



# AAMRO AVIATION NEWSLETTER

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# ABDULLAH'S AVIATION JOURNEY

My name is Abdullah Faisal Y. Hakami, and I am from the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. I was raised in a family with a strong sense of duty, discipline, and leadership. Coming from a well-respected military background, my upbringing was shaped by values such as commitment, responsibility, and perseverance. My brothers always dreamed of joining the Saudi military, inspired by my father, General Faisal bin Yahya Hakami, whose career left a lasting influence on our family. While I hold great respect for that path, my dream from an early age took a different direction—I aspired to become a pilot.

Aviation captured my interest at a very young age. The idea of flight, precision, and responsibility fascinated me, and over time, it became a clear goal rather than just a childhood dream. I began my aviation journey in South Africa, where I enrolled in a flight school and dedicated myself fully to my training. During that period, I learned valuable lessons not only about flying but also about discipline, patience, and resilience. Although circumstances prevented me from completing my licenses there, that experience strengthened my determination rather than weakening it.

Despite the challenges I faced, giving up was never an option. I believed strongly that every setback is part of the journey, not the end of it. With renewed focus, I began searching for the best flight training opportunities in Florida, places known for high standards, professionalism, and a strong learning environment. That search eventually led me to AAMRO, a decision that would become a defining moment in my aviation career.

Joining AAMRO marked a major turning point in my life. From the first day, I noticed the professionalism, structure, and supportive culture that set this organization apart. The instructors, staff, and training environment continuously push students to improve while maintaining the highest standards of safety and discipline. Being part of AAMRO has allowed me to grow not only as a pilot but also as an individual who values teamwork, responsibility, and continuous improvement.

I am proud to say that I have successfully earned my Private Pilot License (PPL), an achievement that represents years of dedication and perseverance. I am now working toward completing my Instrument Rating (IR), a milestone that brings me one step closer to my long-term goals in aviation. Each flight, lesson, and challenge continues to shape my skills and confidence.

I would like to express my sincere gratitude to AAMRO for providing such a professional and motivating environment, and for playing a significant role in helping me turn my lifelong dream into reality. I would also like to extend my deepest thanks to my family for their constant support, encouragement, and belief in me throughout this journey. Their guidance and trust have been a major source of strength, especially during the most challenging moments.



**Abdullah Faisal Y. Hakami**

“ To anyone pursuing a dream—especially in aviation—my message is simple: challenges and setbacks are not signs to stop, but lessons to grow stronger. Stay patient, stay disciplined, and never lose sight of why you started. With determination, the right environment, and belief in yourself, no dream is out of reach. ”

## SUCCESS STORIES: CELEBRATING OUR LATEST ACHIEVEMENTS

At Aamro Aviation, we celebrate the remarkable achievements of our students who successfully cleared their checkrides this month.

### COMMERCIAL MULTI-ENGINE



Congratulations to Zach Zanft on passing his Commercial Multi-engine checkride!

### COMMERCIAL PILOT



Congratulations to Hunter Hannaman on passing his Private Pilot checkride!

### COMMERCIAL PILOT



Congratulations to Danny Moynihan on passing his Private Pilot checkride!



Congratulations to Natasha Epps on passing her Private Pilot checkride!

## CERTIFIED FLIGHT INSTRUCTOR INSTRUMENT



Congrats to Matt Thompson on passing his CFII checkride today!

## CERTIFIED FLIGHT INSTRUCTOR



Congratulations to Coral Quillin on passing her CFI checkride!

## FIRST SOLO ACHIEVEMENT



Congratulations to Savannah Hill on completing her first solo!



# TESTIMONIALS

*“ Great school and great staff. Liz was helpful and kind.  
Joseph was a very knowledgeable and amazing teacher. ”*

**-- Wilmer Rodriguez**

*“ Booking with Aarmo Aviation provided an exceptional  
customer service experience, thanks to Roberto and Pilot  
Ryan. Their professionalism and dedication were evident,  
making the journey memorable and reinforcing my  
anticipation of seeing them succeed as commercial pilots. I  
eagerly look forward to flying with them again and  
witnessing their continued growth in their aviation careers. ”*

**-- Kellen Kash**

## CREW CORNER



**-Matt Calise**

### About the Author

Matthew Calise is a South Florida native who has been with Aamro Aviation since June 2021. Born and raised in West Palm Beach, Matthew's passion for aviation took flight in his childhood and continues to soar today. Matthew's deep roots in the local community and dedication to aviation education make him a valued member of the Aamro team.

From an early age, I knew I wanted to be a pilot. Growing up, my parents would bring me to the airport every Saturday to watch and photograph airplanes taking off and landing. As a kid, if I wasn't at the airport taking pictures of planes, I was playing on my flight simulator at home.

I took my first discovery flight when I was twelve, and that validated to me that being a pilot was what I wanted to do. Just a month after I graduated high school in 2020, I flew to Birmingham, Alabama, where I stayed with family as I worked on my Private Pilot License. After six weeks, I earned my license and came back home to finish the rest of my training. This was when Aamro came into the picture.

This will be my fifth year working at Aamro. I've had a front row seat to watch the company grow. When I started, we had three Cessna 172N aircraft. Fast forward to today, we have over 15 airplanes and the newest fleet in South Florida. During my tenure with Aamro, I've obtained my IFR, Commercial, Multi, and soon CFI. Over the years, I've had many different responsibilities here, but one remains constant: ensuring our customers have the best experience possible and taking care of the team. It's a lot of fun knowing that I get to go to work every day with some of my best friends, and that we help train the next generation of pilots.

If you have flown with us or currently fly with us, thank you for trusting us with your flight training. I think I speak for everyone at Aamro when I say it's a privilege and honor to be able to train you.

**If this industry has taught me anything, it's understanding that it takes a village to succeed and we're all one big family. I'm excited to see what the future holds!**

# NEWS UPDATE

## NEW YEAR, NEW FLIGHTS: WE'RE BACK!

Happy New Year from Aamro Aviation! The holiday break is over, and we're excited to welcome everyone back to the skies. Our instructors are refreshed, our aircraft are ready, and 2026 is shaping up to be our biggest year yet!

## South Florida's Newest Fleet

Aamro Aviation maintains the newest, most modern training fleet in South Florida. From our state-of-the-art TECNAM to our brand-new Piper Archers, we're giving students the best possible training experience with state-of-the-art equipment.

## Your Aviation College

Think of us as your aviation college – with better views and classrooms that have wings! Whether you're pursuing a professional pilot career or fulfilling a dream of learning to fly, we're here to guide you. With experienced instructors, a diverse fleet, and two convenient locations at KLNA and F45, you're joining the Aamro family.

Ready to fly in 2026? Stop by either location, give us a call, or visit our website. Let's make this your year to soar!



# CELEBRATING OUR JANUARY BIRTHDAY CREW

This month, we're celebrating our fantastic team member who made another trip around the sun! Join us in wishing a very happy birthday to:



**Carlos Fernandez   Katerina Polenz   Zachary Rogers   Stefano Santonico**

Here's to another year of excellence and dedication!

## AVIATION QUIZ

**From cockpit to clouds - let's see if you're ready to take flight!**

### 1. What does "NOTAM" stand for?

- a) Notice Of Tactical Air Movement
- b) Notice To Airmen
- c) Navigation Operating Technical Air Manual
- d) New Operations Terminal Air Message

### 2. What is the transponder code for "lost communications"?

- a) 7600
- b) 7500
- c) 7700
- d) 1200

### 3. During a spin, which control input helps recover the aircraft?

- a) Pull back on the yoke
- b) Apply opposite rudder
- c) Add full power
- d) Bank into the spin

### 4. What is the standard temperature lapse rate in the atmosphere?

- a) 2°C per 1,000 feet
- b) 3.5°F per 1,000 feet
- c) 5°C per 1,000 feet
- d) 1°F per 1,000 feet

### 5. What does the term "crab angle" refer to?

- a) The angle of attack during landing
- b) The heading correction for crosswind
- c) The bank angle in a turn
- d) The pitch attitude during climb





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Some Aamro Aviation Merch?  
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- ✈️ **T-shirts:** Perfect for casual days or under your flight jacket
- ✈️ **Cups:** Because your coffee should fly first class too And so much more!



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### AVIATION QUIZ: Answers

1. b 2. a 3. b 4. a 5. b

### HOW DID YOU DO?

- 0-2 correct: Keep learning!
- 3-4 correct: Well done!
- 5 correct: Expert level!



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*The Aamro Aviation Team*

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