

LGB Business Partner Spotlight: Steven J. Meng, Long Beach Aero Maintenance

We're pleased to shine this month's Business Partner Spotlight on Steven J. Meng, owner of Long Beach Aero Maintenance at Long Beach Airport. The entrepreneur—a licensed airframe and powerplant mechanic (A&P) with an inspection authorization (IA) certificate—worked for Gulfstream for more than two decades before focusing full-time on his own business. Meng says Aero is a one-stop-shop for first-rate aircraft maintenance.



Q: Can you please tell us a bit about your company?

A: Long Beach Aero Maintenance was started as a side business helping to maintain a flight school in Long Beach as well as a few private customers. We have steadily grown into a five-employee company serving several flight schools and many private customers. We do annual inspections, 100-hour inspections, routine maintenance, sheet metal work, avionics limited installs and interior work.

Q: What do you enjoy most about working at LGB?

A: I love Long Beach Airport for several reasons. I like how it's relatively small, compared to airports like John Wayne and LAX. I love the rich history of the airport—many times, I have read all the historical items upstairs in the old terminal about Earl Daugherty and early aviation; I have also enjoyed hearing stories from a few of my old-timer friends about the days when Lockheed Constellations would fly into the airport. And I love flying out of Long Beach in my Cessna because LGB is close to the ocean and many other airports are nearby to fly to.

Q: Can you please tell us a bit about yourself outside of work?

A: I am married to the love of my life, Sheena, and we live in Garden Grove with our four children: Grace, 12, Logan, nine, and seven-year-old twins Levi and Londyn. I love seeing my kids grow and being able to expose them to the many wonders of California. I also love finding forgotten airplanes and rescuing them—I like to restore them to like-new condition, and I've structurally rebuilt three aircraft in the last 15 years. I also love to fly general aviation aircraft to new places.

Q: Is there anything else you'd like to share?

A: I'm just glad to have the opportunity to be where I'm at, doing what I do. This is my passion. I'm hopeful to be able to keep doing this for the next 20 years or so.