

Barnstormer Aero
A division of
Light Flight Hot Air Balloons
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The year is 1942 and the world is at war. You step out of the jeep as it pulls to a stop on the flight line. With helmet and goggles in hand, you climb onto the wing of the airplane that will teach you the skills necessary to fly the Navy fighters of the day. You are one of 193,000 Cadets that will be trained as a pilot from 1939 to 1945.

While cadets looked forward to earning their wings, we offer you the opportunity to look back in time and experience a bygone era of flight. Biplanes bring to mind images of dogfights, barnstorming, aerial daring, and names such as the Red Baron and the Flying Circus. Climb into the front cockpit of our 1942 Navy N2S-3 Stearman primary flight trainer and feel what it was like to have the wind in your face and nothing but blue-sky overhead. Let the sound of its radial engine and the wind whistling in the wires transport you back in time. Whether you imagine yourself a World War I ace attacking out of the sun or a barnstormer landing in a wheat field outside of town, there is nothing quite like the thrill of open cockpit flight.

If the romance and adventure of vintage aeroplane flight appeals to you, allow us to introduce ourselves. We are Barnstormer Aero a division of Light Flight Hot Air Balloons, a full time, and full service charter flight company.

We have been flying for twenty-seven years without incident. Your enjoyment and the safety of the flight are our first priorities. Accordingly, our aircraft are certified, licensed, and inspected as required by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). Your flight will be piloted by an experienced and professional FAA licensed Commercial Pilot.

Flight Packages

- The Cadet's Flight..... \$125***
A twenty minute flight over Havre de Grace and the Upper Bay
- The Ensign's Flight..... \$175***
A thirty minute flight in the direction of your choice
- The Captain's Flight..... \$250***
A forty-five minute flight in the direction of your choice
- The Admiral's Flight..... \$300***
A personalized tour of an hour long flight in the direction of your choice

*Plus 5% Tax

General Flight Information and Frequently Asked Questions

Where do you fly from?

All flights depart from Harford County Airport (Aldino or 0W3) in Churchville, MD. The airfield is located approximately 2 miles off MD route 22 on Route 156, Aldino Road. Take I-95 north to exit 85, take Route 22 towards Churchville. Go approx. 3.2 miles and turn right onto Route 156. Go approximately 2 miles and the airfield will be on your left. You may park in the lot and meet us at the picnic tables. If you do not see the airplane it means that we have not returned from the previous flight. Have a seat and we will be with you shortly – the office located next to the picnic tables is Harford Air Service, which is not affiliated with Barnstormer Aero.

When is the best time to fly?

Flights may be scheduled any day of the week at a mutually agreeable date and time from May thru October. We only fly in the moderate temperature months for comfort reasons; remember it is an open cockpit! Passengers must call to schedule their flight. Morning flights are recommended over evening flights during the hot months as the cool, smooth air makes for a more enjoyable flight. All flights are by reservation and with greater notice there is a greater likelihood of getting the date that you wish. Generally, weekday's book several days in advance and week ends book one or two weeks in advance. All flights are first come, first served and based on unpredictable demand; do not hesitate to call on short notice, as we are often able to accommodate passengers. All flights are conducted weather permitting. If your pilot feels that flying conditions may be unsafe, we will reschedule your flight to the next mutually agreeable date and time. We hold days open each week to accommodate rescheduled passengers. Rain, threat of rain or storms, and forecasts for breezy, windy, or gusty conditions will be cause for rescheduling a flight. Poor visibility, and turbulence aloft can also postpone a flight.

Where will we fly and for how long?

Your flight distance and duration will be determined by the package that was purchased. You may upgrade your flight at the time you schedule your ride or at the time of flight, if the schedule permits. All flights of thirty minutes or more will permit the passenger to choose the direction of flight. Direction of flight is also dictated by airspace restrictions and prohibited areas. Your pilot will discuss your wishes and accommodate you within the confines of the Federal Air Regulations.

How many passengers can go?

One passenger may fly at a time. The airplane was designed for a student and an instructor. If more than one person wishes to fly, they will be flown individually on consecutive flights.

How do I dress and what should I bring?

Dress should be casual and comfortable for the wind and slightly decreased temperatures aloft. Fine clothing is not recommended as oil and lubricants are always present around old airplanes. A helmet and goggles will be provided – the silk scarf is optional. If you bring a camera it must have a neck or wrist strap that is used during the entire flight. Changing of film is not permitted in flight. The reason for this rule is that anything dropped into the belly of the airplane, be it a camera, film, or a film canister, is not easily retrieved and could possibly lodge in the controls! It is for safety reasons that we ask passengers to remove anything that could be easily lost prior to boarding.

Do you have gift certificates?

Gift certificates are available and ideal for birthdays, anniversaries, holidays, weddings, and any other special occasion. Certificates are valid for one year, May thru October, and permit the passenger to schedule their flight at their leisure. Flight packages may be upgraded at any time. It is truly a gift that the recipient will never forget. We accept personal checks and all major credit cards. We offer a complete selection of embroidered hats, shirts, sweatshirts and outerwear to accompany your certificate, if you so desire.

What about refunds?

Our refund policy is one of the most lenient in the business. Refunds will be made for six months after purchase, less 15%. Changing passengers, or transferring a certificate to someone else is permitted and there is no cost to do so. Canceling a scheduled flight with less than 72 hours notice, failing to show for a flight, or a late arrival that causes you to miss the flight, will result in the forfeiture of funds paid if we cannot find replacement passengers. The information contained in this brochure is subject to change without notice.

For more information, to obtain a gift certificate, or to schedule a flight call

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Let your imagination soar – Come fly with us!