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## How To Pick A Helicopter School For Training

By Barney Garcia

A career in flying helicopters or airplanes is a dream of many youngsters. Learning to fly is an

expensive affair. It is very important to choose the best training school that trains you in flying. Visit the school; meet with the owner/president, look the facilities and aircraft over. Make a note of the pertinent information and compare it with their information brochure. The following aspects should be checked out before arriving at a decision:

- Does the school have single or multiple helicopters? A single helicopter facility will have a difficult time schedule and mechanical problems may cause lesson cancellations, where as with multiple helicopters another helicopter can be substituted.
- Talk to a couple of instructors. Ask questions, such as if the instructor is happy with his job and the management, maintenance and general shape of helicopters. Observe the instructor's body language as answers.
- How is time charged for training? Is it when you start helicopter or when you enter school portals? Rate sheet is broken down by dual Instruction, solo and rental rates.
- Find out the pass/fail ratio of the school.
- The school should have a syllabus showing lesson plans, number of flying hours etc. It should be FAA Part 141 approved. Find the cost and number of hours to get the rating.
- Check if the school's insurance company does not waive subrogation; you could be held responsible for entire cost of the helicopter if there is an accident during training. Keep the price of renter's insurance when you determine cost of flying in the particular school.
- Determine the maintenance of the fleet. It is very important safety factor. Ask for conducted test ride.
- Does the school have a regular ground school? Who will be responsible for its cost and cost of materials like textbooks, plotters etc. Does the school supply headsets or do you have to buy them?

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They range from \$300 to \$1000 – a significant cost.

- Find out the payment process, whether it is advance or in part; also the bonus if any, for down payment.
- A private pilot certificate normally takes 55 hours flying time for an airplane pilot and 65 hours for non-pilot. If the school is taking 90 to 100 hours, then it must be 'overtraining' them in order to get additional revenue.
- Get references from at least two current and two ex-students for checking on school's training program.

Talk to students who have already soloed/passed from the same school for honest and reliable information of the school before signing in.

Barney Garcia writes about many different topics. He is a proud contributing author and invites you to his websites.

<http://www.the-helicopter-school.info>

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### **How to Solve Disputes with the Helicopter Talk Technique**

**By Peter Murphy**

Do you ever find that when a friend asks for your opinion on a problem it is a lot easier for you to see a solution than it is for your friend?

And do you also find that sometimes you feel completely stuck when it comes to your own problems?

The same applies to disputes, relationship issues and disagreements.

When you are part of the problem it can be very difficult to see a solution. What you need at times like this is a helicopter!

Helicopter Talk Technique:

1. Imagine you are in a helicopter flying high above the town you live in. Now travel to where you last had a dispute with a family member, friend or work mate.
2. From the safety and distance of the helicopter above rerun the last conversation when the trouble

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flared up. Watch the scene unfold and pay attention to how you communicated rather than who was in the right.

3. Ask yourself: how could you have handled the situation better? what could you have done differently? what is the solution to the problem?

Your goal is to be emotionally detached yet concerned with finding the best solution in the same way you help a friend with a problem.

4. Imagine a trusted friend is in the helicopter observing: what advice would your friend give you? what does your friend notice that you missed?

Your own private helicopter can be used to identify patterns of communication you have that land you in hot water as well as new ways of dealing with problems.

Have fun in the sky!

Peter Murphy is a peak performance expert. He recently produced a very popular free report: 10 Simple Steps to Developing Communication Confidence. Apply now because it is available for a limited time only at:

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