

# MEMBER MONDAYS

## Aberdeen Flying Service



### OVERVIEW

Aberdeen Flying Service (AFS) is a third-generation, full-service FBO in Aberdeen, SD, offering charter and pilot service, flight instruction, aircraft maintenance through our certified FAA 145 Repair Station, car rental, and aircraft storage.

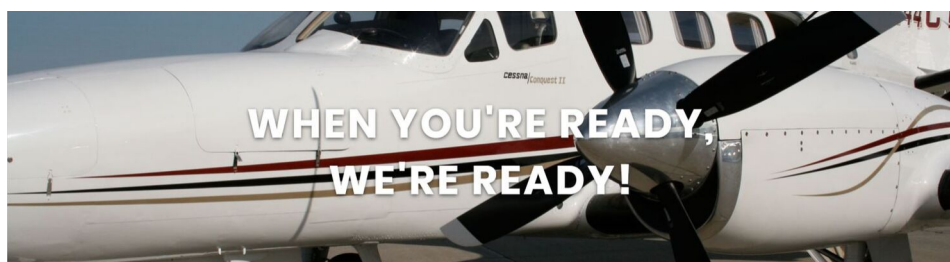
As a leader in the region for flight instruction and aircraft maintenance, Aberdeen Flying Service (AFS) focuses on safety, personal and professional growth for its employees, and promotes a keen sense of teamwork.

AFS believes “what’s in a name” truly matters: Service. The entire AFS team works each day to make local customers, visiting aircraft, and everyone in-between feel welcome and a part of the family.

AFS offers world-class air transportation services through its part 135 charter operation. Its aircraft and pilots are standing by in Aberdeen, SD and Bismarck, ND for any of your charter needs.

### Mission

Aberdeen Flying Service strives to consistently perform safely and to exceed customer expectations.



## History

Originally established in 1946 by the late James L. Caven, this third-generation company is proudly managed by Mark A. Caven, his son Charles P. Caven, and his wife Janna Caven.

AFS has recently reinvested its permanent footprint in the community with the construction of an 18,750 sq. ft. corporate hangar. The hangar is 125-feet by 150-feet and houses private corporate jets, transient aircraft, as well as the Avera Health Careflight helicopters. The hangar door opening clearance height measures 23' 6" and is constructed of 6 bottom sliding, top-guided portions.

Third-generation owner and company president, Charles P. Caven, is a graduate of St. John's University and holds an airline transport pilot certificate. "We are honored to house the Avera team and offer around-the-clock resources."

Second-generation owner, Mark Caven, also a St. John's alum, has worked at AFS for almost 50 years. "We are dedicated to our community and we take the trust our customers place in us to get them to their destinations, both safely and efficiently, very seriously. I believe our level of service is unmatched and is the exact reason why aircraft owners, passengers, transient travelers, and customers continue to do business with us."

"Our flight crews are professionally trained and required to pass FAR 135 check rides every 6 months to ensure the highest levels of safety to our passengers. Our number one goal is to provide a convenient, comfortable, and, most importantly, safe means of transportation for you to anywhere in the contiguous United States and Canada."



*"The reason we are still strong after 73 years is due to the gracious, efficient, and personable service we provide."*

*- Mark Caven, Owner, Aberdeen Flying Service*



## Visit

Visit Aberdeen Flying Service's gorgeous, brand new corporate hangar in Aberdeen for your next trip to South Dakota. Whether you are traveling for the pheasant hunting season that opens on October 19th, or for other business, AFS is prepared for both small and large transient aircraft!

*"We joined NATA because it is the only organization that helps support organizations such as ours: aviation full-service FBOs. We have been a member for over 50 years. NATA has always provided information that is both timely and relevant and they also provide endless educational opportunities for our company. As our industry is always changing, it's invaluable to have a resource dedicated to our day-to-day actions."*

*- Mark Caven  
Owner  
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