

How To Join The GRAMS Club

GRAMS has memberships to accommodate most situations. Take a look at the **GRAMS Dues Structure** and make a selection. Once you decide which membership type you want, here's what you have to do:

- 1. Get A Sponsor & Make A Visit:** All new members must be voted in at a General Membership Meeting. Whether you are an experienced flyer or a beginner, you will need to contact one of the officers to get a sponsor for this meeting. Your sponsor will help you with the application and answer any questions you have. If you have a friend that is already a member of GRAMS, you may contact that member for sponsorship.
- 2. Read the Rules:** Everybody has rules. GRAMS has them, too. Ours are not much different than those of other clubs in the country, but they have to be followed for safety and for the preservation of our field.
- 3. Application— Tell Us About You:** The application gives you the opportunity to tell us about yourself. You will be asked for the usual info as well as some background about your activity in the hobby. Finally, you will be asked to sign the GRAMS Club Code of Conduct. Bring the application and your fees to the General Membership Meeting for Vote In or mail them in ahead of time.
- 4. Get Voted In:** You and your sponsor will attend a General Membership Meeting and you will be introduced to the club. This is a very informal bunch and you will be among friends! Once you are voted in you will get a key to the main gate.
- 5. Ground School & Check Ride:** All new members must meet with one of GRAMS' Instructor Pilots for Ground School and a Check Ride. Our Instructors are well versed in the rules and etiquette of the club. The Instructor will go over rules and verify that the new member demonstrates the skill level indicated on the application. If you are an experienced pilot, this may seem a bit excessive. It really is all about safety and acclimating the new member to our site environment. Once you have completed the Ground School and Check Ride Certification, you will be on your way.

If a new member indicates "Complete Novice" or "Seasoned Beginner" on the application, the instructor will begin the training process. All others will be released to fly freely, unless the instructor feels the member should get additional assistance.