

MEMBER MONDAY

Bismarck Aero Center



OVERVIEW

Bismarck Aero Center is your one-stop destination for all aviation needs. Located in the heart of North Dakota, they have a full-service, 24hr FBO, and the region's largest Maintenance and Avionics shop. They also provide heated/cold hangar space, flight instruction, aircraft rental, and pilot services.

Coming up on 30 years in aviation, they pride themselves on providing #1 customer service, 24hrs a day, with NATA Safety 1st certified staff. Everyone gets the red-carpet treatment when visiting Bismarck, ND!

Mission

It is the mission of Bismarck Aero Center to be the premier aviation services provider in the upper Midwest by being perceived as a valued problem solver within the aviation business industry.



History

Bismarck Aero Center was founded in 1990 as Aircraft Management Services (AMS) by Bob Simmers and specialized in aviation consulting, specialized flight training, aircraft storage, and pilot services.

In 2002, Bob partnered up with long time Director of Maintenance, Mike Aarestad, and expanded operations to include aircraft maintenance and repair. This was a defining moment, allowing the company to build strong relationships based on Bob and Mike's reputation as trustworthy professionals within the aviation community.

Then, in 2006, they continued to diversify by forming an Avionics department. With the Limited Repair Station Certification from the FAA, they offer avionics sales and repair. Additional hangar and office space was also built to accommodate their growing customer base.

The biggest change came in 2008 when they became Bismarck's newest full-service FBO and changed their name to Bismarck Aero Center. The facility offers customers both Jet-A and 100LL fuel, a pilots' lounge, courtesy cars, concierge services, 20-minute quick turns, and other great amenities.

Bismarck Aero Center has eight hangars and three offices in Bismarck, ND, and also has a sister company called Mandan Aero Center that has two hangars and one office in Mandan, ND.



"We pride ourselves on making sure that we have 100% NATA trained individuals fueling aircraft each and every day. Also, all our maintenance technicians go through at least 12 hours of training each year. We want all our customers to know that they are trusting their investment with well-trained people. NATA helps us get that message out and keeps challenging us to be better and safer."

*- Jon Simmers
CEO*



Giving Back

This fall is a big one for Bismarck Aero Center. They are having their 9th Annual Bismarck Fly-in and 3rd Annual Props and Hops fundraisers. The Fly-in raises money for a local nonprofit providing speech therapy to kids who are unable to afford it. The Props and Hops event, hosted in at the Mandan Airport in Mandan, ND, raises money for people in the local aviation community that have taken on a financial hardship. In the first two years, they were able to donate over \$10,000 to individuals battling cancer. Bismarck Aero Center takes giving back to the Bismarck/Mandan community and the aviation community very seriously. It is key to their core values to be a good steward for the industry that they are so passionate about.

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