite happy to turn his thoughts in that new direction!) While others are seeking where God would have them serve with their newly earned credentials.

Thanks for your part in all this. Your participation allows us to be in Spokane, training these young people, so they are ready to be tested and approved—and to be launched into new areas of service!



Paul



Nick



Zach



Jordan



Andrew



Josh

Praise!

- For the whole senior class’s successful completion of all their requirements

Prayer:

- For new classes starting in July, as students moving up through the program take on new challenges



Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him. James 1:12 ESV

Family news

This summer and fall, I (Gene) will be teaching primary flight again after eight years teaching flight instruction and other advanced topics. I'm looking forward to facing the challenge of brand new students again, and ask for your prayers that I would build good foundational habits and patterns into beginning pilots.

Jen quit her job at the doctor's office this spring. Although only working a day or two a week, the strain was too much as she continues to wrestle with her chronic fatigue and fibromyalgia. However, she's enjoying having more energy to give to her family and to mentoring young women whom God has been bringing into her life.

Rose completed a second year at Whitworth University this spring and has gone as far as Whitworth goes in her pursuit of a degree in nursing. Please pray for her as she chooses the best new direction to continue her training.

Rachelle is living nearby in a home for people who share her struggles. She is trying to find the right treatments to give her stability, while also looking at ways to develop herself further with some practical skills classes.

Nate enjoyed taking a number of classes through the community college this year, and is trying to find steady work to fund his education. He is also involved in different ministries at church.

Andrew had a very musical year, participating in three bands at school and two at church. He has recently moved into writing music, and is very good!

Gene Jen

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