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EAA Learn to Fly Week - May 13 – 17, 2025

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Join us on May 13 - 17 for EAA Learn to Fly Week! Expert flight instructors and representatives from aviation organizations will present free and interactive webinars to help jumpstart your flight training journey.

Topics covered include how to get started in flight training, tips for saving time and money in flight training, preparing for the FAA written exam, examiner tips for passing the check ride, and much more!

EAA Online Webinar Schedule

REGISTER FOR WEBINARS AT www.eaa.org/LTFWeek

Tuesday, May 13, 2025

- 1:00 pm Stop Dreaming and Start Flying – Flight Training First Steps
- 2:20 pm Kick Start your Flight Training with Virtual Flight Instruction
- 4:00 pm How to Save Time and Money in Flight Training
- 5:30 pm Aircraft Options for Flight Training and Beyond
- 7:00 pm Maximizing Your Flight Training with FAA Approved Simulators

Tuesday, May 14, 2025

- 1:00 pm Navigating Pilot Certificates, Medical Requirements, and Privileges
- 2:30 pm Learning to Fly with a Flight Simulator
- 4:00 pm Pass Your Checkride (Part 1 of 2) – The Oral
- 5:30 pm Getting Started Soaring
- 7:00 pm Pinch Hitter Preview – Progressing from Passenger to PIC

Wednesday, May 15, 2025

- 1:00 pm How to Pass the Private Pilot FAA Written Test in Less Time
- 2:30 pm FAA Medical Certification and You
- 4:00 pm Pass Your Checkride (Part 2 of 2) – The Practical Exam
- 5:30 pm Getting Started in Helicopters
- 7:00 pm Pilot Your Future: Making a Career in Aviation



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EAA “Learn to Fly” Resources: eaa.org/learntofly

START with EAA’s [Step by Step Guides for Private, Sport, or Ultralight](#)

Medical Questions? [EAA Pilot Medical Resources & Aeromedical Advisory Program](#)



EAA’S videos!

Prepared available as a benefit of membership.



ADS-B Weather 101
Automatic Dependent Surveillance-Broadcast
Datalink Weather

SPORTY’S Learn to Fly Video Tips Library – over 80

especially for EAA members, this library of flight training tips is [LOGIN to eaa.org to access these courses for FREE.](#)



Aerodynamics of a Wing Stall
Discover the critical angle of attack



Class E Airspace
Requirements for flying in this Controlled Airspace

QUICK COMPARISON: Restrictions and Privileges

There are three basic pathways to becoming a pilot in the U.S.: You can become a full-blown Private Pilot, you can get there a bit faster and cheaper by becoming a Sport Pilot, or you can fly on your own as an Ultralight Pilot.

	Private Pilot	Sport Pilot	Ultralight
General Description	Carry more passengers and fly more types. Most versatile certificate.	Recreational flying for you and a friend, no medical certificate required.	Fun flying, low and slow. Simplest and most inexpensive way to fly.
Minimum Training Time	40 hours	20 hour ^a	No legal minimum
Passengers	No limit ^b	1	0
Max. Aircraft Speed	No limit ^b	138 mph (120 kts.)	63 mph (55 kts.)
Max. Aircraft Weight (Land)	No limit ^b	1,320 lbs	254 lbs (empty)
Max. Aircraft Weight (Sea)	No limit ^b	1,430 lbs	254 lbs ^d
Fly at Night	Yes	No	No
Instrument Flight	Yes ^c	No	No
Multiengine Aircraft	Yes ^c	No	No
Pilot Certificate Required	Yes	Yes	No
Medical Certificate Required	Yes	No	No

a - Minimum times vary by aircraft type.

b - Larger, higher-powered aircraft may require an additional certification known as an individual type rating.

c - Additional rating required.

d - Excluding floats and safety equipment.



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Tests Required	Written, practical, oral	Written, practical, oral	No
Local Flight Instruction and Aircraft Rentals – Fixed Wing*			
Bode Aviation www.flybode.com Double Eagle II Airport (AEG). Email: aero@flybode.com Aircraft rental: Cessna 150 (100HP) \$125/hr +tax; Cessna C172R 160HP/C172S 180HP \$195/hr +tax CFI: \$75/hr for ground or flight instruction Discovery Flight \$135 + tax			
Del Sol Aviation www.delsolaviation.com Albuquerque Sunport (ABQ) Rick Preston 505-242-2701 or 505-207-4184 fly@delsolaviation.com Aircraft rental: Cessna 172 \$169 - 186/hr CFI: \$65/hr Discovery Flights available.			
Kirtland Aero Club www.kirtlandflightcenter.org https://kirtlandforcesupport.com/aero-club/ Kirtland Flight Center, Albuquerque Sunport (ABQ) 505-846-1072 Cost info from 4/2023. Aircraft rental: T-41C Mescalero (210HP) \$118 - 152/ hr including Block Rate & XCountry discounts CFI \$43/hr for flight; \$30/hr ground instruction Initiation Fee \$50. Need base access. Monthly Dues \$25. Discovery Flights \$195/hr			
New Mexico Trikes www.newmexicotrikes.com at Double Eagle II Airport (AEG) Frank Dempsey 505 269 5075 ulwing@newmexicotrikes.com Flight Lessons available.			

Membership Flying Clubs – Fixed Wing*	
Crossroads Flying Club www.crossroadsflying.com A/C: Piper Lance (300HP), C170B, Cessna Hawk XP	High Desert Flyers Association Aircraft: RV12 Info: Scott Harness scottpharness72@gmail.com
20 Awesome Flying Club Aircraft: Cessna 172 Info: Paul Carbin 505 312 5278	

Gliders and Helicopters*	
Albuquerque Soaring Club www.abqsoaring.org Moriarty Airport (OE0) Email: See CONTACT US from website. Member glider rentals available. Initiation fee and monthly dues. Glider rental \$13 – 40/hr + tows. CFIs volunteer their time.	
Merlin Aviation https://www.merlinaviation.net Moriarty Airport (OE0) Contact Whitney Van Brink info@merlinaviation.net or phone (505)226-5556. Aircraft: Puchaez two place glider and Pawnee tow plane Offering instruction, rides, and tows. Operating out of the hangar that was Sundance Aviation on the west end.	
Vertical Limit Aviation www.verticallimitaviation.com Albuquerque Sunport (ABQ) 505 831 4354 Aircraft: R22, R44 Helicopter tours, Discovery flights available. NM sights video: https://youtu.be/VinnTU1LdRo	



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Independent Flight Instructors – Fixed Wing*

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Double Eagle II (AEG), Albuquerque

CFI: Instructs with “Crossroads” and “20 Awesome” Flying Clubs or your aircraft. Tailwheel transition training

***NOTE 1 - Definition:** CFI is a commonly used abbreviation for “FAA Certified Flight Instructor”

***NOTE 2 - Disclaimer:** This information was assembled in good faith at a point in time. *Data may not be current and is subject to change by the various operators.* Providing this info does not imply endorsement by EAA Chapter 179.

Aircraft Access - During training and beyond

Sole ownership	Own the aircraft. You insure, hangar, and maintain it. You always have access.
Partnership 2-4 people	Own the aircraft with 1-3 others. Owners share the cost to insure, hangar, and maintain it. You share access with other owners.
Flying Club (6+ members)	You and 5+ others belong to a club that owns the aircraft. Club members share the cost to insure, hangar, and maintain it. You share access with other members. May be up front fee to join.
FBO's, Flight Schools, independent instructors	Book the airplane and rent when you want to fly. You may purchase renter's insurance.

Interested in forming a Flying Club? [Flying Club Resource Center | EAA](#)

Typical Minimum Flight Time to Private License

Flight Experience (in hours, minimums)	Part 61
Solo Flight Time	10
Solo Cross Country	5
Dual Instruction	20
Night Flying	3
Cross Country	3
Instrument Instruction	3
Total Time	40
Cross Country Distance	100 nm in 1 flight
Night Take Off/Landings	10