

Stinson 108 Aircraft for Rent and/or Instructors  
available to give flight instruction in Stinsons  
<http://www.westin553.net>  
By Larry Westin - 09/07/97  
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When I needed to take my Biennial Flight Review a few years ago, I had considerable trouble locating a competent instructor. The last instructor who signed off my BFR was not available so I called a couple local FBO's. My first two calls showed that local instructors had no idea what a Stinson was, nor did they even have a tail wheel qualification. Earlier a visitor to my Homepage, Dave Shotsberger, asked about the availability of Stinson's for rent, so I decided to provide what information I have.

I am not connected with those on this list, but it is provided so you may perform your own inquiry.

This is a list of Fixed Base Operators who have a Stinson available for rent and or instruction. Also included are instructors with Stinson experience and available for instruction. List is in alphabetical order by country. At the end is a section on Stinsons on floats for rent!

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**\*\*\* AUSTRALIA \*\*\***

**\*\* NEW SOUTH WALES \*\***

David Roe  
Albatross Aero Club  
Nowra, New South Wales (about a 2 hour drive south of Sydney)  
Stinson 108-3

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**\*\*\* CANADA \*\*\***

**\*\* ONTARIO \*\***

Goderich Flight Centre, Goderich, Ontario, at (519)524-7301.  
and  
Wingham Flight Centre, Wingham, Ontario. Contact Dave Thomas, CFI (that means chief flying instructor in Canada) at (519) 357-4999.

Each rent the same Stinson 108-1 for \$80, Canadian per hour.

My thanks to Neil A. Macdougall <tern@sympatico.ca> for this entry.

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**\*\*\* UNITED STATES \*\*\***

**\*\* ARIZONA \*\***

Dan Butler <cheetah1@mindspring.com> reports Tailwheels and More are no longer in business. My thanks to Dan for this information. Updated 2/2/02.

Tailwheels and More  
Allen Steffey  
Prescott, Arizona  
Has a beautiful 108-3 that they rent for (I believe) \$59/hr wet.  
(520) 771-2825  
You can read about them in the 1/97 issue of Plane & Pilot.  
My thanks to Rod Wagoner <rwagoner@primenet.com>  
Librarian, Short Wing Piper Club

**\*\* ARKANSAS \*\***

Tony Palesotti  
103 Tara Court  
Searcy, Arkansas 72143  
1948 Stinson 108-3  
Phone home 501-268-7480, work 501-268-2473  
CFI - ASEL, AMEL, ASES, MEL, Instruments Airplanes, Helicopter

**\*\* CALIFORNIA \*\***

Michael D. Boolen  
Commercial Pilot, Flight Instructor  
Whiteman Airport  
Pacoima, California  
(818) 834-3972

Joe Dexter  
10497 Alta Mesa Rd.  
Wilton, Ca 95693  
Phone (916) 687-4767  
CFI, does tail wheel checkouts and BFR. Holds, CFI II MEI AI ATP, about 14000 hrs. I charge from \$30 up depending on the type of instruction/check ride needed. Owns Stinson 108-3 N604C.

\* \* FLORIDA \* \*

Kevin Holcomb  
2225 82nd Ave SW  
Vero Beach, FL 32968  
772-794-5424  
ksholcomb@mindspring.com  
<http://www.airminded.net>

CFI available for instruction in your aircraft. I can provide tailwheel checkouts, Flight Reviews, transition training or ferrying of aircraft. Available evenings/weekends. Will travel for expenses.

Stinson 108 N420C is not currently available for rent.

Added 6/14/03, updated 8/30/03

\* \* KANSAS \* \*

Micki Shetterley  
913-856-4039  
816-547-5572  
Gardner Flight School, at K34 Gardner Kansas does flight instruction in Stinsons. She has the necessary ratings and time in type. But they don't have a plane, but at least two are based at the airport.

My Thanks to Ken Davidson, Stinson 4118C, for providing this information. Added 06/29/07.

\* \* MAINE \* \*

Tom O'Connell  
222 Ridge Rd.  
Wales Maine Airport – ME6  
04280  
Phone (207) 933-4725  
Cell (207) 754-1372

Long time instructor, provides checkouts and instruction in the Stinson.

Added 6/14/03

\* \* MICHIGAN \* \*

Terry Hawn  
7590 Peninsula Drive  
Traverse City, MI 49686  
(231) 929-4996

Terry Hawn owns a 108-3 which is on floats in the summer and he is also a rated CFI.  
Current ratings: Commercial: Airplane- single and Multi engine land, single engine sea.  
Rotorcraft- Helicopter,  
Instrument: Airplane and helicopter, Certified Flight Instructor:  
Airplane- Single and multi engine, Rotorcraft-Helicopter  
Instrument-Airplane

\* \* NEW JERSEY \* \*

Andover Flight Academy  
[www.bushflying.com](http://www.bushflying.com)  
Andover-Aeroflex Airport (12N)  
Northern New Jersey.

They have three instructors that all have tons of Stinson time:  
John Tremper (my primary instructor, he is also an A&P/IA that works on Stinsons),  
Damian Delgaizo (owner of the flight school), and Chris Schaffner

My thanks to Christina Young <[christi5@ix.netcom.com](mailto:christi5@ix.netcom.com)> for providing this information.  
Added 10/19/03.

\* \* OKLAHOMA \* \*

Available for BFR's in Stinsons  
Stillwater, Oklahoma  
Phone number is 405/377-2086.  
Stephen Lewis Beck

\* \* PENNSYLVANIA \* \*

Eric Lunger  
CFI at the Mifflintown, PA Airport  
My thanks to Tom Wolfe <[dpf@epix.net](mailto:dpf@epix.net)>, for providing this name. Added 3/17/02.

\* \* TEXAS \* \*

Dalton's North Texas Aero (52F)  
817-961-0272  
Barry Lane  
CFI-I, MEI

We have a 108-1 for rent! It is available at either of our locations: Denton (DTO) or Northwest Regional (52F). N8614K "Rosebud" still flies like a dream.

Added 8/6/03

\* \* WASHINGTON \* \*

Brian Thompson  
Explore Aviation LLC  
PO Box 11223  
Yakima, WA 98909

(509) 457-0556  
brian@exploreaviationllc.com

Experienced tail wheel instructor with a Stinson 108 available for instruction or rent.

Added 03/17/07

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**Stinson 108 on Floats**

SEATTLE SEAPLANES  
1325 Fairview Ave. E., Seattle, WA 98102  
206-329-9638 / 1-800-637-5553  
Fax: 206-329-9617  
info@seattleseaplanes.com  
<http://www.seattleseaplanes.com/>

My Thanks to Bob Steelhammer <pilot@us.ibm.com> for this info. Added 10/17/99.

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**Fly Safe!!**

If you know of a FBO who rents Stinsons, or know of an instructor competent in the Stinson, please provide the information for inclusion on this list.

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Tehachapi, California  
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