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Dominion Aviation Services Has Proud Hawker Beechcraft Tradition

On a bright summer morning in August, 19-year-old Ann Gordon "AG" Mickel made a smooth landing at the Chesterfield County Airport in Richmond, Virginia. With a triumphant smile and a sigh of relief, she had just accomplished a milestone; her first solo flight! She taxied to the ramp at Dominion Aviation Services, greeted by a beaming welcoming committee; her parents, Margaret and Mike, sister Blair and even their two Labrador retrievers. It turns out, AG makes the third generation Mickel to solo, the second to do so on this very runway. Her dad, Mike, did the same on his 16th birthday 34 years ago and has been flying ever since.

Flying and Beechcraft products seem to be part of the Mickel DNA. It has even shown up in the dogs, according to Mike, who says that Boomer, the older of the two Labs, loves to climb into the family's Baron for frequent flights to Florida. "I may be the biggest Beechcraft fan in the country, but he's probably a close second. That dog loves to fly," Mike explains.

As the President and CEO of Dominion Aviation Services, a company he founded in 1983 as an aircraft management and charter firm, Thomas T. "Mike" Mickel, Jr. (pronounced Michael) can make a strong case for being one of, if not the most loyal of Hawker Beechcraft



customers. He started Dominion Aviation while still a senior in college with the acquisition of his first airplane, a Beechcraft Baron 58. He recently retired it from commercial service with 11,500 hours on the Hobbs meter but stated emphatically, "I'll never sell it. There are some things in life that you can never part with."

He built his business operating almost the entire line of Hawker and Beechcraft products, including Barons, King Air models 90, 100, 200, 300, 350, numerous Hawkers, and his new favorite, the Premier IA. In addition to the other

"Hawker Beechcraft Global Customer Support understands that we have to have our airplanes in the air to make money; we can't do that if they're sitting in a hangar. They've consistently done what it takes to get them flying."

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