

About your pilot



Capt'n Nick Baker was born in London, England, living his youth as any other future pilot - dreaming of flying like a bird. When he was 14 years old, he joined the Air Training Corps., as a cadet, where he trained on the DeHavilland Chipmunk. By age 17, Nick was fully engulfed by aviation and was now parachuting over the countryside of England. He earned his Private Pilot's license from High Wycombe Airport, in England, at age 22, before trekking over to America for a sightseeing tour.

What started out as a vacation, turned into a living reality. He traveled around the United States, meeting more aviation enthusiasts and friends, while sightseeing, parachuting, and flying planes. He couldn't resist the beauty and the opportunities of America and decided to make his home in California. Here, he worked two jobs at a time, to pay for his aviation training while he earned his instrument, commercial, and flight instructor ratings. At this time, he learned to fly the Waco UPF7 and the Stearman and became skilled at towing banners and gliders. He was still in his early twenties.

Throughout his 25 year career as a pilot, Nick has worked for various passenger and freight airlines, flying yesterday's older planes as well as today's newer jets. Currently he is employed by NetJet's Aviation, a share ownership corporation, which offers luxurious flights to an elite group of people, all over the world.

Nick's real passion, however, lies with yesterday's biplanes. He is often heard saying he wishes he had been alive during the early part of the 20th Century, when aviation was exciting and new. There's something about the sight of a tail dragger which brings a sparkle to his eye. This twinkle is reflected to his customers when he talks about the Tiger Moth. That's the first thing everyone notices when they take a flight with him.

Capt'n Nick began his Vintage Biplane Rides in 2002 at Cable Airport, after noticing an overwhelming amount of enthusiasm from spectators every time he took his restored 1940 Tiger Moth out for a spin. This particular plane has a famous history to it which initiates even more excitement. Cable Airport, the Daily Bulletin, and the nearby communities have been extremely supportive of Nick's efforts to keep the business running. He offers a novelty experience for all people seeking a memory of days gone by; or for people looking for a thrill to brighten up their day. Customers always go home with smiles on their faces.

Rides in the Tiger Moth



The DeHavilland Tiger Moth was first produced in 1931 as a light touring aircraft. Later in 1937, it was mass-produced in England for the Royal Air Force as a primary trainer. N523R was built in 1940 and stationed at RAF SYWELL, Northamptonshire for the duration of World War II. Sold to Deford Aero Club, it remained a trainer until 1966, when it was sold to [Cliff Robertson](#), who was in England for the filming of “633 Squadron”. Fully restored by Rollasons of Croydon, it arrived in the USA and was licensed in the standard category (N8EU). With Cliff’s numerous friends in aviation, this Moth was soloed by Charles Lindbergh and Buzz Aldrin. Cliff used this aircraft in many films, including “The Silver Streak” with Gene Wilder, and “The Aviator” with Christopher Reeves. Bought by its current owners, Nick and Susan Baker, in 1987, it was taken apart and fully restored by 1995. Nick is a professional pilot who has been offering rides in the Moth since 2002.

The Tiger Moth is a fully functioning time machine, which will give you a first hand account of how aviators flew with the Earth’s elements - unlike today’s air travel. Flying in the Moth requires an hour of your time and a sense of adventure, for an unforgettable experience!



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