

Utah's Leading Edge Aviation Awarded ABS Recognition

By Gary Thietten



Leading Edge Aviation (LEA), a full-service FBO servicing piston and turbine aircraft including maintenance and flight school at West Jordan (U42), is honored to be accredited as an ABS Center of Excellence. This designation assures ABS members that LEA upholds the highest standards for maintaining Beechcraft Bonanzas, Debonairs, Barons, and Travel Airs.



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In 2013, lead mechanic Huy Bui attended the ABS Maintenance Academy at the Beech Heritage Museum in Tullahoma, Tennessee. With LEA owner Scott Weaver's continued interest in providing outstanding service to area pilots, including several Bonanzas located on the field and maintained by LEA, Scott and Huy applied for ABS accreditation.

ABS provided the list of manuals and shop equipment required prior to an onsite survey. Upon confirming that LEA has the required items, ABS Lead Technical Advisor Bob Ripley visited May 19 to perform the audit. While there, Bob inspected several Beechcraft airplanes maintained by LEA and met with mechanics and staff to assure that Beech Barons and Bonanzas would be cared for in accordance with ABS standards of excellence. Bob also shared the many online resources ABS provides to assist mechanics.

Bonanza pilots and ABS members Tim Miller (A36), Gary Wimmer (F33A), and Gary Thietten (V35B) met with Bob and the LEA team during the visit. All three shared their personal experience that LEA provides outstanding service, and recommended and supported ABS Certification. Tim Miller, a seasoned LEA flight instructor, is a BPPP instructor as well. He received the AOPA Flight Instructor of the Year award in 2012. Tim has been a speaker at ABS events on safety and performance-related topics.

Utah's Leading Edge Aviation is ready to serve the Intermountain and Northwest regions with excellent ABS accredited services offering exceptional maintenance and pilot proficiency. They can be contacted at 801-858-0042 or www.leaviation.com.



Photo at left (from left):
Tim Miller, Huy Bui, Bob Ripley, Gary Wimmer, Bruce Tanis, Scott Weaver, and Gary Thietten. Aircraft in background is an F33A owned by Gary Wimmer.