Private Pilot Frequently Asked Questions

1. Can I take flight instruction at the same time as ground school?
   Yes. As a matter of fact, it's a good idea to do so, since what you learn in ground school will complement what you do in flight training.

2. Must I purchase the textbook for the course?
   The textbook supplements the course presentation and is a valuable addition to the course. The textbook also contains all the questions used by the FAA to make up the 60 multiple choice questions for the Private Pilot-Airplane knowledge test. The textbook will be available at the course for an additional $13.00 (approximately).

3. How old must I be in order to become a Private Pilot?
   You must be at least 17 years of age.

4. How old must I be in order to take the Private Pilot-Airplane knowledge test?
   You must be at least 15 years of age. When you pass the knowledge test with a score of 70% or better, you have 24 months to complete flight training and take the practical flight test. If you do not do this within the 24 months, you must retake and pass the pilot knowledge test before you can take the practical flight test.

5. I will not be able to attend all 8 of the class sessions. Will that be a problem?
   Contact the instructor, Professor R.B. Oetting by email at rtoett@fidnet.com to discuss the number of sessions you may miss.

6. Are there other materials available to assist in my study and preparation for the Private Pilot-Airplane knowledge test?
   Yes. Additional materials are available from the textbook publisher, including test preparation software. These materials can be ordered on an individual basis.

7. Where can I take the Private Pilot-Airplane knowledge test?
   The test is computer-based and is administered at designated test centers throughout Missouri. The cost of taking the test is NOT included in the ground school fee.

8. How do I schedule the Private Pilot-Airplane knowledge test?
   You should choose a test center and test time that is convenient for you and that will fit into your schedule. The Private Pilot-Airplane knowledge test consists of 60 multiple-choice questions and has a time limit of 2 hr. 30 min.

9. What about the other beginning licenses available through the FAA? Will this course prepare me for the Recreational Pilot and the Sport Pilot licenses?
   Yes. The Recreational and Sport Pilot licenses require less flight training and a correspondingly less comprehensive knowledge test. Both licenses are upgradeable to the Private Pilot-Airplane license.