

Mark A Schlaefli

CERTIFICATES & RATINGS

Airline Transport Pilot – Rotorcraft Helicopter (ATP)
Flight Instructor – Rotorcraft Helicopter, Instrument Helicopter (CFI, CFII)
Part 135 Check Airman – EC-130, AS350B2/B3, BHT206L4, R66
Company Flight Instructor & Maintenance Test Pilot EC-130, AS350, BHT206L4, R66
OEM Factory Training – H130, H125, B206L4
No incidents, Accidents or Violations.

FLIGHT EXPERIENCE

Total Time Rotorcraft Helicopter – 3,500

EXPERIENCE

Rushmore Helicopters, Badger Helicopters, Black Hills Aerial Adventures, Dakota Rotors

April 2021 - Present – Owner, President, Director of Operations

Responsibilities include the daily operation and management of 5 companies providing helicopter flight services both Part 91 and Part 135. Bases of operation in South Dakota and Montana. Strong safety program management, administration, program, and staff development along with detailed record keeping duties. Provide training and development for pilot and administrative staff with a focus on safety and customer service.

Redding Air Service (Part 133, 137, 135 Operator)

August 2020 – April 2022 Chief Pilot

November 2023 – Present Director of Operations

Responsibilities include the daily management and exercise of operational control for 13 aircraft engaged in utility operations to include powerline construction, human external cargo, fire suppression and wildlife survey. Train, manage, and ensure all pilots were current and qualified. Extensive record keeping and documentation.

Sundance Helicopters (Part 133, 135, 137 Operator)

August 2014 – August 2020 – Director of Operations

February 2014 – August 2014 – Chief Pilot

Responsibilities include the daily management and exercise of operational control for up to 29 helicopters, 1 fixed wing aircraft and 60 pilots operating from three bases in Nevada and Arizona. Manage business development and expansion projects to include risk assessment, yield management, training, and strategy implementation. Managed a staff of 126 team members and 6 direct report managers.

Papillon Grand Canyon Helicopters (Part 135 Operator)

July 2010 – February 2014 – Chief Pilot Nevada

Positions held include Lead Pilot, Training Director, Assistant Chief Pilot, and Chief Pilot. Responsibilities included the recruitment and hiring of pilots, initial and recurrent training on both the EC-130 and the AS-350, serving as check airman for EC-130 and AS-350 airframes and general operational supervision.

VOLUNTEER WORK

Helicopter Association International (HAI) – Assistant Chair, HAI Board of Directors

Tour Operators Program of Safety (TOPS) – Past Chair, Current Board Member

Heli-Success Career Development – Speaker/Mentor since 2011