

Standard Radio Calls for getting in and out of the airport, remember the basics,

Who are you talking to...

Who are you...

Where are you...

And what do you want to do?

When in doubt, read it back...

Always check in with each new agency with your full call sign "Cherokee 9690W", once they shorten your call sign, you can too. "Cherokee 90W" or "90W"

For more information read the FAR/AIM, in the AIM see radio procedures.

**Contacting Ground;** "Great Falls Ground, Cherokee 9690W, ready to taxi with information \_\_\_\_\_, for a West Practice Area departure". After they read you your taxi clearance, read it back to them with your squawk. "90W taxiing to runway 21 via Alpha, squawking 0105."

**Contacting Tower;** Great Falls Tower, "Cherokee 9690W ready for takeoff, runway 21 at A1". Once cleared for takeoff, read it back too. "90W cleared for takeoff, runway 21 at A1".

After takeoff Tower will tell you when to switch to departure control, acknowledge with, "90W switching to departure"

**Contacting Departure;** "Great Falls Departure, Cherokee 9690W is with you passing 4700 for the West Practice Area". Once they call radar contact, acknowledge with a simple "90W".

**Contacting Approach;** "Great Falls Approach, Cherokee 9690W is 7 miles west inbound for landing (or touch and goes)". They will tell you which runway to go to, how to enter the pattern and they may give you the current altimeter and winds. Read back the runway, entry point and altimeter. Example: Cherokee 90W, altimeter 30.08, winds 220 at 10, enter right downwind runway 21, contact tower 118.7. **You should respond with...** "90W inbound for right downwind runway 21, altimeter 30.08, switching to tower."

**Checking in with tower** inbound is the same. "Great Falls, Tower, Cherokee 9690W is 5 miles west inbound for right downwind runway 21."

Listen up for them to call out traffic or other directions to sequence you into the pattern with the other aircraft.

**After landing contact Ground** with; "Great Falls Ground, Cherokee 9690W is clear of runway 21 at A2 taxi to Holman." Unless tower tells you when clearing the runway to "remain on this frequency, taxi to park".