



## From the Cabin to the Flight Deck

# One Flight Attendant's Journey

Over the years, Fly Legacy has trained a number of flight attendants who decided to make the transition from flight attendant to pilot. This transition comes with a number of very specific benefits as well as some specific considerations. Our CFI roster has included instructors with this history, including former CFIs Carlos Lopes and Luca Salussolia, and current instructor Jennifer Sremanak. Recently, we are finding a staggeringly high number of flight attendants interested in pursuing their flight training here at Legacy. We asked CFI Carlos, who recently left Fly Legacy after being hired by PSA Airlines, to share his experience.

"Hi I'm Carlos. I left Portugal to pursue the American dream. I moved to New York City and got a job delivering pizzas while I learned English and established myself in the Big Apple. After some time I found an exciting opportunity to become a flight attendant in Philadelphia. The skies became my second home and I embraced a sense of curiosity about the places I'd travel and the endless possibilities ahead of me. I loved meeting new people: colleagues and passengers. I gained a lot of experience in the aviation industry.

As years went on, I grew my own family here. I met my wife and we had two little ones. I found myself juggling the demands of family life and work and I struggled to find a balance. I decided to pursue a career in becoming a pilot to have a more comfortable future to support my family. I felt inspired by my experiences, fueled by a lifelong passion for flying, and unwavering support from my family.

I completed my pilot training even if it took me a little longer than some because I was working part time as a flight attendant to maintain my medical benefits and have some sort of income. I did that throughout my flight instructor training too. It wasn't always easy, especially because I was hardly home. I worked five days of the week instructing at Legacy and then flew as a flight attendant on the weekends. It took me about four full years. It wasn't always easy but it was truly worth it. I took it day by day and I finished one day. The sky's the limit."

**If you are a flight attendant currently considering flight training, be sure to give us a call and learn how we can help you, like Carlos, make the jump from the cabin to flight deck.**

# Welcome to our newest CFIs



## Petro Petula

"It's truly a blessing to be able to say I'm now a flight instructor at Legacy, and I'm very excited to be where I am now. I'd like to thank my first instructor, Nikita, for making my flight training the best experience it could be. I will do everything I can to ensure my students will also have a great experience learning to fly. Flight training at Legacy was an amazing experience, and everyone here is eager to share their knowledge and help each other improve. I love teaching others, and I can't wait to help students along their journey and watch them become safe and competent pilots".



## Daniel Silvia

"I am very excited to begin my aviation career as a CFI with Fly Legacy. I've been training and leading teams in restaurant operations for over a decade, and have finally decided to take the plunge and pursue my passion. My personal training experience at Fly Legacy has been very enjoyable and a great success. A big thanks to my instructors, Jerin, Jim and Sebastian, for helping me build on my strengths and overcome my weaknesses. I look forward to sharing my passion for aviation safety and technical knowledge with my students while I build on my own knowledge and skills!"

## GENE'S AVIATION QUIZ

- 1 What are the differences among CTAF, Multicom and Unicom?
- 2 Do airplanes have horns?
- 3 What is SAIB?
- 4 What is the 70/50 rule?
- 5 What is the difference between best glide speed and minimum sink speed?

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# Flight School Graduates



**Alam Abdalla**  
Private Pilot License  
**Instructor:**  
Erica Carter



**Edgar Nambo**  
Private Pilot License  
**Instructor:**  
Sahal Mullan



**Casey Fan**  
Private Pilot License  
**Instructor:**  
Jennifer Sremanak



**Samantha Gentes**  
Private Pilot License  
**Instructor:**  
Max Malloy



**David Lopez**  
Private Pilot License  
**Instructor:**  
Sahal Mullan



**Dalip Haxhiu**  
Multi-Engine  
**Instructor:**  
Kornel Pesti



**Jacob Kinney**  
Private Pilot License  
**Instructor:**  
Dominick Montanaro



**Jack Donahoe**  
Private Pilot License  
**Instructor:**  
Kristina Siry



**Zac Kane**  
Instrument Rating  
**Instructor:**  
Kristina Siry



**Claudia Carver**  
Private Pilot License  
**Instructor:**  
Kristina Siry



**Ramon Rodriguez**  
Multi-engine  
**Instructor:**  
Kornel Pesti



**Jake Newton-Tanzer**  
Instrument Rating  
**Instructor:**  
Alex Faiman

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**Nick Jasionis**  
Private Pilot License  
**Instructor:**  
Jennifer Sremanak

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**Jacquelyn O'Neill**  
Commercial License  
**Instructor:**  
Cheryl Benish

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**Abhi Chowdury**  
Multi-engine  
**Instructor:**  
Jim Zararis

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**Jack Ryan Smith**  
Commercial License  
**Instructor:**  
Ryan LeGrand

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**Chris Welvaert**  
Multi-engine  
**Instructor:**  
Kornel Pesti

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**Dylan Blacknell**  
CFII  
**Instructor:**  
Jim Zararis

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**Dennis Viadyn**  
Private Pilot License  
**Instructor:**  
Jim Zararis

# First Solo



**Hunter Lynch**  
**Instructor:**  
Sahal Mullan



**Kuruvilla Abraham**  
**Instructor:**  
Vince Innamarato

**Joe Bocchino**  
**Instructor:**  
Josh Fredette

**Yara Linnik**  
**Instructor:**  
Josh Fredette

**Nick Polini**  
**Instructor:**  
Kristina Siry

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## GENE'S QUIZ ANSWERS

- 1 ICTAF is used to communicate with other aircraft and coordinate their movements. Multicom is a frequency allocated without a physical base station that is reserved as a CTAF for airports without other facilities. Unicom is a radio frequency that pilots use to talk to airport staff.
- 2 Yes, commercial aircraft have horns located in the nosewheel well, used to alert ground crews.
- 3 Special Airworthiness Information Bulletin
- 4 You should be at 70% of takeoff speed at 50% left on the runway.
- 5 The best glide allows you to guide the longer distance. Minimum sink speed allows you to stay in the air longer.

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