

East Hill Flying Club, Inc, <ehfc.net>

Training pilots safely “at-cost” in Ithaca for over 50 years! FAA Part 141 Approved!

To Whom It May Concern;

Flying and flight training are not “cheap,” never were, and probably never will be. “Bargains” should be regarded with suspicion since some necessary function is being ignored. Any successful pilot will tell you: “shortcuts” will come back to haunt you later. After 50 years of flying at-cost, training thousands of pilots, the necessary functions and steps to building a safe and effective pilot are clear and carefully built into our school curriculum. Many of our pilots have gone on to careers in the military, corporate aviation or the airlines and already retired. East Hill has collected awards from every branch of the government for our ROTC and IFT training programs. We also once certified all our programs with the NY State Dept of Education, but the continuing costs eventually prevented this (in a not-for-profit corporation every member shares these costs.) Instead, we are approved with NY State through our courses taught at Tompkins Cortland Community College that lead to an Aviation Science Degree. This degree is recognized and directly transferable to SUNY Farmingdale and the esteemed Embry Riddle University in Daytona, FL. More importantly, all of our courses are continually supervised and approved by the FAA as part of our 141 Flight School Status (Air Certificate # FR8S148Q).

The cheapest, fastest route to a paying job in aviation involves acquiring private, instrument, commercial and CFI certificates, then building the hours required by the particular employer while teaching as a CFI. The minimum cost for this program would be \$18,000 but could, depending on skill and dedication, cost 1/3 to 1/2 more. The major determiners of success are the motivation and commitment a student brings to the school and the frequency of flight lessons. Most of our courses involve self-study modules coupled with the audio-visual and flight portions. Failure to complete the required ground work prior to the flight portion will cause confusion and lead to longer training times. I guess I am saying, the success of a student largely depends of that individual; come prepared and success and faster training are assured. Our FAA-Approved “Guided Discovery” programs are all prepared by Jeppesen, one of the oldest and most respected names in aviation (responsible for all corporate and airline flight charting systems). More details are on our website <ehfc.net>

Every pilot training or flying at East Hill is insured to one million dollars for each accident with no “sub-limits.” This kind of coverage is not even available to most flight schools. It obviously protects all our pilots but also illustrates our confidence in our program and the pilots we train. Please forward any further questions to me at the club (607-257-1313) or through e-mail (david@myfbo.com) and I will be glad to answer them.

Thanks: David St. George, MCFI

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Costs for Private through CFI (Current Jan 2008)

East Hill Flying Club is a not-for-profit corporation teaching flying in Ithaca for over 50 years. Every member is fully insured to one million dollars of liability with no sub limits and full hull coverage in all assets. We train to the highest government standard, FAA Part 141 for all courses and we are affiliated with Tompkins Cortland College for an Aviation Science Degree.

Estimate for private pilot certificate: Training in Cessna Skyhawk (C-172)

Deduct \$750 if training in Cessna 152 (two place aircraft)

40 hours dual C-172 @ \$128.....\$5,120 10 hours solo C-172 @ \$93.....\$930

(Minimum time would be 35 hours total; not usually attainable in this amount of time...\$3780)

Briefings and tests (ground time) \$250

\$400 ground school and pilot supplies 4 months dues at \$45.....\$180

FAA Knowledge test.....\$90 FAA Flight test..... \$300

Estimated Realistic Total..... \$6870

Estimate for Instrument Rating: All time dual in C-172

55 hours dual at \$128.....\$7040 (40 hours required by Part 141...usually takes more...\$5120)

(Part 141 avoids the need for 50 hours of cross-country time...\$4650)

Pilot ground school and briefing time (quizzes and oral) \$400

3 months of dues at \$45.....\$135 Estimated Realistic Total..... \$7575

Estimate for Commercial Single Engine

12 hours Mooney 201 @ \$150 dual.....\$1800

50 hours in Cessna 172 @ \$93 solo.....\$4650

(Need to acquire 190 total for 141 minimum...building hours)

Dual training in commercial maneuvers....20 hours @35....\$700 FAA Knowledge and Flight tests \$390

Estimated realistic total..... \$7540

Estimate for Flight Instructor SEL

Mooney 20 hours @ \$115.....\$2300 20 Dual time training ground and flight @\$35...\$700

Ground School and supplies \$400 FAA Knowledge Test\$90

2 months dues @ \$45..... \$90

Total Estimated Cost..... \$3490

Estimate for Instrument Instructor

15 hours dual C-172 @ \$128.....\$1920 Flight and Knowledge tests @ \$390

1 month dues \$45

Total Estimated Cost..... \$2355

Realistic Cost for Private to CFI \$25,475 (141 minimum time = \$18K)