

## 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 GOLD SEAL CFI, CFII, MEI, ATP 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 Herpa DC-3 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 safe and successful. This isn't just a ride. It's a chance for you to actually fly a piece of aviation history.

This incredible "left seat" adventure is open to both pilots and non-pilots and takes place at the country's premier DC-3 flight training facility.

If you're a licensed pilot, you'll be in the left seat for the entire flight and will be actively involved in both the take-off and landing of the DC-3. Because the DC-3 was designed as a two-pilot aircraft, if you are not a pilot, you'll start and end the flight safely strapped in the jump seat while two pilots are at the controls. Once safely airborne, you'll have the opportunity to move to the front of the plane for a lesson in what it's like to fly the famous DC-3. Coaching you from the right seat will be our FAA certified DC-3 instructor, Dan Gryder.

Our introductory flight experience begins with a short briefing. Your instructor will cover starting, taxi, takeoffs, landings, checklists, and emergency procedures.

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.



## Questions & Answers

**Do I need to be a pilot?** Only if you want to help take-off and land the DC-3. In that case, 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.

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

**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 PIC or SIC type rating in the DC-3?** Our team of DC-3 experts can provide you with all the training you need or want. Let us know what you'd like and we'll get you the details & 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.

**How can I be a sponsor?** If you'd like to join Herpa, Cessna, Incredible Adventures and Sarasota Avionics in sponsoring this great plane, call 800-644-7382.

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## The Herpa DC-3



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. She flew corporate for awhile before being converted to a freighter.

Today, she represents German diecast model manufacturer Herpa and other great sponsors (like Incredible Adventures!) at aviation events across the country. The DC-3 doesn't just sit and look pretty at air shows...she's a popular air show performer. The Herpa DC-3 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.

800-644-7382



*"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 a modified version of the plane as the R4D and the British called her the Dakota. Still others called her the Skytrooper. By any name, she's an incredible airplane.

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