

# Chinese American Aviation Club

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## 南加華人飛行員俱樂部

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### Calendar of Events

- 7/19/96 Club meeting - discuss club businesses  
7:30 pm, Aim High Aviation, 1805 McKinley Ave., La Verne  
Contact Robin (818) 292-6855 or Randall (818) 452-8988
- 7/28/96 Catalina Island (AVX) Fly-In  
2:00 pm, lunch at Runway Cafe in the terminal building
- 8/6/96 Monthly Luncheon  
12:00 noon, Kaya Japanese Seafood Buffet  
5807 N. Rosemead Blvd., Temple City, (818) 287-0587  
\$8.95 per person, please pay at the door as you enter the restaurant
- 8/25/96 Oceano (L52) Fly-In  
9:30 am, Aim High Aviation (POC) or Barlett Aviation (EMT)  
10:30 am, take off from EMT or POC  
12:00 noon, arrive at Oceano Airport, lunch at restaurant nearby  
3:00 pm, leaving Oceano

First thing to report to you is that our name has been changed. We are now the Chinese American Aviation Club. At our June 4 lunch most of you indicated a more formal type of organization is what you think we should become. Alex Ma, Dr. Szu and a few of you came up with this name, and got very positive responds from everyone. So, we changed our name right there and then. A meeting is needed to discuss various businesses of our organization, so please come and join us on July 19, 7:30 p.m., at Aim High Aviation. If you can not make it, call me or fax me your ideas, and I will make sure your voice is heard that night. Weather permitting, Randall (818-452-8988) and I (818-292-6855) will fly from EMT to POC for the meeting. If you need a ride, give us a call.

Our Kern Valley Fly-In was great. Alex Ma and Leo Lee each came with their instructors and their favor rentals from Barlett, Leo even brought his family with him. Both Alex and Leo show you that you do not need to wait until you pass the check ride to have some fun. Both Aim High Aviation and Barlett Aviation will offer discounts on their rentals for our club members

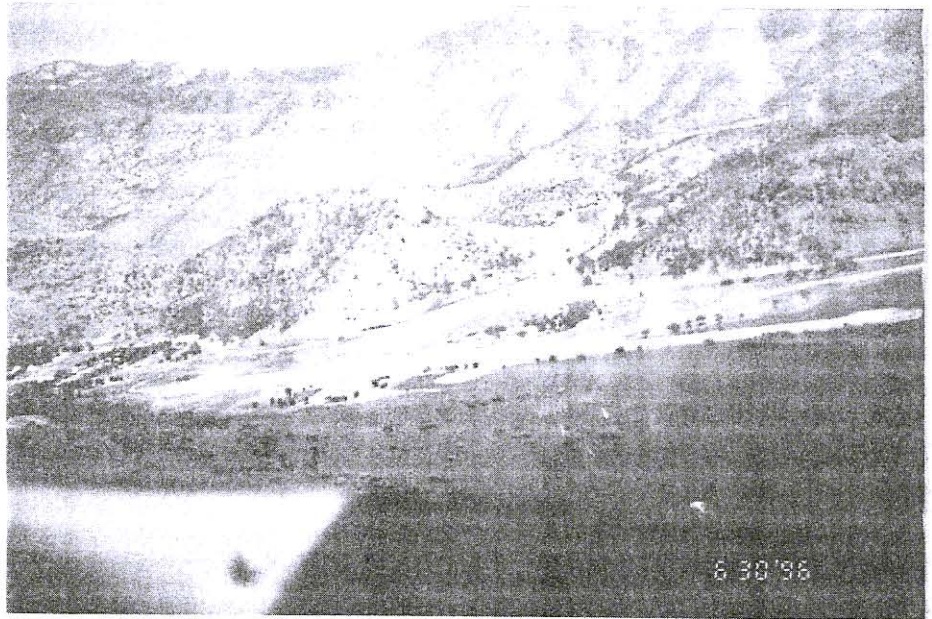
during fly-ins. Please call Eric Lai at Aim High (909) 596-1088 or Jesse at Barlett (818) 575-8557 for discounted rates.

We are expending our fly-in activities to once a month. A short flight to local airports will be planed in between our original cross-country fly-ins. For those of you has to work or goes to church on Sunday morning, come this July 28 and join us for a late lunch in Catalina Island. Next cross-country fly-in is on August 25 and we are going to Oceano. I was told this is a very beautiful airport with runway right on the beach, and good restaurants within walking distance. Don't miss it.

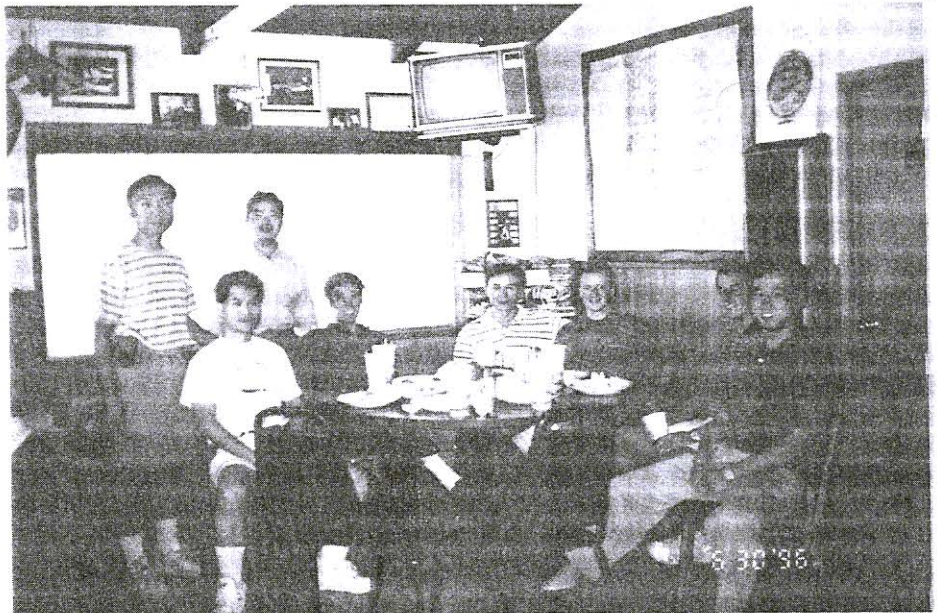
The most asked question from non-pilot friends is "What does it take to become a pilot and how much does it cost?" Eric Lai from Aim High Aviation agrees to do a series of articles on this issue. Please save this excellent article and pass it on to your non-pilot friends.

Robin Hou

Right down wind for Kern Valley Airport. Runway extend into the water of Isabella Lake.



Kern Valley Airport Coffee Shop. (L to R) Robin, Randall, Daniel, Jason, Alex, Lorance, Matt, and Hugo.



Hugo, Alex, Lorance, Matt, Randall, Robin and Woody, Annie and Leo, Daniel, and Jason. (L to R, picture taken by my son Ben and Leo's son Edward)



## 私人飛行執照課程費用分析

像鳥一樣遨翔天空對大部份人來說是一件最富挑戰性而又最有成就感的活動之一。擁有一張私人飛行執照能讓一個飛行員幾乎無限制的穿梭在那廣大的天空，不論他只是爲了要從城市的這一端到另一端，或是雄心壯志的要橫越整個美洲。雖然飛行能提供這麼多的樂趣，但在絕大部份人的觀念中學飛行仍是一件遙不可及的夢想，所需的花費更是一筆天文數字。於是很多壯志凌雲的朋友們也就只有望機興嘆了。

其實學習飛行及拿到私人執照並不像想像中的那麼艱難。美國航空總署飛行規章(FAR)規定您只要年滿十七歲，通過第三級體檢，完成地面課程及筆試，再加上飛滿四十個小時的飛行課程，其中二十小時是與教練一起飛行，另二十小時是個人單飛，通過飛行考試後即可拿到私人飛行執照。與教練一起飛行的時間是所有課程內花費最多的時段，因爲同時要付飛機的租費及教練的費用。

飛機的租費依飛機的種類及飛行學校而定。一般來說最普遍的教練機像 Cessna 152, 172, 和 Piper Cherokee, 它們的租金在每小時 \$30 至 \$60 不等。教練的費用也是依每個教練本身資歷及課程而定。一般的教練每小時收費在 \$20 至 \$40 不等。根據統計顯示，拿到私人飛行執照平均所需的費用是在 \$2500 至 \$4000 之間。依個人的學習程度及上課頻率而定，一般學生均能在 45小時至 65小時內考得他們夢寐以求的執照。

但如果一個學生因某種因素而不得已拉長了學習時間，當然學習的費用會相對的增加。如何減少學習所需的時間與花費是一門學問。以下有幾點建議：1. 事先計劃及準備55小時所需的費用以防在學習過程中因種種因素例如工作壓力或家庭預算不足而耽誤了學習進度。2. 接下來就是慎重選擇一家飛行學校開始您的飛行訓練，讓飛行成爲您生活中的一部份。在選擇飛行學校時您應考慮到 a. 距離家裡近嗎？ b. 提供您所需的訓練嗎？ c. 教練合格嗎？ d. 飛機保養好嗎？ e. 訓練費用在您的預算內嗎？如果您所選的這家飛行學校都符合您的要求而且經濟也允許建議您最好是一次就付清整個訓練費用而不要一小時一小時付。大部份學校都有提供 Private Pilot Package, 不僅費用會比較便宜又有督促及警惕的作用，因爲您會覺得錢既然已經花了如果半途中斷了訓練會很可惜。

在開始飛行訓練的同時您也應該進行地面課程訓練。一般飛行學校均有提供地面飛行原理基礎課程及 FAA 筆試課程。費用由中小班制 \$150 起至一對一教學 \$200。如果經濟情況許可，一對一教學會比較有效。現在大部份機場都有電腦筆試中心提供迅速快捷的筆試，收費在 \$60 左右。您可馬上知到成績。筆試通過後是最好的時間去作體檢。第三級體檢有效期限是 24 個月。您得到 FAA 指定的醫院作才被承認。由於每個醫生收費不同且差距極大 (\$45 - \$110) 建議您多問幾家比較價錢。

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