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Thinking of Becoming a Helicopter Pilot?

Flying can be exhilarating and rewarding but is it for everyone? The initial training to earn one's PPL (private pilot license) is hard work, requiring focus and discipline. If you are thinking of becoming a helicopter pilot, here are a few things to consider:

- The FAA requires 40 hours minimum, at least 20 must be with an instructor and 10 solo. Most students will train for 50–60 hours prior to their exam.
- Depending on the flight school, total estimated hourly cost will range from \$400 (R22), \$700 (R44) to \$1,100 (R66).
- Make sure you are training with a reputable school. Not all schools are equal.
- You must be healthy; an FAA medical certificate is required.
- After earning your PPL, it is recommended that you fly with an instructor, on a regular basis, to maintain currency and refine your skills.
- As the pilot-in-command, you must be vigilant, have a thorough understanding of the aircraft, never exceed its limitations, and never take chances that put you or others at risk.

RHC Switches to SAF

Robinson is currently using SAF (Sustainable Aviation Fuel) for all factory flight operations. SAF is a mix of traditional fossil-based fuel with other more environmentally friendly and sustainable elements (e.g. recycled oils and fats). A cleaner alternative to fossil fuel, SAF is intended to reduce greenhouse gas emissions over the fuel's lifecycle. SAF is FAA certified under the same standards as jet fuel.

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R44/R66 Autopilot

Robinson's optional autopilot just got better. The new Genesys HeliSAS autopilot available on R44 and R66 helicopters, offers the same workload-reducing features (basic stability augmentation, heading and altitude hold, navigation signal tracking, and approach guidance) but now also includes altitude pre-select and speed hold.

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Dealer Highlight - Valair AG Helicopter Services

Valair AG Helicopter Services (Switzerland) has been a Robinson dealer and service center for 30 years. Owned and operated by Hansruedi Amrhein, Valair provides R22/R44/R66 sales, support, and maintenance including overhauls. Valair offers mountain pilot training, aerial filming, and scenic flights through the Alps with glacier landings of over 9,800 ft. Valair also has operations in Lichtenstein, and Iceland. Amrhein is an exceptional pilot with 7,000 flight hours in Robinson helicopters.

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Robinson to Attend NBAA-BACE in Orlando, Florida

October 18-20, Robinson will return to the National Business Aviation Convention & Exhibition in Orlando, Florida. On display will be a new R66 equipped with Garmin's G500H 1060 TXi, a Genesys HeliSAS autopilot, and an impact resistant windshield. See the R66 up-close at Robinson's booth number AD 01.

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