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THUNDERSTORM SEASON: FLYING SMART IN SOUTH FLORIDA SUMMERS

South Florida summers have a rhythm to them. Cool, clear mornings that open up the sky, and dramatic afternoon buildups that remind you just how alive the atmosphere really is. From May through September, this is your flying environment — and once you understand it, it becomes one of the most rewarding places in the country to build real pilot skills.

PLAN EARLY, FLY SMART

The pilots who thrive in this environment share one habit: they plan ahead. Morning departures, continuous weather monitoring, and a clear game plan for every afternoon flight. Checking the forecast once isn't enough — but with the right preparation, South Florida summers offer some of the best flying you'll find anywhere.

WHY THIS PLACE MAKES BETTER PILOTS

There's a reason pilots who train in South Florida are comfortable anywhere. Weather awareness gets built into every lesson here — not as a precaution, but as a skill. The summer sky demands your best, and it delivers experience you simply can't get anywhere else.

IT BUILDS FASTER THAN YOU THINK

Florida convection is impressive. A cumulus cloud at 10,000 feet in the morning can develop into a full cell with lightning and wind shear by early afternoon. The sea breeze convergence between the Atlantic and Gulf coasts fires up reliably each day, with activity over the Palm Beach area typically peaking between 2pm and 6pm. Learning to read that cycle is part of becoming a complete pilot.

RESPECT THE DISTANCE

The FAA recommends 20 nautical miles of separation from any active cell. Datalink weather is a great planning tool, but it runs a few minutes behind reality. Use it wisely, give storms the room they deserve, and the sky stays yours.

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 Bryan Philbert on passing his Commercial Multi-engine checkride!

COMMERCIAL PILOT



Congratulations to Matteo Magliozzi on passing his Commercial Pilot checkride!

INSTRUMENT RATING



Congratulations to Aamro's own, Liz Miller, on passing her Instrument Rating checkride!



Congratulations to Philip Batchelor for passing his Instrument Rating checkride!

PRIVATE PILOT



Congratulations to Regal Marley on passing her Private Pilot checkride!

CERTIFIED FLIGHT INSTRUCTOR



Congratulations to Nikita Pandelos on passing his CFI checkride!



Congratulations to Aamro's own Matt Calise on passing his CFI checkride!

FIRST SOLO ACHIEVEMENT



Congratulations to Abdulrahman Alalkami on completing his first solo!



Congratulations to Kade Finrock on completing his first solo!

TESTIMONIALS

“ What a great experience from start to finish! Highly recommend Joseph! He thoroughly went through the entire flight process and what to expect. Professional and friendly pilot experience . It was a great way to celebrate our 13th wedding anniversary . HIGHLY RECOMMEND ”

--Stephanie Kasica

“ I gave my husband a 45-minute flight with them, a Discovery Flight. He hadn't flown in 43 years. Our instructor, Terry, was a very polite and kind young man; thank you, he enjoyed it immensely. I booked by phone and everything went perfectly, the sky and wind was beautiful . ”

-- Maria Ruiz

CREW CORNER



-Sean Murray

About the Author

Sean Murray is a Flight Instructor based out of North Palm Beach County General Aviation Airport (F45). A Marine Corps veteran, he began flight training while attending Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University and earned his Bachelors in Aeronautical Science, re-igniting that childhood dream of becoming a professional pilot.

As a kid, I would always look out the window of the plane in amazement that flying was even possible. Especially during the landing, when the flaps were extended and the spoilers would deploy, exposing all of the internal components. I thought that was the coolest thing and would turn to my mom and tell her that I was going to be a pilot someday - she always gave the ole "sure honey."

Some years later I found myself answering a higher calling and joined the United States Marine Corps. I served as an Infantry Machine gunner (0331) with 3rd Battalion 2nd Marine Regiment, in Camp Lejeune North Carolina. Although I love flying, I will still say it was the best job I ever had. Upon my exit from the Marines, I quickly started school at Riddle in Daytona for the UAS program with plans to get into military contracting, but my friends took me on a flight and it was game over - I wanted to be a pilot again.

After graduating from Riddle and earning all of my ratings through CFI, I decided to move home to look for a job flight instructing. After a little over four months of sending resumes and constantly making cold calls to flight schools all over the country, I decided to earn my CFI-I rating with

AAMRO being taught by none-other than the famous Stefano Santonico. Shortly thereafter I started working for AAMRO.

I am going into my second year of working as a Flight Instructor and I can very much say that I am proud to work here. AAMRO provides an environment for pilots at all levels to learn and grow, even at the instructor level. For that I am truly grateful. I am also grateful for the incredible people I have the privilege of working with: everyone from my fellow instructors to the office staff and management. The people I get to share the sky with are what makes AAMRO home and them my family.

One last thought: the Marine Corps core values are Honor, Courage, and Commitment; these core values can be brought into not only your training but into your careers as well. Honor: have honor in everything you do - it shows dedication, trust, and dependability. Courage: have the courage to ask questions, make mistakes and own up to them, and hold yourself to a higher standard. Commitment: this is the spirit of determination and dedication that leads to professionalism and mastery of your craft... master your craft and hone your skills as aviators - you owe it to yourself and to those you fly with.

Semper Fidelis.

AIRCRAFT SPOTLIGHT:



Cessna 172S Skyhawk: built for the cockpit that matters most

The Cessna 172S Skyhawk isn't just the world's most popular training aircraft — it's where professional habits begin. At Aamro Aviation, our 2023 fleet is fully IFR equipped, taking students from first flight through Commercial certification in a single, capable platform.

The cockpit

Fitted with the Garmin G1000 NXi glass cockpit and GI 275 standby display, the 172S puts students inside a real-world avionics environment from day one. The GFC 700 digital autopilot adds exposure to coupled approaches, altitude preselect, and flight director guidance — skills that matter long before the airline interview.

TAA qualified

The 172S meets FAA Technically Advanced Aircraft requirements, meaning students completing their Commercial certificate at Aamro are doing so in an aircraft that satisfies the most current regulatory standard. One platform, full qualification.

Performance

Powered by a 180-horsepower Lycoming engine with a cruise speed of approximately 124 knots, the 172S delivers honest, predictable performance — responsive enough to develop aircraft control, stable enough to build confidence.

CELEBRATING OUR MAY 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:



Jeffrey Hernandez

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 "Vy" represent in aircraft performance?

- a) Maximum structural cruising speed
- b) Best angle of climb speed
- c) Best rate of climb speed
- d) Maximum flap extension speed

2. What is the primary purpose of trim in an aircraft?

- a) To increase engine power
- b) To relieve control pressure so the pilot doesn't have to hold constant force
- c) To slow the aircraft during descent
- d) To control fuel mixture

3. When flying under VFR, what does "see and avoid" mean?

- a) Using radar to spot other aircraft
- b) The pilot's responsibility to visually scan for and avoid other traffic
- c) ATC's responsibility to separate aircraft
- d) Flying only in daytime conditions

4. What is "Vne" in aircraft performance?

- a) Best glide speed
- b) Normal operating speed
- c) Never exceed speed
- d) Maximum flap extension speed

5. What is "density altitude" and why does it matter?

- a) The altitude shown on your altimeter; it affects fuel burn
- b) The altitude above sea level; it affects landing distance only
- c) Pressure altitude corrected for temperature; it affects aircraft performance
- d) The height above ground level; it affects communication range



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AVIATION QUIZ: Answers

1.c 2.b 3.b 4.c 5.c

HOW DID YOU DO?

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



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