

## An Introduction to the



### **A. What is Ann Arbor Flyers?**

Ann Arbor Flyers, Inc. is Michigan's oldest flying club, formed October of 1940.

### **B. Why join a club?**

You are a joint owner of the aircraft.

Your equity share of the aircraft is refundable.

### **C. Why Join Ann Arbor Flyers?**

Rates based upon "tach time", which is less than "Hobbs time".

No minimum daily charges; up to 13 day sign-ups.

Membership limited to an optimum level.

Fellowship of pilots with similar interest.

Primary and advanced instruction available.

Monthly educational meetings.

Active participation required.

Clean, well maintained and hangered aircraft.

Three full IFR equipped aircraft.

Excellent financial status.

High standards for flying excellence and proficiency.

### ***What aircraft does the club own and what is the cost?***

The *Ann Arbor Flyers* currently operate four aircraft: a Piper Saratoga, a Piper Archer II, a Piper Archer III and a Cessna 150. The three Piper's are fully IFR equipped, have auto-pilots and DME's, and either a Loran or GPS, making them excellent aircraft for both long and short trips. The Cessna is used more for short pleasure flights and basic flight training. As a member of the *Ann Arbor Flyers*, you are actually a joint owner in these aircraft and buy a refundable equity share in the equipment. Since the club is a non-profit organization, your monthly charges are only your share of the fixed costs plus the flying you choose to do. Fixed costs include hangar rent and insurance, which are equally divided among all members in the form of monthly Club dues. Flying costs cover gas, oil, proper maintenance of the aircraft, and a modest aircraft replacement cost. In addition, if you are learning to fly or working toward a rating, the club has several certified flight instructors who charge a very reasonable "Club rate" for their time. You are flying your own aircraft!

### ***How likely is it that I would find an aircraft available when I want it?***

If you know well in advance when you will need the aircraft, there is rarely any problem in reserving one; you can have as many as four advance reservations at any time. A reservation can be for any period from one hour to thirteen days, and there is no limit to the number of flying hours within that period. If you prefer to fly at very short notice, you will find that there are some "prime" periods when it will be more difficult to find an available aircraft; for example, summers and weekends. However, there are seldom scheduling problems on weekdays or at night.

### ***What must I do to join?***

1. Fill out an application form, available from the Club Vice President. It is helpful if you know a member who can sponsor you. You will be asked for flying (if you are already a pilot) and credit references, and also about your driving record.
2. Attend a membership meeting. At this meeting, you will be introduced to the Club as a prospective member.

3. Pay the initiation dues.
4. Meet with the Membership Committee to discuss your interest in the Club and to answer any questions you may have.
5. Make sure you have a current medical certificate.
6. Take an introductory flight with one of the Club instructors, even if you are a "zero time pilot."
7. The Vice President will then inform you when there is a vacancy and ask you to attend the next Club meeting. At this meeting, the Board and the Flight Instructor will make a recommendation to the membership and membership may ask you some additional questions. A vote is taken, and if all goes well, you will be a new full member of the Ann Arbor Flyers.
8. Pay the Treasurer your equity share.

***What happens after I become a member?***

As a new member, the Flight Supervisor will give you an orientation session at the airport to make sure that you know where everything is and understand the procedures the Club uses for reservations, taking and returning aircraft and any other general information you will need. If you are already a pilot, you must be checked by a Club instructor in each type of aircraft you wish to fly prior to serving as PIC. If you are not already a pilot, the Flight Supervisor will let you know who the Club Flight Instructors are, so you can use one for your basic flight training. As a member, you are expected to attend the membership meetings, which are held on the second Wednesday evening of each month in the basement of the Airport Administration Building. You will receive the Ann Arbor Flyers Newsletter and an itemized bill each month.

***Does the Club have proficiency/currency rules beyond the requirements of the F.A.R.'s?***

Yes. The club puts a high emphasis on safety, proficiency, proper care and maintenance of the equipment and participation in the Club itself. In order to fly Club aircraft, a member must comply with all F.A.R.'s and:

1. Receive one hour of dual instruction from a Club Instructor each twelve months.
2. Have flown the Model of the Club aircraft within the last ninety days or have approval from the Flight Supervisor.
3. Satisfy the additional club requirements for night flight.
4. Attend at least one in every three membership meetings.
5. Pay his / her monthly bill in full on receipt.
6. Comply with the Club rules, which are designed to make the Club a pleasure for all members.

***Are there restrictions on where and when I may fly?***

In general, most flight requirements can be accommodated. There are, however, Club rules concerning: night flight, flights over water, flights over foreign land, approved airports, trips of over four hours air time, trips whereby the aircraft will be away overnight and advanced bookings. The Club's Flight Rules should be consulted for additional information.

***Where can I get more information?***

Write to:

**Ann Arbor Flyers  
801 Airport Drive  
Ann Arbor, MI 48104**

Or attend a meeting held the second Wednesday of each month at 7:30PM at the Ann Arbor Airport Administration Building, 801 Airport Drive.