

Your Instructor, Dan Gryder



Dan Gryder, left, and a friend, pose in front of the DC-3.

When Dan Gryder isn't flying passengers around the world in 757s and 767s for a major airline, he can be found providing DC-3 flight instruction at his training center or shaking hands and offering DC-3 tours at air shows. He has over 11,000 flight hours and type ratings in numerous large aircraft. He's been a flight instructor for more than 25 years and holds the FAA designations of CFII, MEI, ATP GOLD SEAL CFI and AGI. He's also a really nice guy. After a major hurricane, he used his DC-3 to fly humane society animals from Florida to Atlanta where they could receive care.

Dan and his team of DC-3 experts operate one of the world's few DC-3 flight training schools, based near Atlanta. If you're looking for more than just an introductory lesson or two, Dan and his team provide complete pilot in command and second in command training. You may bump into Dan and his crew at your local air show. They help to promote aviation history and heritage by offering tours of the "Darla Dee" at special events around the country.

The DC-3 Adventure

Fly a legendary airliner over Atlanta. The Douglas DC-3 is the plane that made air travel popular. This isn't just a ride. It's a chance for you to take-off, fly and land a piece of aviation history. You'll be the one in the pilot's seat.

This incredible "left seat" adventure is available only to pilots and takes place at the country's premier DC-3 flight training facility. No special flight experience is needed. All you need is a pilot's license, a love of the DC-3 and a desire to learn what it's like to fly one.

Our introductory flight experience begins with a short briefing. Your instructor will cover starting, taxi, takeoffs, landings, checklists, and emergency procedures. Before you know it, you'll be ready to taxi an incredibly large multi-engine tailwheel airplane.

How large is large? The DC-3's wingspan is almost 100 ft. The plane can carry over 820 gallons of fuel and each engine oil tank holds almost 30 gallons of oil. On takeoff, she can produce over 2400 horsepower. The big girl is capable of carrying almost 5000 pounds of anything that will fit through the door and yet she needs just 3000 feet of runway.

We should warn you. Taking off is not as easy as it looks. (Don't worry. Our instructor will be sitting in the co-pilot seat to talk you through it.) Once airborne, where you go and what you do is pretty much up to you. Practice approaches, take-offs or landings or simply enjoy the view from a DC-3.



Questions & Answers

When is training available? Flights are offered several days each month and are available any time of year. Afternoons provide the best flying conditions.

Do I need to be a pilot? Yes. We will require a copy of your pilot's license as well as proof of US citizenship. If you are not a US citizen, we can help you to apply for clearance through the TSA. The application process for a non-US citizen can take 45 days or more and a fee is involved.

How much does it cost? We currently offer two great options. Our basic introductory flight program is \$2150 and includes a complete pre-flight briefing, approximately one hour of flight time and a souvenir Herpa model DC-3. Our more advanced program is \$4350 and features twice the flight time. You can bring along a non-pilot guest and the two of you and your instructor co-pilot will fly to lunch at a nearby airport. This package also includes one souvenir DC-3 replica made by Herpa.

What if I want more flight time or would like to get a type rating in the DC-3? Our team of DC-3 experts can provide you with all the training you need or want. Just let us know what you'd like and we'll get you the details and pricing.

Is weather a problem? Rarely, but we do suggest you have a back-up plan. If you cannot fly for any reason on your scheduled date, we'll reschedule you for another day.

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Our DC-3 "The Darla Dee"



Our DC-3 rolled off the production line in late 1938 and started her career with Swiss Air. She then made her way back to the US to fly for Ozark Airlines until 1974. It was then that she was converted to a freighter.

Today, she's known as the "Darla Dee" and owned and operated by commercial airline pilot Dan Gryder. (Note: Naming your airplane after your wife is a pretty smart thing to do.) The "Darla Dee" has all new engines, props, tires, brakes, control surfaces and a new state of the art avionics suite.

Our Home

Our DC-3 flight training and operations center is based at Griffin Spalding Airport, just south of Atlanta. Assuming traffic (there's always traffic in Atlanta), we're an hour's drive from Atlanta's Hartsfield Airport.

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"The only replacement for a DC-3 is another DC-3."

Author unknown

A Plane By Any Other Name...

World War II veterans and historians will remember the DC-3 as the C-47 "Skytrain". The military version of this incredible aircraft was used by Allied Forces to transport troops and supplies around the world. The plane nicknamed "the Gooney Bird" quickly earned a reputation as a reliable workhorse, capable of flying anywhere in any weather. The US Navy referred to the plane as the R4D and the British called her the Dakota. Still others called her the Skyrooper. By any name, she's an incredible plane.

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