

Private Pilot Checkride Stories

For most pilots, the first checkride is the most intimidating one. It can be a nerve-wracking experience decoding the ACS and sitting through the glare of the designated pilot examiner. With thorough preparation and an understanding of the process, you will feel more at ease.

San Carlos Flight Center invites a round-table of three newly-minted Private Pilots to share their journey in becoming a pilot. In this seminar they will each provide their own overview of their training experiences, how they prepared for their checkrides, some pitfalls to avoid, and how they worked with their instructors to ensure they were ready for the practical test. This is a great opportunity to hear from multiple perspectives, giving you the insight you need as you approach your big day.

Event Details

Wed, Mar 25, 2026 at 19:00 PDT

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Join us to hear more about the checkride experience, how to prepare, and have an insight into the first step of becoming a certificated pilot.

The seminar will be in-person at the San Carlos Flight Center, 795 Skyway Road in San Carlos.

Note: Construction is occurring at 795 Skyway Road so the seminar will be in the portable classroom just past 795 Skyway Road.

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