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Poughkeepsie, New York, 12603

Thank you for your interest in the Grasshopper Flying Club. Enclosed please find an application form and a questionnaire. Please fill them out and return them to me at the address at the top of this letter. Along with your completed application and questionnaire, please include the following items, where applicable.

1. A copy of your pilot certificate
2. A copy of your current medical certificate.
3. A copy of your logbook page showing your most recent biennial endorsement.

The club currently has membership openings. Applications are processed in order of their receipt. The steps required to complete the process of becoming a club member are:

1. You must request a copy of your Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) record abstract from your state of residence. If you are a New York State resident, you can do this in person at any New York State DMV office by submitting form MV-15C or through the mail using form MV-15. The fee for the DMV record abstract is five dollars. For an additional fee, you may request your DMV record abstract by phone. The phone number is (518) 473-5595. You must present a copy of this record to the club as soon as you receive it.
2. You must request a copy of your airman records from the FAA. You can do this by visiting http://www.faa.gov/licenses_certificates/airmen_certification/copy_of_certification_records/. Please direct the FAA to send the records to me at the address at the top of this letter.
3. Your application is reviewed by a club membership committee. As a part of its task, the committee will obtain additional information which will be used by the membership to reach a decision on your membership status. This additional information is obtained by calling the personal references which you list on your application and by obtaining a copy of your FAA airman records.
4. Once all of the information has been obtained, you will be scheduled to meet with the membership at one of its regularly scheduled monthly meetings. At this meeting you will be asked to introduce yourself and to state briefly your desire and reasons for joining the club. You may also be asked questions by the members present so as to better get to know you. Most of the questions typically asked are found on the questionnaire accompanying this application.

Meetings are held at the Dutchess County Airport Pilot's Lounge, Route 376, which is next to the county fuel pumps on the second Wednesday of the month, starting at 7:30 PM.

After you have introduced yourself to the members, you will be asked to leave. The members will then discuss your request for membership in light of the information provided on your application and the facts gathered by the membership committee. Following the discussion, a majority vote is held. In most cases you will be told immediately of the club's decision. At that time, a check for \$1600.00 (\$1500.00 refundable as described in the Club bylaws) is required. Please make your check payable to the Grasshopper Flying Club, Inc.

Please note that the personal information gathered by the committee is not disseminated to the membership. Personal information includes such items as date of birth, driver's license numbers, etc. Certain specific details may be communicated to the club membership if they are material in the decision making process. Examples are a report from the FAA which shows an accident, or an automobile driver record report showing DWI, DUI, or speeding violations. The ideal situation is for the membership committee to report excellent references and no driver or FAA problems.

5. After you have been notified of acceptance to the club, you will be required to pass a flight proficiency test. These tests are usually administered by Ed St. Pierre. Several outcomes are possible: 1. No problems found, 2. Minor problems which can be remedied with immediate instruction during the flight test, and 3. Problems sufficiently severe that additional remedial instruction is deemed necessary. For case 3, you will be requested to obtain the additional instruction and to take another flight test. This additional instruction can be obtained from club instructors or from another source. You have three months to obtain the additional instruction and pass the flight test.

The flight test consists of showing familiarization with the aircraft to be flown, demonstration of flying skills, and demonstration of proper decision making. If you are IFR rated, you may also be asked to perform some approaches.

As a guide, the total time from application receipt to flight test can be one month or less if the timing is right and no problems are encountered.

If you have any questions on the application or the application process, you may reach me at (845) 435-7758 during normal business hours. I look forward to introducing you to the membership.

Sincerely yours,

Mark Nelson
Secretary, Grasshopper Flying Club

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