

Children appreciate first airplane rides

Staff Reports

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To the editor:

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Today, July 17, 2010, I rode in an airplane for the first time in my life. At the DeKalb County Airport today they were giving free airplane rides with experienced pilots and really sweet-looking planes.

My pilot, Mike William, had first flown a plane when he was 17 years old. He did spend a little while in the United States Air Force (USAF), but back in the early '90s he started flying airplanes again.

I would have to say it was a very exciting adventure and I encourage people to try flying. Although the first 2 minutes in the air are somewhat scary; you'll be surely amazed. I would like to thank Mike for the ride. Although it was a little cramped in there, I appreciate the ride very much.

Daniel Minnich, age 14

My name is Mikayli Bowen. I am 12 years old. I live in Lorain, Ohio. I am in Indiana visiting my aunt and uncle!

While I am in Indiana, I got to go on this airplane ride ... so I was with the pilot, his name is Larry Stone. He was the nicest man I have ever seen. While we were up in the air, he said, "If you get scared let me know and I will let you back down."

So while we were taking off I noticed us go up, up, and away. Then I started talking to him and I asked, "How long have you been a pilot?" He said, "I have been a pilot since 1996." Can you imagine being a pilot for 11 years?!?! Then I asked him if he was from Indiana and he said, "No I'm really not, I am from Wisconsin. So me and him talked a little and while we did that I noticed us going higher and higher ... and I was scared because I have never flown up in the sky like that before. But if I would have stayed on the airplane I think I would have liked it!! I love what you have taught me, Larry, and from now on I will stay on an airplane and not be scared!!

Mikayli Bowen

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High fives

Reader Rachel Bennett Steury sends a high five "to all those who coordinated the events at the DeKalb County Airport (on July 17). It is a great opportunity for kids to learn about flying and experience the county from the sky."

From reader Steph Kersten: High Fives to the Tri-State Steuben County Municipal Airport for the awesome event with the hot air balloons, Angola Balloons Aloft. You managed to pull off a great feat, from organized traffic flow to a dazzling air show!

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