



Summer 2015 – New Member and Student Pilot Letter

Dear New Members and Student Pilots;

Whether you are a student pilot, a new member or both, welcome to Skymasters! I am Ken Gutelius, the 2015 Chief Flight Instructor. We want your experience as a new member and student to be a great one.

Within Skymasters you will find a broad range of help available to you. Whether you need flight training to achieve your pilot card (note this is required to fly without assistance), are looking to improve your skills or maybe need assistance in building or setting up a new airplane, there will be **someone who can help**. You can ask around at the field or utilize our email system to send out a general appeal to instructors@skymasters.org.

As Chief Flight Instructor, CFI, one of my key concerns is getting student pilots matched up with instructors. Probably the best way to do this is to show up on Student Night (every Wednesday between Memorial Day and Labor Day). While it is often busy, there will generally be a number of instructors and you can try flying with different people to see who works best with you.

There is also an email list of instructors. If you don't have a particular one that you're working with you can send an email to all of them and someone should respond. Don't hesitate to do this. That email address is instructors@skymasters.org. Once you have located an instructor, it is your responsibility to schedule time with him/her in order for your training to progress. Just showing up on Student Night may not move you along as quickly as you would like **OR** we have members who work with Instructors for years, there is no problem either way!

Another of my concerns is safety. All instructors do double duty as **field marshals** to be sure that Skymasters rules are being adhered to. If you are approached by an instructor about a rule violation, please be courteous and understand that they are not out to get you. They are only trying to ensure that everyone is as safe as possible. It's an important responsibility. Please review our rules: [Skymasters Field Rules](#) in order to avoid an infraction, an unsafe situation or an uncomfortable conversation.

At Skymasters we try to maintain the highest possible standards for flight training, safety and courtesy. If you should have any concerns or complaints in these areas, please contact myself or club President Bob Chapdelaine, president@skymasters.org.

For more detailed information, please check these other club resources: click links below!

[Student Welcome Letter](#)

By Joe Finkelstine

[Flight Training - Instructor and Student](#)

By Gary Weak