

FAASTeam presents:

Considering an Instrument Rating

Time for IFR?

Imagine this scenario. It's Sunday morning and you're at Santa Maria airport, eager to start the VFR trip home to the Bay Area after a fun weekend of wine-tasting. The skies are overcast at 800 with tops reported at 1,100. That thin cloud layer persists, anchoring you to the surface tighter than a tie-down chain. If you could file IFR, you'd be free to launch for a relaxed ride home. But there you sit, uncertain about when or if the layer will burn off.

Whether you're a student pilot, a new private pilot, or you've been flying for a while – you have probably considered getting an instrument rating. Is it time to get started? How much time will it take? What will it cost? How valuable is an instrument rating to a pilot that isn't flying wild Alaska?

Great questions. Herb Patten leads a group discussion on the pros, cons, challenges and benefits involved in earning your instrument rating. We'll discuss the various paths private pilots take toward earning their instrument rating, and the factors involved in making the decision to start the process.

Herb Patten is an FAA certificated advanced and instrument ground instructor who teaches private pilot ground school at San Carlos Flight Center.

Event Details

Wed, Apr 13, 2016 - 19:00 PST

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He holds a private pilot certificate with an instrument rating, has over 700 hours and flown into 111 different California airports. He is co-founder of the Bay Area Student and New Pilot Support Group, and a board member of the Upwind Foundation, famous for its Upwind Summer Scholarship Program. In 2015, Herb was named a Master Instructor by the National Association of Flight Instructors.

Directions: Pilots who fly in should park in transient parking on the opposite side of the field and expect to walk about 10 minutes (.5 mile) to the Flight Center. Suite 215 is upstairs in the northwest corner. On occasion, rides may be prearranged through San Carlos Aviation and Supply.

A message from the National FAASafety Team Manager

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