

P-J 99s Study Group – Weather –April 24, 2008
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Well, here we go with the first study group. Topic – Weather.

Sue Ann and I have spent some time to come up with a good pre-session assignment. As we discussed, we are using the AOPA/Air Safety Foundation site as the primary resource since everyone said they have access to www.aopa.org. If you access the training materials directly from the links below, it will most likely prompt you to enter your username and password so have that ready. If you have the site set to remember your login, you might be ok. Here is your assignment:

1. Take the Interactive course and quiz – see notes below.
 - a. Weather Wise: Ceiling & Visibility. Allow approx. 60 minutes. The course can be taken with the audio on or just by reading the text. There are many interactive windows and learning links that are very worthwhile as you work thru the modules. Skipping these will shorten the time, but they will miss the learning references. Here is the link: http://flash.aopa.org/asf/wxwise_ceilingvis/html/weatherSafety.cfm?
 - b. Take the 15 Question Quiz at the end of the course; 80% (12 of 15 questions) is “passing” and you can then download a certificate of completion that can be used for the WINGS program. A transcript of all courses taken via AOPA is logged for your convenience right on the site!
2. Weather articles: There are a couple of articles we also have for you to read to “tickle your brain” on weather.
 - a. The first is about sources for weather forecasts: http://flightraining.aopa.org/members/ft_magazine/archives/article.cfm?article=6087.
 - b. The second is a survivor’s story in the “Never Again” department of AOPA Pilot. <http://www.aopa.org/members/files/pilot/2008/na0803.html>
3. Weather Crossword Puzzle – attached.
4. For discussion - How do you decide whether to go or not? Do you have personal minimums or a checklist? Any in-flight weather experiences to share? Please complete the course and read the articles and be prepared to discuss your decision making process before you come to Judy’s in Easton on April 24th.

For those who just cannot get enough, there are a number of weather related articles on AOPA at http://www.aopa.org/asf/publications/subject_index.html#weather. Sue Ann also provided a list of other resources for your learning pleasure:

- § Weather Flying by Robert Buck
- § AIM Chapter 7 Meteorology
- § AOPA Handbook for Pilots (online on the AOPA.org site) Chapters 1 & 2: Weather Services and Sources: Meteorology

We will plan to discuss key aspects of the assigned materials and introduce some other weather basics. We’ve both had a great time digging into the materials and have found that the AOPA website has a tremendous wealth of information.

If you have any problems with the links, let me know.

Let the learning begin – and have some fun!

Claudia and Sue Ann