

FAASTeam presents:

Lead and Follow: An Introduction to Formation Flying

For most pilots, safety is maintained by keeping a healthy distance from all other aircraft. We learn a variety of procedures around airports and other high-traffic areas to keep sufficient separation between aircraft. You can think of this as flying defensively, and we do it partly to account for the wide variety of competency levels of other pilots in our area. Formation pilots do things differently. Because of the nature of their missions, they operate aircraft in close proximity using tremendous precision and skill. For formation pilots, safety is accomplished with training, preflight planning, and intense attention to detail. Local pilot and FlyOutGroup member Fred Samson has been flying formation for some time now with a group of pilots based at Palo Alto Airport. In this seminar, Fred will walk through the a typical formation flying session with his formation group Ready 8, beginning with the preflight safety briefing, communication planning, and a maneuver by maneuver safety walkthrough for the day's flight. After showing us the safety steps they take, Fred has dramatic footage taken of the flight from a variety of airplane mounted cameras. It's a beautiful presentation, and a stunning introduction into how you can become involved in formation flying. For pilots looking to expand their skills and aviation experiences, the

Event Details

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challenge and the precision of formation flying may be your next step. Fred Samson is a Bay Area pilot with about 300 hours since getting his private pilot certificate in 2011. He is a long-time member of the Bay Area FlyOutGroup and is a regular at Full Moon Flyers dinner flyout events. He is endorsed for high-performance, complex, and tailwheel aircraft, and is working on his commercial certificate. On weekends, you can usually find him flying his Grumman American AA-1B, or in formation briefings at Palo Alto. You can find out more about his formation flying group Ready 8 at www.maxGaviation.com.

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Directions: Located in the Skyway Building, next to the Hiller Aviation Museum. Parking and entrance behind building. Suite 215 is upstairs in the northwest corner. Pilots who fly in should park in transient parking and call the Flight Center for a ride (650) 946-1700.

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