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Robert was a fantastic instructor for my partner and I as we transitioned from newly minted pilots with lots of Piper Archer experience to our “new” 1977 Beechcraft Bonanza A36. This was a huge jump in power, complexity, and workflow and I was intimidated to say the least. I had zero hours in the Bonanza when I met Robert and wanted to get proficient as soon as possible and meet the requirements for insurance. We picked Robert because he was a certified American Bonanza Society instructor and specifically wanted to do the Beechcraft Pilot Proficiency Program (BPPP) paired with the online Beechcraft Essential Systems and Technologies (BEST) course.

From the minute he arrived he was ready and willing to help with flight instruction, mechanical and maintenance insight, and happy to share his extensive aviation experience with us. We started with an extensive walkthrough of the plane, and we learned why Robert was much more than an instructor! The maintenance insights were incredible, and I have already benefited from so many little things like labeling air pressures around the plane to markers for oil changes. Robert goes much deeper than a cursory introduction to your plane – he builds up from a deep understanding of the engineering of the plane, how various systems work together and why that matters in flight. Robert worked around our crazy schedules and came out to us. We had 4 days of intensive training covering day and night flights, 30+ full stop landings and proficiency review of the key PPL standards. We covered a lot of ground in that time and Robert was always patient, encouraging, and helpful as I learned the various ins and outs of the Bonanza. One of the side benefits is that he knew our Garmin systems incredibly well and really helped me tackle the glass cockpit learning curve as well – there is nothing like deep experience here to help you really learn the systems and benefit from the many safety features. When we finished my confidence as not only a Bonanza pilot but overall increased dramatically after the detailed training. To top it off, he helped us craft a customized checklist specific to our plane which also helps us be much more focused and safer pilots.

I am so grateful for Robert’s preparation and diligence in helping to train and help pilots across the country – I can’t recommend him enough!

