

Training takes center stage.

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Yorkton Aircraft Service Ltd., December 2017 - At the 2017 NAAA Ag Aviation Expo, Thrush Aircraft elaborated on their Training Initiatives in support the Ag Air industry.

"Leaders promote their industry, not their product," Thrush Aircraft VP Eric Rojek remarked at his introductory comments at the Thrush Session on Thursday December 7 in Savannah Georgia. "We are pleased to tell you more about our training initiatives at Thrush as we firmly believe this is the best way to support our Thrush owners, pilots, maintenance people and the Ag Air industry as a whole."

Thrush already had a strong program in place. An FAA-Approved Advanced Simulator developed by Redbird was introduced in 2016 and is available to Thrush owners to brush up on normal procedures and practice in-flight emergencies. The news in 2017 was about taking this training to the next level. The Sim is now just one part of a full expansive course curriculum; three courses actually.



1. Familiarization Training - This 3-day curriculum familiarizes Thrush owners with their aircraft and its various systems. Ground work at the training center, sim time and flight time makes this course substantially more than a basic introduction. One seat to the course comes with every aircraft purchase.



2. Turbine Transition - This 5-day curriculum, again including ground, sim and flight training, is the most comprehensive of its kind in the industry. A dual control, dual cockpit is dedicated to this purpose at the factory.

3. Re-currency Training - This 3-day curriculum will help those getting back in the seat after they've been away from the industry or just help those that need more time. Emergency procedures is a big part of this course. What better place to practice than in an ag plane simulator!

"Thrush has brought Robert Garrett to our team to lead this training initiative," explains Eric. "Robert is a Certified Flight Instructor, has taught ag training courses over the years and is a current Ag Pilot. In fact, to get Robert to come onboard, we had to commit to release him every July so he could still crop spray ." This is an ideal resource available to any trainee. Canadian Thrush Dealer Cheryl Denesowych of Yorkton Aircraft is very excited about the depth of this initiative. "Being able to support our customers to this level is exactly the type of care and attention our company values. It takes a lot of commitment and resources to build an airplane. To also build a training program and offer this type of support after the sale is impressive. Thrush truly cares about the whole industry," comments Cheryl.



This isn't the only training Thrush offers. Earlier in 2017 Thrush launched a series of maintenance videos featuring Thrush's Customer Assurance and Support Team Member Kevin Pierce. These videos are available on the Thrush website. Additionally, Kevin speaks 4-languages so he travels the world for Thrush providing on the floor Thrush training to maintenance personnel in their own language.



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