



Isolated over 150 miles west of Fairbanks, Alaska, nestled along the mighty Yukon River, lies Kokrine Hills Bible Camp (KHBC). MATA has long been connected to Alaska, and many MATA students have had the opportunity to experience real-world missionary pilot training in "The Last Frontier." MATA's priority as well, is that instructors like myself stay proficient in "real-world flying." So, for three weeks in June, I served at KHBC flying MATA's Cessna 206, N39MP, up from Washington.

MATA's Director **Dary Finck** and I, along with several other Alaska pilots, picked up over 80 staff and 60 campers for the start of High School camp. This enormous task took three full days of flying! MATA's Chief Flight Instructor, **Jeremy Crowell**, arrived to replace me and flew several days to assist the beginning of Junior High camp. Jeremy and another instructor, **Don Belfils**, then flew N39MP back home. So, it really was a team effort! Along with the flights, I got to know the people at KHBC. I learned from them about the extremely hard life in the villages. For many of our high school passengers living in these remote communities, camp may be their only opportunity all year to hear the Gospel. **Every flight, then, can be seen as a critical lifeline, potentially saving lives and more importantly, souls!** Thank you for supporting this important MATA Alaska ministry!



Scan to watch a short Alaska Ministry video.

LOOKING AHEAD: 2026 MINISTRY EVENTS

Oct. 16-17

Missions Fest Seattle, Eastside Church, Bothell, WA

MATA will host a booth, conduct 3 youth field trip workshops, and present a seminar at this annual missions event, drawing many people from around the Pacific NW.

A reason to praise the Lord from a ministry event on August 23rd - Arlington Municipal Airport's "Airport Community Day"
MATA staff shared a booth with Child Evangelism Fellowship, reaching out to local people in the community, and shared, **"We can praise and thank God for two adults, a mom and dad, who yesterday went from darkness into a new life with Jesus! Angels rejoiced."**

Check out Facebook, Instagram, and our website for the latest updates and schedules.



Scan to visit the MATA website!



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MATA ANNEX BUILDING FUND

Permits are finally approved, and digging has begun at the new MATA Annex building! Current projects now in progress include: hooking up sewer, paving the parking lot, and installing new windows and siding.

The Lord has already provided over \$200,000 of the \$500,000 project goal! A gracious thank you to all who have already given so generously! We are trusting the Lord to provide fully for the renovation of this new facility, which will be used for:

- receiving international students for flight training
- additional classrooms and offices
- hospitality for our MATA student families
- Bible studies and other ministry-related events.

Call our office if you have any questions. To learn more and donate, please visit mata-usa.org/annex-building-project/. Contact MATA regarding stocks, bonds, and planned-giving donations.



— A Successful Summer Camp! —

From July 26-31, eighteen 14- to 18-year-olds experienced MATA's Mission Aviation Summer Camp. The days consisted of morning devotions, ground school, flights, and evening sessions where campers heard from missionaries and learned about the need for world evangelization and mission aviation. Next year's camp applications will be available in February 2027. Call MATA or see our website for more information.

"Thank y'all so much for this experience! It has made me pretty sure that I want to come back and train with MATA to become a missions pilot!" – summer camper





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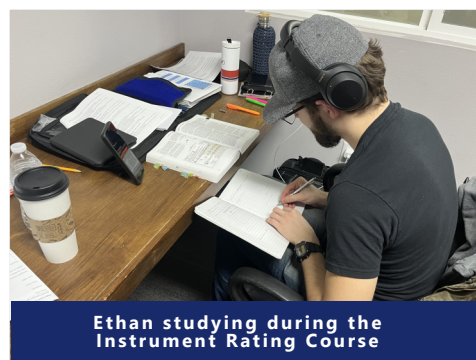
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STUDENT UPDATE

PREPARATIONS FOR A CHECKRIDE

*Pressure, stress, feeling like you never know it all - these are just some of the emotions and thoughts that accompany a flight student's preparations for a checkride with an FAA Designated Pilot Examiner. But for weeks and even months before that, a MATA student would have studied, done ground and flight lessons, and taken quizzes and stage checks - to assure they know the material and have the skills to proceed forward with the course. Then finally, after successfully graduating from the MATA course, they begin to prepare for the FAA checkride. This is just a picture of the requirements and the effort our students put in as they pursue the Lord's calling on their lives to become missionary aviators. **Please continue to pray for focus and perseverance for our students in their preparations for the mission field.***



Ethan studying during the Instrument Rating Course

STUDENT CONGRATULATIONS!

Part 141 Flight Course Completions

Ethan Edwards – Instrument Rating (July 1)
Ben Jones – Tailwheel Transition (July 8)
John Troyer – Certified Flight Instructor (July 9)
Zach Kupser – Instrument Rating (August 3)
Job Scroggins – Tailwheel Transition (September 1)

TE Prep Course Completions

Ken Huntsinger – Cessna 180 (June 29)
Don Belfils – Cessna U206 (July 24)

FAA Checkrides Passed!

Ken Huntsinger – Commercial Pilot Certificate (March 31)
Jeremy Crowell – FAA Part 141 Tailwheel Transition Course
Chief Flight Instructor (April 14)
John Troyer – Certified Flight Instructor (July 15)
Ethan Edwards – Instrument Rating (August 30)
Zach Kupser – Instrument Rating (September 11)



Ben Jones with instructor Vic



John Troyer with instructor Don



Ethan with instructor Vic



Zach Kupser with instructor Bryan

Certificates Converted: Australia (CASA) to USA (FAA)

Matthew Henderson, pilot with MAF in Arnhem Land, Australia, came to MATA in April and successfully trained to convert his Commercial Pilot License from the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) to the FAA credentials. He continues to serve with MAF.



Matt Henderson