

About Your Coach

Robin Helliar-Symons
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Robin learned to fly non radio in 1980 in an Aeronca Champion (tailwheel). Soon after, he started a group with a Permit to Fly Auster and now has 1,800 Auster hours, with another 450 tailwheel hours on a variety of types, out of a total of 5,500 hours on light aircraft. A physicist by trade, he retired (very early) from the scientific Civil Service in 1994 and has instructed part-time ever since. Robin has an ATPL (a mountain that had to be climbed), but has never flown large aircraft. He owns a military Auster AOP5, which first flew in 1944, and has been an Examiner since 2000.