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Cessna Skyhawk Veris Virtual Reality Flight Training Device to make show debut at NBAA-BACE in Las Vegas

Attendees can experience how the dual-seat Cessna Skyhawk Veris brings instructors and students together for realistic, immersive flight training



TAMPA, Fla. (October 5, 2026) – [TRU Simulation + Training Inc.](#), a [Textron Inc.](#) (NYSE:TXT) company, and an affiliate of [Textron Aviation](#), announced today its Veris Virtual Reality Flight Training Device (FTD) configured for the [Cessna Skyhawk](#) is making its show debut at the 2026 National Business Aviation Association Business Aviation Convention & Exhibition (NBAA-BACE). The show debut builds on momentum from NBAA-BACE 2025, where TRU Simulation announced a [purchase agreement](#) with US Aviation Academy for five Cessna Skyhawk Veris devices, with options for additional units.

This year, NBAA-BACE attendees will have the opportunity to experience the Cessna Skyhawk Veris first-hand through live demonstrations at booth #3415 and learn how immersive virtual reality technology can enhance pilot readiness.

“The Cessna Skyhawk Veris was designed with intentionality to support a realistic flight training experience, including a dual-seat configuration that allows instructors and students to train together on the device,” said Jerry Messaris, president and CEO, TRU Simulation. “As demand for pilots continues to grow, solutions like Veris help training organizations expand access to high-quality instruction and prepare students for the next step in their aviation careers.”

The Cessna Skyhawk Veris combines immersive virtual reality technology with advanced Full Flight Simulator (FFS) features to support realistic and engaging fixed-wing instruction. Its fully configured cockpit replicates Cessna Skyhawk instrumentation and controls and incorporates authentic Garmin G1000 NXi avionics, enabling students to train with or without the virtual reality headset. The dual-seat configuration allows training to take place from the left or right seat, accommodating training credit for all licensing phases from private pilot through flight instructor. Designed to meet Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Level 7 Flight Training Device (FTD) standards, the Cessna Skyhawk Veris will expand TRU Simulation’s Veris product line into the fixed-wing training market upon qualification.

Media Opportunity

To request an interview or a demonstration of the Veris device during the show, please contact Lauren Howell at lhowell@txtav.com.

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About the Cessna Skyhawk

The Cessna Skyhawk is considered the aircraft of choice for pilot training, and it is the most popular aircraft in aviation history. Since the aircraft first took flight in 1955, more than 45,000 Cessna 172 aircraft have been delivered to customers in over 40 countries around the world — more than any other aircraft in the industry.

The Skyhawk features Garmin G1000 NXi avionics with wireless connectivity, a standard angle-of-attack display system and proven dependability. Its modern interior includes features such as power headset plugs at each seat, USB charging ports and upgraded seats for enhanced comfort. The aircraft also features a [McCauley](#) aluminum fixed pitch propeller and a [Lycoming](#) IO-360-L2A engine with 180 horsepower.

About TRU Simulation

TRU Simulation + Training Inc., an affiliate of Textron Aviation Inc., is a leading provider of high-fidelity training devices and full-motion simulators for the aviation industry. With a strong commitment to excellence and innovation, TRU Simulation has been at the forefront of flight simulation technology for over a decade. Our customized simulator solutions empower pilots to navigate the skies confidently, while our state-of-the-art technology ensures safe and realistic training experiences. For more information, visit www.TRUSimulation.com.

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