

SSA SFIG Ground School

Ron Ridenour (ATP, DPE, CFIA,I,ME,G) writes:

"As I promised at the SSA convention, I am announcing the SSA CFIG Ground school, Here is a schedule of the first 4 zoom meetings that any prospective glider flight instructor can attend to help them prepare for their CFIG rating.

The reference handbook is the Aviation Instructor's Handbook (FAA-H-8083-9B). A .pdf copy is available for free on line at the FAA.gov site

https://www.faa.gov/regulations_policies/handbooks_manuals/aviation/aviation_instructors_handbook

or you can buy a paperback copy at My Pilot Store for \$16.95 or Sporty's Pilot Shop for \$19.95. This reference is useful when preparing for the FOI knowledge exam and also Area of Operation I: Fundamentals of Instructing when taking the Flight Instructor Practical Test. This is the handbook we will be using during the initial 4 Zoom call lessons. Go to FAA.gov>Regulations>Handbooks and Manuals>Aviation Handbooks and Manuals.

You can then scroll to the Handbook that you want.

Additionally , there is a new Glider Flying Handbook (FAA-H-8083-13B) that the FAA published in December 2024. It is also available as a .pdf on the FAA website. So far it has not been published in paperback.

https://www.faa.gov/regulations_policies/handbooks_manuals/aviation/glider_handbook

Here is the Schedule of Lessons. Please read the indicated chapter BEFORE the session to make the lesson more effective.

- Wednesday January 15 Chapter 7 Planning an Instructional Activity
- Wednesday January 29 Chapter 8 Aviation Instructor Responsibilities and Professionalism
- Wednesday February 5 Chapter 9 Techniques of Flight Instruction
- Wednesday February 19 Chapter 10 Teaching Practical Risk Management during Flight Instruction

All classes start at 9PM Eastern time (EST), 8PM Central time (CST), 7PM Mountain time (MST) and 6PM Pacific time (PST). The session will last about 1 hour 30 minutes.

We will be using the SSA Zoom account. The SSA will send out the link for each meeting. I will be hosting the meeting. In order to facilitate questions and answers I will have another instructor monitoring the question box on the site. Otherwise, you can contact me directly

at ronsnimbus3@aol.com. if you have any questions either before or after the meeting. I hope to see you there!

Watch for further Zoom call lessons after I return from the Senior Championships in late March. My plan is to conduct more Zoom call lessons in April and May.

I will make the PowerPoint presentation available for anyone who is interested.

Ron Ridenour"