

# 2020 NMPA Mountain Flying Clinic

## Details



**NOTE:** Due to the unpredictable nature of the COVID-19 pandemic and the likelihood of state-imposed restrictions on public gatherings in September, the 2020 clinic will be online ONLY and will NOT include the optional flights in New Mexico. We hope that those who choose to participate will join us in Santa Fe next year for their flights.

Flying in the mountains, especially the spectacular Rockies of the American West, with the multitude of high elevation public and private airports can be an exhilarating experience for any pilot, and can provide easy access to many areas with incredible historical, cultural, and recreational opportunities. However, it can also be hazardous for those unaware of the unique variables encountered in mountain flight and the adverse effects on aircraft and pilot performance. In New Mexico, accident statistics show that pilots without the skills and knowledge needed for safe flight over mountainous terrain can get themselves into situations beyond their flying abilities, often with disastrous results. The Mountain Flying Familiarization Clinic was developed by the New Mexico Pilots Association to address this situation.

**DATE:** Friday, September 25th (ground school only)

**LOCATION:** On-line via ZOOM (ground school only). Students will receive detailed meeting information after paying their course registration fee.

**THE CLINIC:** The eight hour ground school is taught by skilled New Mexico flight instructors who live and fly the mountains for business and recreation. Through the years, the clinic has evolved into one of the premier safety training courses of its kind. The clinic walks you through scenarios involving high elevation mountain airports, mountain passes, mountain weather, and common mountain flight situations to illustrate factors affecting the safety of mountain flight and the proper way to prepare for and safely execute these flights. The clinic fully prepares the pilot for the optional mountain cross-country flights in the "high country," counts as the ground portion of a biennial flight review, qualifies for FAA WINGS credits, and qualifies you for a discount with many insurers. Upon successful completion of the clinic, graduates will receive a certificate and a copy of Sparky Imeson's, Mountain Flying Bible.

**GROUND SCHOOL CONTENT:** The ground school covers the basics necessary for safe flight in mountainous areas, including: • Mountain weather phenomena • Flight planning for mountain flying • Communications • Density altitude • High altitude aircraft and pilot performance • Mountain airport arrivals and departures • Enroute navigation • Risk management and survival • Proper leaning procedures. You will need to have the following with you for class:

- ✓ Your aircraft POH and current weight & balance
- ✓ Calculator and standard aviation plotter
- ✓ E6-B (manual or electronic)
- ✓ Paper Albuquerque and Denver sectionals (you will be marking these up)
- ✓ (optional) iPad or equivalent EFB with your favorite flight planning application

Pre-work required: 2 hours of preparation prior to start of Clinic

### GROUND SCHOOL SCHEDULE:

0730 - 0800 MDT Check-In (online)  
0800 - 1200 MDT Ground School  
1200 - 1230 MDT Lunch break w/ optional Zoom social  
1230 - 1730 MDT Ground School

**REGISTRATION:** Pilots wishing to attend the ground school are urged to register as early as possible to maximize time available for the pre-clinic coursework (yes, there's homework. see below). On-line registration is available at [www.nmpilots.org](http://www.nmpilots.org); click "Read More" under the Mountain Flying button

on the home page.

**CLINIC (GROUND SCHOOL) FEE:** \$50 for NMPA members and \$75 for non-members (includes 1 year membership in NMPA!). The fee can be paid online at the NMPA website or via check. Students desiring to pay by check should contact the clinic coordinator for mailing instructions. NOTE: Students need not pay the course fee in order to register. To be allowed into the clinic Zoom sessions however, the fee must be received by NMPA no later than 6PM, September 24th, 2020.

**COURSE MATERIALS:** All students will receive electronic copies of the clinic courseware. Students who would also like a hard copy of the courseware may purchase it for an additional \$75. This price includes shipping.

**CANCELLATIONS:** Should the Clinic be canceled *by NMPA* for any reason, all registrants will be notified via email and will receive a full refund. *Registrants* canceling on or before September 24, 2020 will receive a full refund; cancellations received after this date are subject to a 50% penalty. Registrants who ordered a hard copy of their course materials and later cancel, will only receive a refund of their registration fee; no refund of hard copy courseware purchases will be given after those materials have printed.

#### **QUESTIONS?**

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