



Blue Sky News!

Welcome New Member Amy Hepner, who is working on her Private Certificate with Mike Bernier! There are Chicago sectionals available in the office issued the end of October. The new Class B airspace change is depicted. Remember the old ATC610 desktop simulator? I know of one for sale! Email me and I will forward the seller's info! cindy@blueskyaero.com **MERRY CHRISTMAS!!**

Myth Bustin' Exploring 20 Aviation Myths

<http://www.planeandpilotmag.com/proficiency/pilot-skills/myth-bustin.html>

I Have My Instrument Rating!! Now.... What Do I Do With It?

You worked hard, invested time and money, and your Pilot Certificate now includes "Instrument Airplane"! Time goes by....the charts expire, skills get a little rusty, and when the opportunity comes to actually be able to use those skills on a marginal VFR day many don't feel prepared or confident to make that flight. Many pilots face this dilemma, and look for efficient, cost-effective ways to stay current. **There are two forms of "current": The FAA minimums and your own.** FAR 61.57(c) says you must do the following (AND LOG) in either actual or simulated conditions within six calendar months prior to your flight (i) Six instrument approaches.(ii) Holding procedures and tasks. (iii) Intercepting and tracking courses through the use of navigational electronic systems. Don't have it? You have 12 calendar months to do them with a safety pilot. I would call that "minimum" to being current. Approved FAA computer trainers, called "aviation training devices" may be used, but with prices starting at \$4,500 that option was pricy.

What about your own minimums? I bet you may not feel up to speed after having logged the FAA's tasks. Some ideas?

- Practice on the computer with X-Plane or Microsoft Flight Sim with a yoke and pedals.
- File and fly a short IFR flight (Clow or BMI for lunch maybe). Take an instrument rated friend. One flies one leg, the other back and split the cost.
- File IFR whenever you take a trip, even a short one.
- Planned to fly a day trip but are not comfortable with the weather? Take a CFII and fulfill the currency requirements if possible on the trip.
- Tailor training to meet your own needs at GLASS Simulator <http://www.glasssimulator.com/>

I will make a list of names and numbers of anyone interested and available to be safety pilots or would like to share flight time. You will find it on the **MEMBERS LINK** page on www.blueskyaero.com The ID/password is on the bottom of your statement! Send me your name if you are interested!! cindy@blueskyaero.com

Remember, the reason for learning to fly and getting your instrument rating was for the enjoyment of flying! There is no magic to staying current... it just takes practice. Combine practice with having fun ☺



Congratulations Dawn Trompeter on your first solo!!



Congratulations Tim Kanaski on your first solo!!