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Stallion 51 offers a wide range of opportunities with the TF-51D Mustang and T-6 Texan.

STALLION 51 WILL CREATE A FLIGHT EXPERIENCE DIRECTLY FOR YOU

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We all know that Stallion 51 can offer just about any experience possible with the famed Mustang. However, did you know that Stallion 51 also offers a broad palette of other flight experiences that will satisfy even the most hardened aviation enthusiast?

Stallion 51 is internationally known for making memorable Mustang memories while also making an individual's P-51 dreams a solid reality. Stallion 51 also offers a variety of delightful experiences with the immortal North American AT-6 Texan — the famed training aircraft that paved the way to the P-51 cockpit for USAAF student pilots.

Stallion 51's renowned *Orientation Flights* are "hands-on" experiences — whether it is the Texan or the Mustang. What does this mean? Well, the experience includes a pre-flight briefing that tailors the orientation flight to the individual's experience, expertise, and expectations.

Then there is a walk-around of the particular aircraft conducted by one of Stallion 51's skilled instructors that will present new facts to even the person that thought they already knew everything about these historic machines.

It is then time to mount up, get into the cockpit, strap in, and close the canopy. The *Orientation Flight* encourages the participant to do 95% of the piloting — being talked through every step by the instructor.

While airborne, there is a three-camera system that captures all the action and memories of the flight.

The post-flight briefing utilizes the video of the mission, which is then presented to the participant. Also included is a certificate of completion, an autographed photo of the aircraft utilized for the flight, and a log-book entry if applicable.

The P-51 Mustang *Front Seat Transition Training* is another

hands-on opportunity for pilots to take the controls of the Mustang from both the fully operational rear cockpit before transition to the front cockpit.

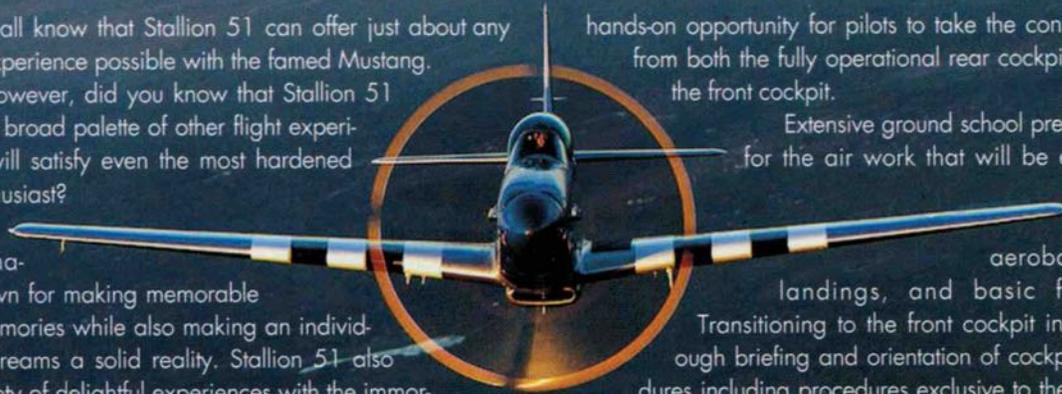
Extensive ground school prepares the participant for the air work that will be executed during the instructional flight that will include aerobatics, touch-and-go landings, and basic flight maneuvers. Transitioning to the front cockpit includes another thorough briefing and orientation of cockpit lay-out and procedures including procedures exclusive to the front cockpit including engine start, taxi, takeoff, normal and emergency procedures. For every hour of flying there is approximately three-hours of ground school that give the pilot a depth of understanding on what the Mustang is capable of doing.

The *Mustang Check Out Training Program* is a specialized course designed for the owner/pilot or potential owner/pilot of the P-51 or similar high-performance aircraft. The program is endorsed by the FAA, major aircraft insurers, and is widely respected by members of the aviation community.

Check out training familiarizes the pilot with aircraft systems, normal and emergency procedures, basic flight maneuvers, slow flight, high performance maneuvering, loss of controlled flight, stalls, and an emphasis on takeoff and landing proficiency. It is highly recommended that the pilot have T-6 and/or other tailwheel experience before

starting the check out training course. Of course, Stallion 51 can help with acquiring with the needed T-6 tailwheel experience.

Stallion 51 has been a leader in WWII aviation for almost 30-years offering high quality orientation and check out training flights. Located in scenic Kissimmee, Florida, further information is available by going to the website at www.Stallion51.com or by calling 407-846-4400 or by emailing mustang@stallion51.com.



Stallion 51's TF-51D *Crazy Horse* has introduced hundreds of pilots to the thrill of Mustang flying. (M. O'Leary)