

KCAM Instruction Program

This program encompasses the selection of candidate instructors, the development of a suggested training course and a means of notifying the club of the completion of a training regimen for members, both new pilots and new members with previous experience.

Members new to the hobby shall receive a sound safety education, ground school to include basic aerodynamics and plane setup, and flight training. The flight training shall pursue the suggested training course.

New members with previous experience shall be treated individually based on depth of experience and instructor observation and evaluation. At a minimum, field safety rules shall be pointed out and discussed with said member by an instructor.

When a new member is determined to be qualified, the evaluating instructor shall notify the Secretary so the roster can be updated to remove the SP (Student Pilot) notation from the member's name. The back of the membership card shall be initialed by that instructor to denote qualification so the member cannot be challenged at the field. Once an updated roster has been published, there will be no further need for the annotated membership card for subsequent years of membership.

Flyers visiting our facility shall be interviewed by any members present to determine capability. This should include an evaluation of the visitor's equipment and verification of a current AMA membership.

The attached training checklist is offered as a tool for the student and shall not be retained by the club upon completion of the training.

Instructor selection

Instructor candidates shall be selected from the general membership based on the candidate's agreement to participate in the instructor's program and the recommendation of two or more members of the current instructor pool based on knowledge and observation of that candidate's flying performance and abilities. All additions and deletions to the instructor pool shall be managed by majority agreement of the current instructors.

TRAINING GUIDELINES

A good student should use the following guidelines to pursue soloing his airplane:

Have your instructor check the airplane to ensure everything is flight worthy, test fly the airplane and perform and explain dynamic trimming.

Basic aerodynamics, preflight airplane trimming, engine starting and tuning.

Safe taxiing of his airplane.

Straight and level flight in both directions parallel to the runway.

Right and left turns.

Figure eights at a constant altitude.

Ascending and descending 360° turns.

Power-on and one power-off stall.

Recover from unusual attitudes.

Aborted landings with safe and smooth recovery.

Attempt to learn airborne rudder turns.

Dead stick landings (engine need not be stopped).

Read and understand all KCAM and AMA safety rules at all times.

Please understand, these are suggestions and our various instructors emphasize different ones of the suggested items.