

Master Pilot Award  
Lowell M. Cornell Jr.

Lowell Cornell Jr. first flew at Hillsgrove Airport on February 28, 1954. This was the same day that his father, Lowell Cornell Sr. also began flying. As a matter of fact, it was not only the day that they discovered the wonder of flight, but the day they found a wonderful and lasting bond between Father and Son.

Lowell Jr. soloed on March 19, 1954 in a Piper J-3 Cub at Hillsgrove.

He earned his Private Pilot Certificate on December 31<sup>st</sup> that same year.

Lowell's father also earned his Private Pilot certificate in 1954. From then on, they continuously flew together.

The Cornells owned and flew several different airplanes over the years, among them: a Piper Tri-Pacer, a Cessna 180, and a Beechcraft Bonanza.

Lowell purchased a Cessna 172 Skyhawk on August 9, 1988 that he still flies to this day.

Now retired from his job with the State of Rhode Island, he can be found each morning, tending to his airplane or "in conference" with a group of regulars at SkyLANES Flight School at North Central Airport.

Lowell Jr.'s fifty years of involvement with airports and airplanes is a testament to his love of flight. In fact, his freshly painted Cessna still displays the manufacturer's innovative logo: "Freedom is Flying".

In a letter of recommendation for this award, one of Lowell's contemporaries described him this way: "One who is always eager to teach all that he knows, and one who remains committed to learning all that one can about our avocation. He genuinely embraces, and I might add, abundantly exudes the spirit, romance and adventure of aviation; as it should be".

We are proud to present the United States of America, Department of Transportation, Federal Aviation Administration, Wright Brothers "Master Pilot" Award to Mr. Lowell Mason Cornell Jr.