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JUNE LEARN TO FLY MONTH GREAT TIME TO TRY FLYING AN AIRPLANE

Northampton, MA — Northampton Aeronautics, Inc. at the Northampton Airport is participating in the general aviation community's June Learn to Fly Month by offering introductory flying lessons for just \$49, through the national, non-profit BE A PILOT Program.

“If you’ve ever thought about what it’s like to fly an airplane, this is a great opportunity to stop dreaming and start flying,” says Rich MacIsaac, Flight School Manager. “The goal of June Learn to Fly Month and the BE A PILOT Program is to make it easy and affordable for people to take that first lesson to see if flying is something they want to pursue.”

To get started, just log onto www.beapilot.com or call 1-888-BEAPILOT and register for an Introductory Flight Certificate. From the web, you can print the certificate and take it to Northampton Aeronautics, Inc. to receive a hands-on lesson for just \$49, about half the typical cost.

“Taking that first flying lesson is truly among the most exciting things anyone can do,” says MacIsaac.

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But don't let the word "introductory" fool you. You'll be at the controls from taxi to takeoff and landing, under the watchful supervision of an FAA-licensed flight instructor seated at your side. There's simply no better way to experience the thrill of personal flying.

"Flying is a rewarding and exciting activity for people from all walks of life," says MacIsaac. "Professionals and businesspeople, career-seeking teens, college students, moms, dads and retirees – they all can find that flying is their ticket to broader horizons and a fuller life."

The FAA requires 35 hours of ground instruction and a minimum of 40 hours of flight training to earn a Private Pilot's License, although the average student takes 50-70 hours to complete their flight training. You can solo after around 10 hours, in just a matter of weeks. Cost ranges from \$5,000 to \$7,000 depending on where you fly and how fast you proceed. After that, no need to buy a plane. With rates as low as \$72 per hour of flying at Northampton Aeronautics, Inc., most pilots rent the planes they fly, and frequently split the rental costs with other pilots.

For more information, or to schedule a BE A PILOT introductory lesson, call Northampton Aeronautics, Inc. at 413.584.7980 or visit www.northamptonairport.com.

BE A PILOT, a nonprofit organization supported by more than 45 aviation companies and organizations, is dedicated to public understanding of the benefits and freedoms of personal flying, part of General Aviation.

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