



Jason M. Sims - Chief Pilot

Aviation and Engineering Technology enthusiast with 12+ years experience in large commercial planes, 6+ years as an aviator in general aviation, and over a year as a flight instructor. I strive for efficiency in processes, and improvement in safety and reliability. These are some of the key principles I bring into my role as Chief Pilot of the Red-tailed Hawks flying club, a member of the Black Pilots of America.

I started flying in 2012, with over 1000 flight hours, piloting single-engine aircraft including Cessna 152 & 172s, Piper Archers and Diamond DA40s. I also have 90 hours experience flying light twins like the Piper Seminole. In October 2018 I started transferring my knowledge and passion as a Certified Flight Instructor. I have accumulated 550 hours of flight instruction at Boeing Field, one of the busiest airports in Washington state, miles from Seattle-Tacoma International Airport.

My service with the Red-tailed Hawks started in 2015 as an adult mentor / pilot volunteer. We hold monthly meetings to educate and educate youth members to flight and aviation sciences and careers, and expose them to aviation history. During the summer months we include discovery flights at different airports around the Seattle area for members. This is growing and now includes a summer flight academy, which is an intensive 2-week solo camp for 4-6 selected youth who demonstrate talent to advance to solo and even potentially go for their private certification.

Again as a CFI it is critical for a successful flying experience for my clients and myself to use sound Aeronautical Decision Making (ADM) skills and safety in all aspects of flying, from weather to pilot physiology to airworthiness and pilot currency and readiness (IMSAFE check). I will carry these principles in my career as a CFI and Red-tailed Hawker, and further in my future endeavors.