

FAMED ACTOR LORENZO LAMAS LOVES ULTRALIGHT FLYING

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Actor Lorenzo Lamas is best known for his roles in the television series Falcon Crest, and The Renegade. Someday he may be known as an ultralight instructor.

Lorenzo took his ultralight lessons in a Quicksilver GT-500 at Torrance Airport, in southern California. His instructor, Jon Thornburgh, noted that Lorenzo was an exceptionally adept student. "This was probably due to his familiarity with machines, such as the motorcycle that he rode in The Renegade. He is also a race car enthusiast."

On his introductory flight Lorenzo fell in love with flying. Within a few weeks he soloed the GT-500. He was smiling from ear to ear when he taxied in from his solo flight. An audience of students and well wishers offered their congratulations, and took photographs.

After his training in the GT-500, Lorenzo continued taking flying lessons in conventional aircraft, and earned his Private Pilot's license. As a testament to his enthusiasm for flying, he recently bought a beautiful Piper Archer.

Lorenzo may have the opportunity to put his flying skills to good use. He has just returned from Costa Rica, where he filmed the first shows of a new TV series, called Air America. The show will be a derivative of the flying done by the real Air America pilots in Southeast Asia during the Viet Nam war.

There may be scenes in Air America in which Lorenzo will be able to actually pilot the aircraft used in the series. Lorenzo hopes that the series will be successful and have a long run on television.

If his filming schedule permits, Lorenzo may be able to obtain his Basic Flight Instructor's license, in order to teach ultralight flying to his lovely wife, Shauna. Even though Lorenzo is now a Private Pilot and owns a Piper airplane, he still loves ultralights, where his passion for flying originally started.

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