

Yesterday, April 22, was my first flight session. I have no prior aviation background or experience. I met with Skylar at the office of AV8 Flight and we briefly discussed training options (part 61 or 141) and talked about our schedules, how frequently, and times I would be available for training. After our discussion we went out to the airplane and he did a walk through with me about doing pre-flight inspections, where everything is that I need to inspect and how to do it. Once that was completed, we got inside the aircraft and he walked me through all the overhead switches and gauges in the aircraft and what they do.

We departed from Flying Cloud and went down to Faribault Airport. From take-off and during the flight I was at the controls for most of it. Once we arrived at Faribault Skylar took the controls and showed me how to fly a landing pattern and we did a touch and go landing. He landed the aircraft and then gave the controls back to me for take-off and the second time I flew the pattern right up until the landing then he took the controls for the landing portion again. Once we landed, he gave controls back to me for take-off and I flew the pattern again and he assisted me with the landing. I believe it was upon trying to take-off for the third time, I'm not sure what happened but the tail of the aircraft kicked hard to the right when I applied the throttle. I tried to slowly apply pressure to the right pedal to correct the course of the aircraft without overcorrecting and we started to veer off the left side of the runway at take-off. We were not gaining altitude fast enough and were heading towards the tree line, right before we were about to make contact with the trees, he took the controls from me. The bottom of the aircraft brushed the top of the trees and then we started to descend back towards the ground and landed in the field. After the aircraft came to a stop, we made sure everybody was OK, he shut everything off in the aircraft and we exited.