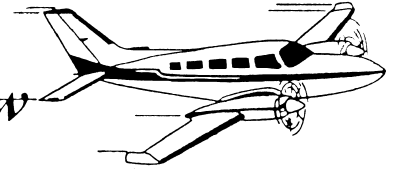




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Why not "Wing it".

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Have you ever looked at FAR 61.56? You know, the reg. that talks about the required, and inevitable, Flight Review. Many pilots view this requirement as a necessary evil for which there is no alternative, but few have actually read past the first couple of paragraphs. One option is paragraph (e), which describes passing a "phase" of the Pilot Proficiency Program, commonly called the "Wings" Program.

So, what's involved in passing a phase of the Wings Program? Well, I'm glad you asked!

In commercial aviation, one requirement is for all pilots to complete company conducted recurrent training on an annual basis, which includes a flight check. Well, the Pilot Proficiency Program (Wings) adopts this concept into the General Aviation arena. Think of it as *your* personal recurrent training program.

In order to successfully pass a phase of the program a pilot must: 1) Attend an FAA-sponsored Safety Seminar. 2) Fly at least three hours with an appropriately rated instructor in proficiency maneuvers that were required when you first got your certificate. Accomplish all of this within a 12-month period and you've completed a Phase of the Pilot Proficiency Program! The program is available to:

- Airplane Pilots.
- Seaplane and Amphibian Pilots.
- Rotorcraft Pilots
- Glider Pilots.
- Lighter-Than-Air aircraft Pilots.
- Ultralight aircraft Pilots.

There are a total of 20 Wing phases and upon completion of each phase the FAA will present to you; a completion certificate suitable for framing, a lapel "Wings" pin, credit for passing a flight review. In addition, most aviation insurance companies recognize the value of this program and may offer reduced rates on your insurance premium, check with them to see.

There are plenty of FAA-sponsored seminars throughout each district of the country, and it doesn't matter where you attend one. The flight training is then set up by you with your favorite CFI. Make sure that he/she knows

about the Wings Program so they will properly endorse your logbook for each lesson and for completing the program in lieu of a BFR. Better yet, print out a copy of Advisory Circular 91-61H and read over it with your CFI when you go, (see the websites below).

As a matter of fact, Flight Instructors can be included into the program as well, getting their certificates renewed. Just go to the web sites below to learn more!

When you complete your Phase, it's important to have it all documented properly when you send it in to the FSDO for credit. The standard form the FAA uses is the "Blue Card", but you may download a form off of the Internet and use it too for credit.

All the information about the Pilot Proficiency Program, including the forms are at the Internet Addresses here:

* Pilot Proficiency Program & CFI Benefits:

<http://www.faa.gov/fsdo/hou/61-91H.HTM>

<http://www.flynaa.com/docs/instguide.pdf>

<http://www.cyberair.com/tower/faa/wingprog/index.html>

<http://www.faa.gov/avr/afs/hbga/Hbga0018.doc>

* Safety Seminar Announcements:

<http://www.awp.faa.gov/fsdo/arizona/safety.htm>

<http://www.geocities.com/grayhair1us/index.htm>

NOTE:

It's important to keep these Internet addresses handy and in your "Favorites" to keep connected with the Wings Program. Recent budget issues have severely limited printing funds for this newsletter, which include seminar listings & dates (This may be your last for a while). However, these Internet sites will still be updated to give you the latest & greatest on seminar status, so visit them often!

So, instead of looking at the Flight Review as another dreaded event because you forgot to stay current, why not "Wing-it"?!?

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&
Aviation Safety Seminar Notices**

Aviation Safety Seminars

Know of a meeting that could be turned into a “Wings” qualifying program? Contact me at least *three months in advance* so that the proper arrangements can be made and we’ll advertise it here?

*Visit us on the *Internet* for a *complete listing* through the end of the year at:

<http://www.awp.faa.gov/fsdo/arizona/safety.htm>

August 15, 2002 @ 7:00pm – 9:00pm

Where: Double Eagle Aviation, Tucson, AZ.

Subject: “Meet TUS ATC & High Altitude Operations”.

Presented by: Double Eagle Aviation, Mike Garcia, 800-505-0148

Sponsored by: The FAA Aviation Safety Program,

August 17, 2002 @ 10:00am – 12:00

Where: H.A. Clark Field Airport, Williams, AZ.

Subject: “Practical Piloting & Density Altitude”.

Presented by: Arizona Pilots Association.

Sponsored by: The FAA Aviation Safety Program.

October 13, 2002 @ 7:00pm – 9:00pm

Where: Honeywell Plant, 19th. Ave & Deer Valley Rd.

Subject: “Honeywell Quarterly Seminar”.

Presented by: Honeywell, Deer Valley ATCT & Deer Valley Airport.

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