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Monkey Business

by Josh Rittenberry



Jason Robinson's life has been deeply rooted in ag aviation from the start, all the way back to when his dad would babysit him in the cockpit of an airplane, hopping from airstrip to airstrip. That began a life enriched by the aerial application industry. Jason became a loader for his dad's operation at age 13. He was a private pilot at 17 and flying commercial at 18.

"Ag Schools were scarce at that time," Jason explains. "I was able to get my initial ratings, then I came back home where my dad started teaching me ag work."

But Jason didn't start out zipping across fields of his native Louisiana right away.





“It was crucial to my dad that I be a loader first. He always used to say that you’ve got to know the business starting from the ground up.”

That humble knowledge was valuable as Jason’s business ventures flourished in adulthood. After a brief stint in the railroad industry, Jason gravitated north to Illinois, where, “by the grace of God,” he says, he secured a pilot position with Holzwarth Flying Service.

After a decade of working for Chuck Holzwarth, Jason and business partner T.J. Graden established Graden Aviation in Polo, Illinois. Two years later, Jason acquired an operation in Fairfield, Illinois, playfully dubbing it Ag Monkey, a company he established in 2015, a name was inspired by an old saying attributed to his dad who claimed that he could teach a monkey to fly.

Aside from seasonal help, Jason and T.J. each have children who are involved as ground crew in their aviation operations. Important to Jason was the fact that this past season he was able to break in new ag pilots.

“There was a time when my dad used to say, 'Ag pilots are a dime a dozen,' meaning that you can find one on every street corner,” Jason recalls. “People don’t say that anymore. TheaAg community is much smaller, and we as pilots and operators have a duty to our industry to get more pilots trained so that what we do doesn’t become a bygone occupation.”





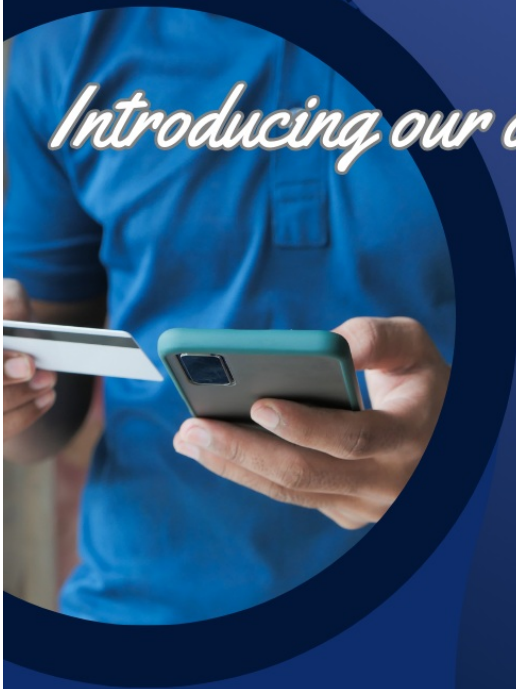
Jason sees that, despite hurdles and challenges, the future for ag aviation is bright.

“As long as good ag pilots are around and those pilots train other pilots to be good ag pilots, there will always be room for us all to grow and flourish.”

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