



Drone For Hire

Unmanned Aircraft Systems

Drone for Hire Receives Permission from the FAA to Operate Commercially.

Modesto, CA – Locally owned Drone for Hire received permission from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to operate as a commercial enterprise. The company can now offer cost-effective aerial photography solutions in the areas of precision agriculture, construction, real estate, and research.

According to company founder Thomas Davis, “We received an exemption from the FAA that allows us to legitimately offer our services to the public. Drone for Hire actually helped set FAA safety and operation standards for civilian use of drones in the United States. This sets us apart from other companies that claim to offer drone services because other companies may not possess the same federal safety and operations clearances we have.”

Precision agriculture involves the assessment of farming variables such as the rate of evaporation, soil variations, and rates of crop production. The company has worked with local farmers in order to fine tune its offerings and determine best practices for the use of drones in agriculture. For example, Drone for Hire has used visual, thermal imaging, and near-infrared cameras to provide actionable information for the farmers.

In another area of specialization, Drone for Hire has used its unmanned aircraft systems in order to document local industrial construction projects. This is a type of documentary filmmaking called construction chronology. One such project involved the building of a 400-foot-long skyway for the bottle manufacturing division of a well-known international winery in Modesto, California.

The company began as an idea to bring drone technology to the local farming community. Starting in 2010, Mr. Davis began to develop and refine unmanned aircraft systems (drones) and their application to agricultural processes. “We built our first drone in 2012 and began an extensive research and development process in order to design, construct, and refine the aircraft we use. We also continued to identify ways in which the drones could be used to help farmers optimize crop yields.”

Drone for Hire owner Thomas Davis grew up in Mariposa, California, where as a teen he worked on the family ranch. His father, a now-retired commercial flight instructor and air traffic controller, spurred his interest in aviation. Davis worked as a computer programmer and software engineer for over 20 years before starting Drone for Hire.

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