# RADIO COMMUNICATIONS



# GENERAL COMMUNICATIONS CONCEPTS

- Try and make all radio communications in a clear, concise, and to-the-point manner
- Verbatim read back of a radio communication should be avoided
- When in doubt about understanding a radio transmission, get the controller to repeat was said, "Say Again." (if on a solo flight, ou can also mention you are a "Student Pilot")
- Use an abbreviated N# (call sign) only after ATC has.
- If you include "Skyhawk" it will indicate you are a Cessna 172, and shorten your transmission.
- When initiating contact with any facility, the following general outline should be used:
  - 1. Address the facility (Who you are calling),
  - 2. Identify yourself (Who you are),
  - 3. State your position (Where you are), and
  - 4. State your request (What you want).

## COMMON PILOT BRIEFINGS

# Passenger Briefing

- 1. Seats & Seat Belts
- 2. Head Sets
- 3. Doors & Evacuation
- 4. Traffic, Vents, Motion Sickness

#### TAKEOFF BRIEFING

- 1. Type of takeoff (normal, soft, short)
- 2. Runway & Departure instructions
- 3. Wind/Crosswind conditions
- 4. Applicable V-speeds
- 5. Emergency Procedures

## APPROACH BRIEFING

(10 miles out and with ATIS)

- 1. Runway in Use & winds
- 2. Type of pattern entry
- 3. Traffic Pattern Altitude
- 4. Type of landing planned
- 5. V-speeds
- 6. Safety considerations

# **OTHER IN-FLIGHT RADIO CALLS** (often only used in stage 2, for cross country flights)

Flight Service Station (FSS) – 122.2
YOU: Radio, Skyhawk, Give your position in relation to a VOR or an airport
THEM: RESPONSE
YOU: Skyhawk, Request open VFR flight plan from Islip to Groton at 1533z
Flight Following - Air Route Traffic Control Center (ARTCC), Approach, or Departure
YOU: Approach, Skyhawk
THEM: RESPONSE
YOU: Skyhawk, 1560E, Give your position & Altitude, Request flight following to your destination
THEM: RESPONSE
YOU: Skyhawk, squawk, (often you are asked to "Ident" on your transponder)
THEM: RESPONSE

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Clearance	<b>Delivery - 121.85</b>			
YO	U: "Long Island Clearance, Sl	kyhawk"		
	EM: RESPONSE			
	U: "Clearance, Skyhawk			
VFF	R to the pra	actice area at	_ feet with information	···
	EM: RESPONSE			
YO	U: "Fly runway heading, main	ntain at or below	feet, Departure on _	, squawk"
	EM: RESPONSE			
YO	U: "Contact fo	or taxi, Skyhawk		
	ontrol - 135.30 (sometin	-		
YO	U: "Ground/Tower, Skyha	wk on the W	est Side, taxi with clear	ance."
	EM: RESPONSE			
YO	U: "Taxi Runway	via. Whiskey,	, Sky	rhawk"
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	via Whiskey, rwy 15R			
	R via Whiskey			
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	EM: EITHER "Hold Short"		eom	
YO	U: "Hold Short, Skyhawk			
	"Cleared for takeoff, S	Skyhawk"		
	"Line up and wait, Sky	yhawk"		
	EM: on upwind "Contact D			
YO	U: "Going to Departure, Sl	kyhawk"		
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Departure	e - Usually 120.05 (Frequency	uency given by clea	arance delivery)	
				heading, if not runway heading)
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# RETURNING FROM PRACTICE AREA WITH TRANSPONDER (DISCREAT SQUAWK)

ATIS 120.72 (Listen while monitoring approach) CALL APPROACH YOU: "Approach, Skyhawk would like to return to Islip for [a full stop/touch n'go's] with information THEM: RESPONSE (usually heading and altitude) YOU: RESPOND TO CONFIRM THEM: Contact Tower YOU: "Going to Tower, Skyhawk" Tower 119.3 YOU: "Tower, Skyhawk inbound at feet" THEM: PATTERN ENTRY INSTRUCTIONS YOU: RESPOND TO CONFIRM Ground 135.3 YOU: "Ground, Skyhawk \_\_\_\_\_ clear of runway \_\_\_, taxi to the west side" THEM: TAXI INSTRUCTIONS YOU: "Taxi to the west side via. \_\_\_\_\_, Skyhawk \_\_\_\_\_" **RETURNING TO ISLIP WITH 1200 (VFR SQUAWK)** ATIS 120.72 CALL APPROACH YOU: "Approach, Skyhawk \_\_\_\_ " THEM: RESPONSE YOU: "Approach, Skyhawk \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_miles to the \_\_\_\_\_ of Islip at \_\_\_\_\_feet, inbound for [a full stop/touch n'go's] with information \_\_\_\_" THEM: RESPONSE (usually a squawk code, possibly ident) YOU: RESPOND TO CONFIRM AND ENTER SOUAWK THEM: HEADING AND/OR ALTITUDE + ENTRY INSTRUCTIONS YOU: RESPOND TO CONFIRM THEM: Contact Tower YOU: "Going to Tower, Skyhawk" Tower 119.3 YOU: "Tower, Skyhawk \_\_\_\_\_ inbound at \_\_\_\_\_feet" THEM: PATTERN ENTRY INSTRUCTIONS YOU: RESPOND TO CONFIRM Ground 135.3 YOU: "Ground, Skyhawk \_\_\_\_\_ clear of runway \_\_\_, taxi to the west side" THEM: TAXI INSTRUCTIONS YOU: "Taxi to the west side via. \_\_\_\_\_"

# TRAFFIC PATTERN @ ISP

	Ground 135.3/Tower 119.3
,	YOU: "Ground/Tower, Skyhawk"
	THEM: RESPONSE
	YOU: "Ground/Tower, Skyhawk on the west side with information requesting touch and goes"
	THEM: RESPONSE YOU: "Taxi Runway via. Whiskey,, Skyhawk"
	33L via Whiskey, rwy 10, cross rwy 6/24
	33R via Whiskey, Sierra, cross rwy 6/24
	15R via Whiskey
	24 via Whiskey, rwy 15R
	6 via Whiskey, (Golf)
	28 via Whiskey, rwy 15R
	10 via Whiskey
	After Run-up and Hold Short Checklists are complete
	Tower 119.3
,	YOU: "Tower, Skyhawk holding short of runway, ready for takeoff"
,	THEM: EITHER "Hold Short" OR "Cleared for takeoff" OR "Line up and wait"
	YOU: "Hold Short, Skyhawk"
	OR
	"Cleared for takeoff, make traffic, report downwind, squawk standby, Skyhawk"
	Downwind Call
	YOU: "Tower, Skyhawk downwind runway"
	YOU: "Tower, Skyhawk downwind runway, requesting full stop"
	S D AIRPORT OPERATIONS
(	Obtain ATIS or ASOS
(	Call Tower 8-10nm out
	YOU: " Tower, Skyhawk"
	THEM: RESPONSE
	YOU: "Skyhawk is miles to the at feet, inbound for (with
	information)" THEM. DATTEDN ENTRY INSTRICTIONS
	THEM: PATTERN ENTRY INSTRUCTIONS YOU: REPEAT INSTRUCTIONS
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(	(If asked about aircraft type, the Skyhawk is a Charlie Hotel Two Tango)
LEAVI	NG CLASS D, 4NM AWAY
,	YOU: " Tower, Skyhawk is clear to the"



