

Welcome to the Philadelphia Glider Council

PGC is a not-for-profit private club, not a commercial operation. We are solely dedicated to teaching, promoting, and enjoying the art of soaring. By sharing the work together, we have been able to own and operate our own airport for more than 65 years, without any staff or employees. Those of us that are Certified Flight Instructors volunteer our time to instruct. Many of our qualified members fly our tow planes. All of our other members work 3 days a year of field duty. Everyone chips in to help maintain the field, buildings and equipment.

Learning to Soar at the Philadelphia Glider Council

Flight instruction is available to PGC members as a benefit of membership at no charge. PGC's Certified Flight Instructors schedule Saturday and Sunday morning lessons, Wednesday and Thursday evening lessons, and are often available whenever else they are on the field. No previous flight experience is required. Flight instruction is coupled with reading assignments and periodic ground school sessions, which prepare a student pilot for the FAA Private Pilot Knowledge Examination. The student must pass this test before flying solo. All student pilots are provided with the standard book package, which is available at the club bookstore.

While the average student pilot will solo after about 30 flights in a Grob 103, PGC flight instructors determine a student's readiness to solo on an individual basis. The students who come to the Gliderport and fly often usually make the fastest progress.

After soloing, student pilots take a check ride with an instructor every fifth flight. As proficiency builds the student can move into a single place sailplane, while continuing periodic instructional flights. When the student has accumulated enough solo flight time and mastered the required skills he can take a recommendation ride with an instructor and then a check ride with an FAA Examiner who will award the pilot with a Private Pilot License.

Membership at the Philadelphia Glider Council

There is a membership application attached to this sheet. Please fill it out and send it to Phil Klauder, 100 Gillin Road, Ambler, PA 19002 (215-643-5853) (Phil.Klauder@Verizon.net) . There is no application fee. All membership applications must be approved by the Board of Directors. One year's membership dues and the refundable bond are paid when joining the club.

All new members maintain an Associate Membership (not a voting member) status for a one year probationary period and are voted into full membership by the members at large. All club members are required to participate in club duties. Members are generally scheduled for three field duty days per year, along with spring and fall clean-up days.

The Philadelphia Glider Council, Inc.
Membership Application

Name: _____ Spouse's Name: _____

Address: _____

E-mail Address: _____ Home Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

Employer: _____

Address: _____

Citizenship: _____ Date of Birth: _____ Height: _____ Weight: _____

Are you a member of the SSA? _____ Member #: _____ Expiration: _____

Please list any pilot licenses, soaring badges, or flying experience (approximate hours):

Have you ever been involved in an aviation accident or incident?: _____

(If so, please attach a detailed description, date, location, aircraft, etc.)

To the best of my knowledge all of the information furnished above is accurate and complete. I understand that The Philadelphia Glider Council, Inc. is not a tax exempt organization, and that dues, fees and donations to PGC are not tax deductible. I understand that PGC Dues are non-refundable. I understand that PGC is a social club and that all members are required to share in the duties of maintaining the club, it's property, and equipment. I agree to abide by all of the club rules and By-laws.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

If the applicant is a minor the signature of a parent or guardian is also required:

Parent's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Send the completed application to Phil Klauder, 100 Gillin Road, Ambler, PA 19002. Please do not attach any payments now. PGC By-laws require that all applications be approved by the Board of Directors. When your application is received we will contact you. You will be called when your membership application has been processed.

Do not write below this line:

Application Received: _____ Board Approved: _____

Membership Offered: _____ Coupons Sent: _____