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Posted By: rrochfort (Dick Rochfort)

Hi Chuck, I concur:

I teach the PA46 all over the country, all year long, on a full time basis, at airports large and small, in weather or not; The folks at PRC could not have been nicer or more accommodating. We had plenty of room to do whatever was of interest and there are approaches galore, including ILS, WAAS, and legacy GPS. The controllers at PRC are as good as any in the country and the weather was even better than usual! While there was some confusion with the temporary facility, the FBO now has a brand new ramp and facility.

If conditions are such that downwind parking is an issue, the airplane should be hangared if at all possible.

WAAS is great, but if busy airspace is not your forte, plan your arrival or departure for a non-peak time. Get with a qualified instructor and brush up on your holding procedures and communication skills. Get some night flying experience as well.

Of all the general aviators in the US, the PA46 pilot is better equipped to deal with busy airspace, night and weather than the majority of the fleet.

Folks, this is supposed to be fun. If you are flying less than 150 hours per year, consider training two or three times per year. Proper procedure will displace noble distractions and yield a greater level of comfort.

"Practice does not make perfect; perfect practice makes perfect" - Vince Lombardi

Here is a link to a Garmin video on my website (27 min) which describes the differences between the G530 and the G530W:

http://www.rwrpilottraining.com/G530_vs_G530W.wmv

Remember, this video cannot give you good, repeatable, integrated procedure; only a qualified instructor can do that.

Fly Safely - Train Often

Regards,

Dick Rochfort

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