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**WHEN DID YOU START LEARNING HOW TO FLY?**

Last October I started training, and actually got in the air last November.

**CAN YOU DESCRIBE THE EMOTION DURING TAKE OFF AND LANDING?**

The emotion of both is complex. There is the feeling of pure bliss, but also a sense of imminent death. As soon as the wheels leave the ground you know so much can go wrong.

**WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE AIRCRAFT TO FLY? WHY?**

A Piper Archer, because the way it feels, it's easier to land. And it's a fun plane.

**IS THIS A POTENTIAL CAREER PATH FOR YOU?**

It's definitely a career path. I'm investing my time and money, hopefully making a career out of learning to pilot an aircraft.

**WHAT DIRECTION WOULD YOU LIKE TO TAKE THIS CAREER PATH TO?**

I'm not interested in the military route, but I'm going to let it take me anywhere else. Long term, I'd like to get to the airlines, but I'd also be interested in corporate flying.

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