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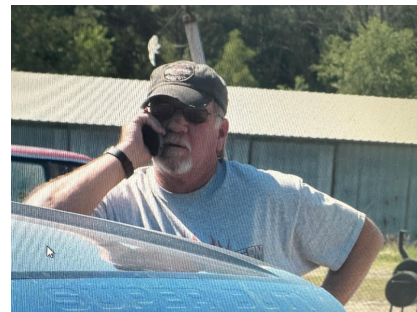
Go With the Flow

by JOSH RITTENBERRY



In 2008 two operations joined forces in west central Indiana to form a family aerial application business that is still thriving today.

Tyler and Karen Rice are the owners and operators of Bi-State Air in Veedersburg, Indiana. The couple established the business 17 years ago and partnered with Tyler's dad, Bill Rice, who had operated Bi-State Helicopters since 1980.



"I started learning the ins and outs of operating an aerial application business working and helping my dad, and I have been doing that ever since," Tyler recalls.

Bill Rice was a helicopter pilot from the start, flying ag since 1977 and working for various applicators, building time and experience until 1980 when he decided to start his own

business, Bi-State Helicopters, which evolved over the years from helicopters to fixed-wing airplanes.

Sadly, Bill Rice passed away from cancer in 2016, but his family continued the tradition of aerial application and has continued to grow its customer base each year.



Bi-State Air began with four employees in their ranks, but today they employ as many as a dozen during their peak season.

“We have great seasonable help,” Tyler says. “Our customers request them and look forward to the great work they do. We work hard all day and end each day with a home-cooked meal that Karen makes, and then spend quality time with our entire crew. We review the next day’s obligations, joke about the day at hand, and have a little fun mixed in when we can. Everyone who works here is important to us and is part of our Bi-State family. From our load crew to our pilots, our maintenance staff and office personnel, each person does their part to the best of their ability

and it keeps the wheels turning each day. We get asked a lot about how you can live and work with your family, but we don’t know any other way – it just works for us.”

In addition to aerial application, the Rice Family owns a small amount of their own farm ground, and they even pitch in to help other area farmers plant and harvest corn and soybeans.

As Tyler mentions, family is the force that keeps Bi-State Air functioning and moving forward. Not just blood family, but work family is just as valuable to them.



“We operate our flying service as a family with a family dynamic at the heart of it. Our longest employee has been flying for us since our very first airplane was purchased. He spends every season with us working and even living in our home. My wife, Karen, is our office manager, which she has done from the beginning. A few months after we got married, my dad simply asked her, 'Do you know how to use a computer?' And that’s where it began.”



Tyler and Karen’s son Dylan is also deeply involved in aviation. He is a private pilot working on advanced ratings who is also the company’s chief mechanic along with owning his own maintenance business which keeps him busy in the cold months.

“Our son started helping out around the airport as soon as he was able. His first job was to grease the tailwheels at the end of the day. He then started following our mechanic around every moment he could, and the rest is history.”

Dylan’s girlfriend has also been drawn into the fold, assisting Karen in the office and

working as their digital creator.

Tyler spends his days keeping the business operational, taking care of all the chemical inventory, making sure employees are taken care of, staging the various locations they fly from, and all the mundane details of a business that keep them operating but are necessary to its success.

“I don’t know another life. I grew up in this industry, my wife came into it with open arms, and we’ve raised our son in it. I hope we can continue for generations to come.”

A great deal has changed in the aerial application industry since Bi-State Air flung its doors open for business, most of all technology.

“Innovation, technology, and professionalism are at the forefront of our industry. Even since 2008, the amount of technology that has changed and upgraded is amazing, and it continues to grow. It evolves with each year and with each generation that gets involved in the industry.”

Despite changes and seasonal uncertainty, Tyler Rice and the rest of the Bi-State Air family takes everything in stride. “Just go with the flow. This industry is full of challenges, so take each day as its own, do your very best, and start fresh the next day.”



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2012 AIR TRACTOR AT-402B N402Z

4,602.3 A/F TT, 4,602.3 TT Engine, 750 HP, Smoker, Bottom Load Fuel, Bantam w/ Intelliflow, Nav Lights & Strobe, Garmin



2011 THRUSH S2R-T34 N7005B

6707.04 A/F TT, 750 HP, MVP-50T, Cascade Inlet, Aero LED Lights, Compro-Smoker, Vortex Generators, Single Point Fuel,



1953 BEECHCRAFT T34 MENTOR N234TU

7890 A/F TT, 996 TSMOH, King KMA 24 Audio Panel w/ Markers, Garmin GNC 250XL GPS/COM,

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Dual Cockpit/Single Control, Single Point Fuel, MVP-50T, A/C & Heat, Garmin G5, 3-inch Side Load System, 2-inch Spray System, Streamlined Aluminum Booms, Hopper Rinse System, HSBO Half Boom Shut Off/RBSO, GTX-327 w/ GDL82 (ADS-B Out), GTR 225, Large Lane Brake, 6 Blade Fans, CP-11 TT Nozzles, K10-65P1 AFS Check Valves, CP-06 Swivel Night Working Lights & Taxi, Leading Edge Lights, Smoker, Reabe Hopper Gauge, Aglaser Altimeter, Transland Spreader, LAD Valve Dry Brake, SS Steps, Fast Start, Tinted Windows, USB Charge Point, Move Hopper Rinse Fill, Cascade Pressure Cowl

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**1972 CESSNA A188B
N21673**

5648.8 A/F TT, 285 HP Continental, 3825.3 TT, 1003.6 TT STO, 1226.3 SMOH, 1069.4 SNEW Hartzell 3-Blade Prop, Garmin Comm, Garmin TXP, Boom Pump 3 Blade, Airframes Bolt-On Anti-Shimmy Dampener, Monarch Fuel Caps, AD 2009-19-07 & SB-MSB09-1A, C/W 8-24-2009, Replaced All 6 Cylinder Assemblies With New Parts



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