

Navigating Entry Level Aerobatics- My Personal Journey

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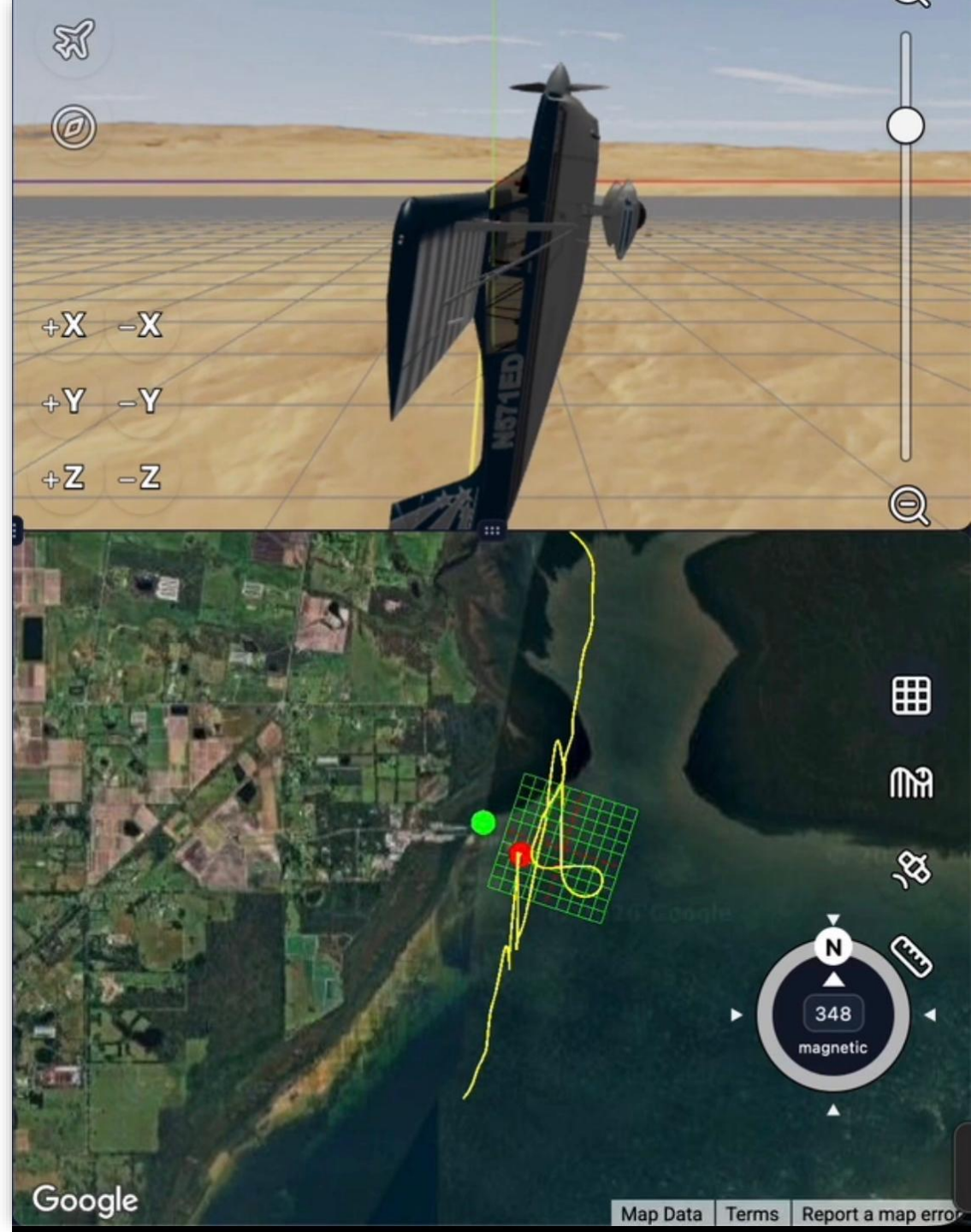
How I started

- 2024
 - Started flying at CAE
 - Advanced UPRT lessons with Jimmy in the Decathlon
 - Aerobatic endorsement in with OZAEROS in UPG
- 2025
 - Tailwheel endorsement
 - Began to train competition flying
 - Focused on finishing IFR and CPL so didn't get to compete as planned



This year and beyond

- 2026
 - Started on Graduate training
 - Became a member of David Pilkington's OZAEROS Squad
 - Started FIR at CAE
- Future
 - Aiming to compete in Graduate at the Victorian championships in September
 - Plans to move into Sportsman in 2027



https://youtu.be/eNUduCridgk?si=yC4n_gwNDNFDsNYH



Advice for new pilots

- Try out some aerobatics
 - You may love it
 - If not you'll still improve your stick and rudder skills
- Take your time
 - Getting ready to compete for the first time has taken me almost 2 years
 - Don't rush the process, flying regularly and consistently is better than 7 flights at once to get your endorsement and then never doing it again
- Chairfly
 - Use feedback from previous flights, videos, training notes, etc to help you get a better understanding of each maneuverer and then chairfly until you physically can't anymore
 - This will also help save money as you can make all your mistakes at your desk and not in the plane
- Find a good mentor within aerobatics
 - Help foster your interest and help you develop your flying skills

