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I worked with Sue for 3 years to get my private pilot certificate and I would highly suggest that if you are thinking of ANY aviation training to reach out to Sue.

So let me start off by saying it took me 3 years due to changing clubs, aircraft, family issues and work (of course). When I was able to buckle down and focus I would tell Sue what my next goal was (solo, cross country, night, check ride etc.) then we would really focus on that.

Sue has so much experience and she really brings that to her teaching. Here are just some high points of what I found helpful:

1. Sue highly encourages student introductions - this is great because you meet other students at all levels (ahead of you so you can ask questions, same as you so you can commiserate, and just slightly behind you so you can also guide and build your confidence).

2. Sue has years of commercial and CFI experience - AWESOME just to hear the stories and learn from real examples of what can go well (and not so well). Sometimes these stories of one-off examples you may never encounter but the stories help cement many lessons and regulations so that you can build your aviation thought process.

3. Sue tailors her lessons - Sue does not just come to the table with some rote lesson plan that goes through the motions. She really works with each student to figure out your strengths and weaknesses so that you can use your strengths to your advantage and overcome those pesky not so strong points.

4. Sue will help you grow your aviation skills - if you decide to go beyond your private pilot Sue is the person to help with G1000, instrument ratings and mountain checkouts. In fact, just shortly after I passed my check ride I did a right seat lesson (since my boyfriend also flies) and a night landing refresher. Many of Sue's students go on to excel beyond the private pilot experience.

I found that Sue was tough but in a good way. Sue will not let you slack off and forget the importance of safety and "being in the plane". There are so many mantras of "aviate, navigate, communicate" or "fly the plane, don't let the plane fly you" and "stay ahead of the plane". In fact when I went for my check ride and started talking to my examiner the examiner actually said "you must be one of Sue's students." This just goes to show even the FAA examiner has the highest regard for Sue's teaching ability.

At the end of the day what it comes down to is that Sue will prepare you to be at your best for whatever your aviation adventures throw your way.