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Introduction: Not Your Average Pilot

Why Cookie decided to learn to fly despite no "extreme sports"

• Move and expand para about the Cessna in Yuma (from "Women, Let's Fly")

Chapter 1: Unpacking Myths and Overcoming Obstacles

Don't let these myths and expectations stop you from trying at any age!

 Move "Top Gun Myths" chapter to encourage readers early to question their assumptions—except move paras on "ground school" to second section of "Chapter 6: Women, Let's Fly!"

Chapter 2: Test-Flight (In the Pilot's Seat)

First flight! Introducing the plane, Amy (women supporting women), and Boundary Bay Airport

• Combine repetitive paras from "Flights of Fancy" and "Women, Let's Fly"

Chapter 3: A Small Family Sacrifice

Introducing Hubby (and the chihuahuas)

Explaining cost, commitments, and license requirements

Chapter 4: Bang for Your Flight School Buck

Everyone starts at flight school—find the right school for you

• Move Cookie's goals from "The Wrong Stuff" (to introduce flight school)

Where to find value and savings with a program, plane, instructor, and school

- Combine repeats of 152 vs 172 comparison paras from other chapters
- Move Table from Test-Flight (add commercial licence)

Chapter 5: Before You Can Fly, You Must Walkaround

First lesson for starting flight school!

• Explain/expand on kneeboard, pilot's log book, etc. for unfamiliar readers)

Walkaround (preparing plane for safe takeoff)

 Missing para? No recount of flying but "post-flight adrenaline" is mentioned after Amy's "toy plane lecture"

Medical check before starting air lessons

Chapter 6: Women, Let's Fly!

• Combine "Women, Let's Fly" with "Cohorts" to emphasize women and older students—move timekeeping paras to "Chapter 9: Pilot Practice Makes Perfect"

Women flying (starting with Sechelt trip)

• Expand on Amy's life saving prowess, perhaps share an example or two

Finding Copilots in Ground School

- Move ground school section from "Top Gun Myths"
- If possible, please add one or two other students who don't fit the mold.

Chapter 7: You're Grounded! Preparing for Any Conditions

Weather, accidents, visibility, and calling off flights

Prepping for flight regardless

• Combine "Eat Sleep Fly Repeat" and "Keep On Enter" procedures—except move paras on weight and fuel to "Chapter 8: Fueling Up Is a Weighty Matter"

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Prepping the plane

Use "Pilot's always responsible" from "The Wrong Stuff"

Fueling up and weight calculations importance (from "Pirep")

• Add paras on weight and fuel from "Keep On Enter"

Chapter 9: Pilot Practice Makes Perfect

Driving comparison and getting over habits (from "Eat Sleep Fly Repeat")

Need more practice time/how to keep time (from "Women, Let's Fly")

Chapter 10: Flying Solo

Missing chapter (MS goes from "not ready to fly solo" to "first cross-country solo")

- Add anecdote about your first alone flight?
- Add other instructor experiences as relevant
- By the time you are flying in Arizona, do you have your Canadian RPP?

Chapter 11: Flying South for the Winter

- Expand Arizona introduction from "Survivor Arizona" to explain requirements to be able to fly in US while still a Canadian PPL student.
- Introduce Somerton Airport and George—your instructor or the hangar manager?
- Please add anecdote: first time accidentally flying into Mexico before "Survivor Arizona"—what happened?

Chapter 12: In Case of Emergency

• Missing: Do you have a US RPP to fly long-distance or is it part of a lesson plan? Are you a US student pilot at this point?

Emergency equipment/Prepping for cross country solo flight

How to handle an emergency properly

Leaving Arizona (medical reasons)

Chapter 13: Cross-border Flyer

Missing: Motive for moving your training from Canada to USA.

Checking Out Flight School B, Super Dave, and BLI

Strike Boeing anecdote: not relevant to RPP/PPL flying

First flight, unfamiliar aircraft

Too much new too soon

Chapter 14: Windsocks—Which Way the Wind Blows

So close to finishing! Going with Super Dave at Flight School B...unless

Amazing Amy again? (Loss from US lessons going back to Canada, and benefits)

- Move "be mindful of the process and of other students" to final chapter end.
- Strike "migrants" para (not related to flying; mindfulness paras show perspective)

Chapter 15: Licensed to Fly!

Have you finished your final nine hours with Super Dave?

Finishing the book with finishing your licence would be ideal.

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