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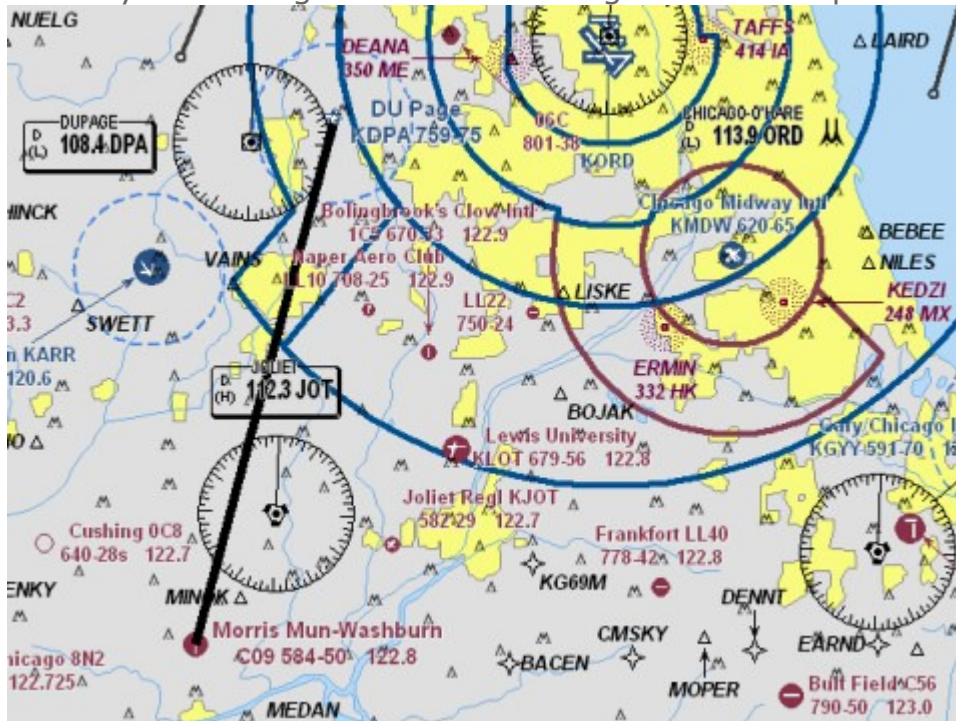
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Subject: Jonathan's First GA Flight

Today was a FUN day for this father and his 3-year old son. I took Jonathan up for his FIRST-EVER General Aviation flight in a small airplane. He absolutely LOVED it (which won't be a surprise to anyone already familiar with Jonathan's "addiction" to everything aviation). Here's a handful of pictures from the day's event...

Originally, we had planned a longer flight -- flying out to see my friend Nick and Morris Airport, my friend Lance at Kankakee Airport and then over to Indiana -- but we had to cut it short because Jonathan was chilled, feeling ill and bored with my socializing at our first landing at Morris Airport...



Here we are arriving at our point of departure -- Dupage Airport (KDPA) -- non-pilots and terrorists KEEP OUT!!! ;-)



Here's our aircraft of choice today -- the venerable Cessna 152 -- nicely equipped with new, high-performance prop, GPS and newly rebuilt engine (which meant several restrictions on motor usage during the break-in period)...



While I performed the obligatory preflight inspection of the aircraft in the 31-degree temperatures, Jonathan waited in the warmth of the truck (smart Co-Pilot)...



Jonathan snuggled into his car-sear and harnessed into the right passenger cockpit seat...



Father Pilot and Junior Co-Pilot ready for takeoff...



Just 1.5 miles from the airport is our neighborhood; so before departing to the South on our route the controllers were gracious enough to allow me to orbit the "hood" while we shot photos of our home (single-handedly flying aircraft and shooting photos is an interesting challenge)...



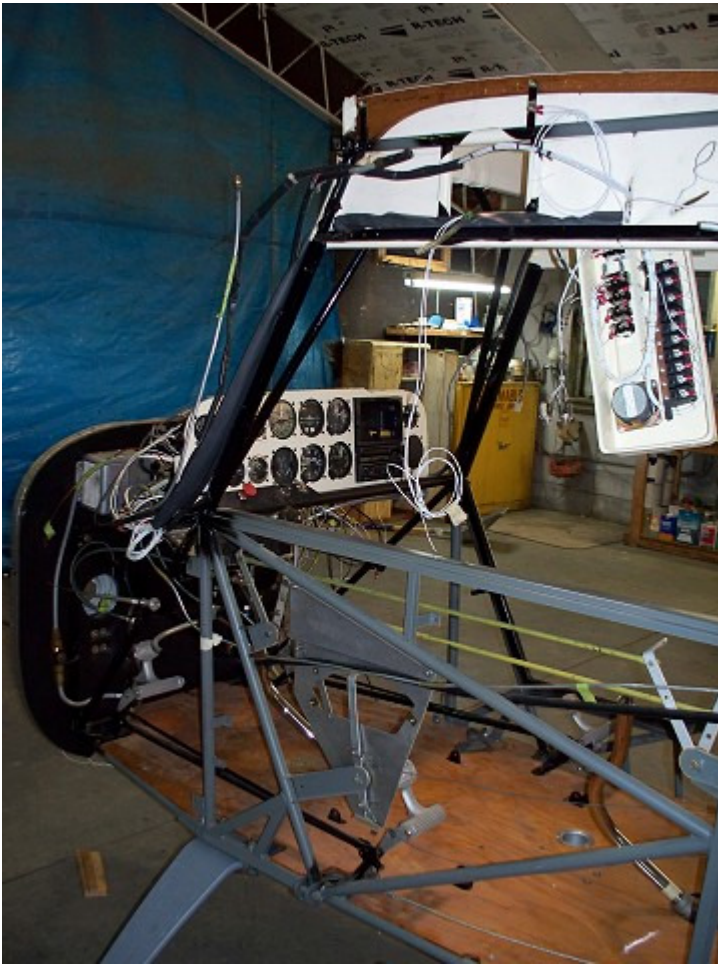
Can anyone spot our house? You Florida folks should enjoy seeing the frozen water and snow remnants...



Jonathan fell asleep while in-route; he awoke just as I shutdown the engine just as I parked in-front of Morris Airport's humble FBO office...



We chatted with my good friend Nick (an instructor for Blue Sky Aero) who was assisting the local A&P Mechanic on a problematic electrical system on a Cessna 172 XP2. Jonathan loved seeing the fully-aerobatic Citrabrias parked in the hanger too (which Nick says he's "gott'a take me up"); including this one under MAJOR overhaul...



Jonathan was chilled and wasn't feeling the greatest, so we didn't linger too long at Morris Airport and promptly flew back to Dupage Airport. Yes, he fell asleep AGAIN on the return flight; but when he awoke after parking the aircraft, he said: "Dad, my favorite part is taking-off and seeing all the little houses. Let's do it again!" PRICELESS!!!



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