

# Substitute Pilot Course – Basic Facts

**General:** This course is designed for non-pilots who occasionally fly in light aircraft intended to help flying companions become more comfortable in the cockpit, it includes an introduction to the principles of flight, a basic overview of instruments and radio communication and tips on what to do in the unlikely event of pilot incapacitation.

The scenario we are training for is emergency in nature. This means that the pilot somehow becomes unable to perform the duties, and the other person must “substitute” for the pilot. Therefore, the student will have all lessons from the right seat and preferably in an aircraft he is flying as the substitute pilot.

The term ‘*Pinch Hitter*®’ Course is used synonym to our course and is offered by AOPA through Sporty’s.

A ‘substitute pilot’ or ‘pinch hitter’ is not an official FAA term and does not incorporate any official rating.

**This course is for:** Spouses, relatives, friends of the pilot.

**Program:** The course usually includes about 5 flight hours and about 5 hours of Ground School including basic pilot knowledge and skills to be able to help out in an emergency situation.

**Duration:** 2-3 days

**Flying Territory:** Usually local flying with one small cross country flight.

**Costs:** Costs depend on the aircraft used for the training. Average costs are between \$ 600.-- to \$ 800.--.

**Insurance:** You are insured through our aircraft insurance. No other insurance coverage is needed. If you wish – to increase coverage - you can buy a non-owner insurance policy from AVEMCO or AIG for about \$ 200.— per year.

**Course Start:** Any time.