

Special points of interest:

- Our 7th annual MATA-thon raised \$2500 of the \$5000 needed for our travel to Oshkosh
- Arlington Fly-In July 8-12
- NW Mission Fly-In July 17-19 Pearson Field, Vancouver, WA
- Aviation Summer Camp Aug 9-14

May all who search for you be filled with joy and gladness. May those who love your salvation repeatedly shout, "God is great!" Psalms 70:4

Websites to visit:

joshandamberharrington.blogspot.com

www.fly4life.org

www.iamanet.org

www.questaircraft.com

www.kako-retreat.org

OSHKOSH 'BIG' ADVENTURE

AirVenture, the world's largest fly-in, draws thousands of aircraft and over a half million general visitors annually to Oshkosh, Wisconsin. This year, July 27- August 2nd, the event is featuring missionary aviation for the first time, and **MATA students get to be a part of it!** Four MATA students will fly two of our airplanes from Arlington



Quest Aircraft Co. Kodiak

to Oshkosh where they will help present Mission Aviation to the aviation community.

One of the featured aircraft at the fly-in is the **Kodiak**, designed specifically to serve missionaries in remote areas. This aircraft is perfect for missionary bush flying, humanitarian groups, and back-country commercial flight operators. One of the Kodiak's many advantages is its jet turbine engine, because jet fuel is more readily available and much cheaper than avgas, the fuel used by most current mission aircraft. MATA students will see first-hand this new aircraft that will soon be on mission

fields around the world. Wycliffe's first Kodiak goes to Indonesia in August.

Josh Harrington, a MATA graduate and Wycliffe Bible Transla-



tors pilot serving in Indonesia, may be the first MATA alumnus to fly the Kodiak. **Our goal at MATA is to train more pilots** like Josh for mission aviation service.

MATA STUDENTS EARN FAA RATINGS AND LICENSES

2009 has been a good year for MATA students to complete needed requirements toward their FAA ratings and licenses.

Christine McDonald passed her Private Pilot checkride February 28th and is currently working on her Instrument Rating. Flying to Oshkosh will add needed flight hours towards her Commercial Pilot License as well.

Luke Abare received his Instrument Rating on May 20th. Luke has been accepted to Liberty

University and will complete his mission aviation training there.

April Phillips scored a 97% on her Commercial Pilot written exam. Her goal is to complete her Commercial check-ride before her wedding in August.

Harlan Lloyd passed his Instrument Rating and is ready for his Commercial Pilot check-ride later this month.

Joe Alexander is scheduled for his Private Pilot check-ride July 3rd. Joe will use the cross-country flight to Oshkosh to log needed flight hours toward his Instrument Rating.

Seth Town starting flying this month working toward his Instrument Rating.

Gene Ketcham is close to completing his A&P mechanic's license from Everett Community College.

Brandon Penkoff graduated from Portland Community College with his mechanic's license and recently received his Instrument Flight Instructor rating (CFII). Brandon works as a flight instructor, and will instruct at MATA's Aviation Summer Camp. Brandon is scheduled for his flight eval with Wycliffe/JAARS in October.



Daylon (left), flying at Kako

Daylon Harrington, a young pilot with a passion for mission aviation and telling others about Jesus, went to be with Him May 23, 2009. Daylon was flying with a friend from Portland to Phoenix when something went terribly wrong with the aircraft. Daylon flew with Gordon and Brandon Penkoff at Kako Retreat Center, Alaska two summers ago. Brandon and Daylon were classmates in Portland earning their mechanic licenses with the goal of becoming missionary pilots. Daylon will be greatly missed by all.

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Training Pilots on a Mission

Director's Corner

North to Alaska was on our calendar this year. One major difference was I did not fly up in my own airplane as we sold it last year to a couple involved with Bible Camp Ministry. On May 19th I flew from Seattle to Anchorage. on Alaska Airlines, then the next day on Pen Air to Aniak. Aniak is one of the villages where we get a lot of kids for Bible camp at Kako. At Aniak, I purchased a float coat/jacket which kept me warm and made me feel better about survival if I had to make an emergency landing. There was lots of snow and ice around and it was very cold. The Yukon River was really flooded and with all the water that is normally out on the delta about 80% of my flying was over a very wet surface. We had to deal with

a lot of strong winds which meant that at some airstrips the cross-wind was bad. In the 2 1/2 weeks I was there I flew 50 hours in the Cessna 206. I also installed a new cylinder (part of my extra baggage) on the Cessna 182. Then I did the Annual Inspection on both airplanes. One of our MATA students, Christine McDonald, and her brother Ted are going to be counselors at Kako for the last 3 weeks of Bible Camp, June 20- July 11th. Christine will have a week or so at home before she and her dad Mark will get in their Cessna 150, (a 2-place airplane) and fly 1,500 miles to Oshkosh, Wisconsin.

While I was in Alaska my wife Elaine found out she has colon cancer. She will have

28 radiation treatments, and receives chemo into a vein in her arm via a portable pump that is going all the time. This has brought some major changes to our lives. So, I will not be going to Oshkosh and have cut back on time spent at the MATA hangar.

This year was my 8th year to go to Alaska to fly for Kako Retreat Center. The need for, and value of, missionary pilots were again clearly seen, along with the need to train more to carry on.

Gordon Bakke

Executive Director



Ready to fly the 70 miles home from Kako Bible Camp