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About Your Coach

Dave Jones LAA Coach



Dave started flying at 15 with the ATC, gaining his PPL just after his 17th birthday and even before passing his driving license.

Best described as a total aviation nut! He became a flying instructor ending up as Director of Flight Operations / CFI at Bristol Flying Centre and teaching Instructors to Instruct, during which time he became the UK CAA's youngest Flying Instructor Examiner (FIE) at age 30.

Left instructing to get into Corporate aviation – Fixed Wing Training Captain for Air Hanson then onto Police Aviation Services as their Training Captain, during which time he served in the Caribbean working with the DEA/Law Enforcement teams on illegal immigration and anti drugs missions. On his return he attended the short course at the International Test Pilots School (ITPS) at Woodford.

Day job is Chief Pilot with a Corporate jet company on worldwide operations, but really he is most happy when flying and teaching in the Stampe / Yaks / Stearman or teaching aerobatics / formation flying in his part owned Bulldog.

With over 17000hrs he is a Senior Examiner for the CAA, TRE/IRE / PPL Examiner / CRE and a strong advocate of Flight Upset training for pilots and runs practical courses on it. In January 2014 he joined the Yakovlevs display team flying the Yak 50 / 52