

Client Testimonial

I have been flying Mooney's for many years accumulating over 1800 flight hours of experience. However, when the opportunity came to buy the AOPA 2001 Sweepstakes Bonanza (N2001B) this past year, I couldn't pass it up. But just jumping into a technically advanced Bonanza with a Tornado Alley turbo-normalized turbo-charger, Aspen glass panel, Garmin 530 / 430, TKS anti-icing system, STEC55x autopilot and more to fly IFR cross country, with my family in it, was to say the least a little intimidating and just not smart. I knew I needed some professional training in a Bonanza.

So, I contacted Robert Benda II upon recommendations from the American Bonanza Society. He took a commercial flight from his home in AZ to NM so that I could train at my local airport. He prepared a ground school course specific to my airplane including all the AOPA add-on systems. We started with thorough ground school instruction including tidbits on maintenance ideas and where to purchase or find items of interest for my Bonanza. We then spent the next two days (~6 hours each day with breaks for discussion) flying in and around my home airport and adjacent airports. We did all the maneuvers one would expect to become proficient in an airplane along with procedures and maneuvers specific to someone in a turbo charged Bonanza. Then we planned and flew an IFR cross country from my home airport to Chandler, AZ. That evening we did night pattern work at the Chandler airport and then I flew home the next day a fully minted Bonanza pilot with a fresh BFR and IPC sign off. I felt completely comfortable and confident after the three days with Robert.

I highly recommend Robert Benda II for any kind of flight training. Not only is he an excellent pilot and teacher, but he has a wealth of knowledge on airplane systems from glass panel units to anti-icing systems. It is also beneficial to know that I can contact Robert anytime I have a question about any aspect of flying or specifics on my airplane.

I look forward to flying back to Chandler for another BFR or advanced training someday.

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