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Think of Real World IFR and you think of GATTS Advanced Flight Training, the industry innovators who originated the 7-day IFR instrument course. GATTS, General Aviation Training and Testing Service, Inc., with 18 years in the business and over 60 years combined experience, provides personal, one-on-one training with instructors for instrument ratings (IFR), commercial pilot certification, elementary aerobatics, certified instrument instructor, and refresher courses.

At GATTS, they are dedicated to the most critical element in general aviation safety – the Pilot. In addition, they are the only flight training institution in the nation that focuses all of its attention on the safety and proficiency of the part-time general aviation pilot.

Consecutive repetition is the key factor in getting the most out of flight training. Why spend months flying once a week to complete your training when you can schedule your course and master the skills over a 2 to 10-day period, depending upon the certification or rating sought?

Advanced Flight Training . . . Tailored To Meet Your Needs.

GATTS' instructors are highly experienced pilots who have great people skills and love to teach. Unlike some instructors, their primary concern is not in building flying time, but in providing training because they enjoy flying and enjoy passing their skills on to their students.

Headquartered at the Manhattan Regional Airport (KMHK), a Class D airport, GATTS has the perfect training location – a towered facility providing air traffic control without the clutter often found in heavy traffic areas. They provide a comfortable, low pressure training environment, yet a structured mix of flight, simulator, and classroom time.

Consecutive repetition in conjunction with their professional, highly experienced staff, a great training environment, and a strict dedication to customer service makes GATTS stand out from all the other flight training schools.

History

With a career spanning forty years, Dale Wolcott, GATTS founder, has been involved in various fields of aviation, including military, corporate, agricultural, and general aviation. Most of Dale's 25,000 plus hours in the air have been spent in general aviation aircraft as a single pilot.

The name Dale Wolcott has become synonymous with reality-based general aviation education. As an FAA Designated Pilot Examiner and FAA Safety Counselor, Dale saw the results of the inadequacies inherent in traditional general aviation flight training. Therefore, as CEO of GATTS, Dale developed and organized a number of programs which address, solve, and seek to prevent many of the problems and safety issues associated with and unique to single pilot general aviation operations.

The key to the effectiveness and success of Dale's programs is "safety through education and simplicity," the hallmark of his 7-Day Real World IFR Instrument Course. In addition, Dale spent over 15 years presenting clinics and seminars for the A.O.P.A. Air Safety Foundation. He helped thousands of professional flight instructors around the country become better educators through the popular Flight Instructor Refresher Clinics.



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Dale's son, Jason, also deeply involved in general aviation education, has for many years benefited directly from Dale's expertise and guidance. Together, these aviation educators moved their Garden City business to Manhattan, Kansas, where the climate is conducive to flight training with a good mix of sunny and cloudy days and with moderate temperatures most of the year.

Courses

GATTS' courses are all-inclusive, meaning there are no hidden or additional fees. Students get the training, the training materials, hangar space, one-on-one instruction, local accommodations, a personal vehicle, log book endorsements, a check ride (when applicable), and a 100% guarantee. You do not pay until your course is completed and you are happy with your skills.

In addition, for any pilots attending an Instrument, Commercial, or Instrument Refresher course, GATTS will pay for commercial airline travel to Kansas City. And should any student have trouble getting to the training center in their own aircraft due to weather, distance, or some other problem, GATTS will send an instructor to their location to fly to Manhattan with them free of charge.

GATTS offers seven basic courses and five different add-ons or enhancements. The courses are: 7-Day Instrument Rating (IFR), 3-Day IFR Refresher, 3-Day Commercial Certification, 2-Day Tailwheel Transition, 2-Day Extreme Unusual Attitude Recovery, 5-Day Instrument Instructor (CFII), and 2-Day GPS. The latter two are brand new courses.

The 7-Day IFR is designed to cut to the chase of real world instrument flying. Students learn techniques that full-time pilots use every day. Workload is the number one enemy of the single pilot. Students learn to manage this workload properly and to stay ahead of the aircraft at all times. To stay ahead of the aircraft is to stay safe!

The 3-Day IFR Refresher is excellent for those who don't feel they have the confidence to put their rating to use or have been out of currency for a while. Areas covered include filing, understanding ATC, managing your workload, weather, getting a usable briefing, proper emergency techniques, approaches/holding, and cross country flight planning.

The third course is 3-Day Commercial Certification. It is designed for pilots who would like to become more competent and add another certification to their accomplishments. Any pilot can benefit greatly from the skills learned in the commercial curriculum – accuracy landings, chandelles, lazy eights, eights on pylons, steep turns, unusual attitude, recovery, stalls, slow flight, etc.

The Tailwheel Transition course familiarizes the pilot with all aspects of the "Conventional" gear aircraft operations. Upon successful completion of the course, pilots will receive all appropriate logbook endorsements to act as pilot in command of "Tailwheel" aircraft.

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The Extreme Unusual Attitude Recovery Course is not geared just toward the "fun" and enjoyment of aerobatics flight. The skills attained through this training are used to expose the average pilot to flight attitudes and recovery skills that are not normally encountered.

For the busy CFI or for the instructor who has always wanted to add on the CFII to their certificate, there is the 5-Day Instrument Instructor course. Students work only with professional CFII instructors, who are all Instrument experts. This course consists of 12-15 hours of actual flight time, 5-8 hours of simulator time, and the balance in the classroom.

Over the past few years, there has been a boom in GPS usage. In the 2-Day GPS course, GATTS teaches the students how to obtain full usage of their specific GPS unit, be it IFR or VFR. From flight planning to coupled approaches, students learn how to put the GPS to work for them.

The add-ons or enhancements can be taken in conjunction with the basic courses or can be standalone courses. These include 3-day written ground school for Instrument, Commercial, and CFII as well as 1-Day Complex Aircraft and 1-Day High Performance Aircraft classes.

Note that courses can be tailored to specific aircraft and equipment to meet any student's needs. GATTS is concerned that their students not just get a rating or certification. They want their students to have the skills that go with it.



The price of these courses varies dependent upon the course and whether or not the pilot uses their own aircraft. To schedule a course, or reserve a slot, pilots need to call the GATTS center and talk to a representative. That representative can detail what slots are available in a given month and the student can select one that fits his or her schedule. There is a scheduling fee due within 10 days to reserve the slot and a confirmation package is sent after that payment is received.

In Summary

Continuing education is a hallmark of all true professions where human safety, protection or well-being is at stake. At GATTS, they believe that the safety, protection, and well-being of general aviation pilots and their passengers are equally important. If safety, savings, and time top your list of priorities, then GATTS is the aviation school of your choice.

