



The days are beginning to get longer, which, of course, means we're getting closer to being able to fly in the evenings once again. Those who were at the Club Evening in February had the chance to hear Craig talk about some of the things to bear in mind when getting ready for the new season. Craig also talked us through the new procedures for hiring Tayside Aircraft on Mondays and Tuesdays (see Page 2). This will be welcome news to many who rely on the Tayside planes for their flying - offering an increased availability during the week.

As the season progresses and you start planning outings in the coming weeks, why not give the Buddy Scheme a thought? If you're planning a flight somewhere by yourself, why not give someone on the Buddy List a call and take them along? It's nice to have a bit of company, someone to talk to - and you can always get them to pay for your coffee, bacon roll, etc. at the end!

Some good news from Tayside Aviation that they're hoping to base a PA28 Warrior at Fife in the near future. That will make an excellent addition to the Cessna Fleet and give students and PPLs alike an extra option to choose for their flying.

Finally, watch out for the coming evening with Squadron Leader Sue Freeman at the end of March. Sue was one of our VIP Guests at last year's "Women in the Air" Open Day and has agreed to come and talk to us about life in the RAF. This promises to be very interesting evening so let's have a great turnout on the 29th.

Logo Competition

The burning issue of the FFC logo has arisen again and the committee, always keen to delegate decisions of importance, would like to invite submissions for a new club logo. These can be submitted on line via info@fifeflyingclub.co.uk or on paper to Julia or any other member of the committee you see around.

We will put the entries to a vote and the winner will receive the enviable reward of seeing their creation adopted by the club.



AWARDS



PPL

- Gareth Elliot
- David Gillon
- Kris Seunarine
- First Solo
- Brain Doris
- XCQ
- Ross Kirton
- Gordon Bell
- Peter Shandley

Congratulations all the above!



TORNADO PILOT PRESENTATION

Presentation By Squadron Leader Sue Freeman - Tornado Pilot Thursday 29th March (7pm for 7.30pm)

After visiting Fife airfield last year (for Women in the Air Day), RAF Squadron Leader Sue Freeman agreed to return as her son had finally developed an interest in aviation (fuelling the Tornado vs Cessna



debate). Although her return visit is not for flying lessons for her son (yet), we are delighted to welcome Sue back to our Club at the end of

Tayside News

Tayside is the proud new owner of another immaculate PA28 Warrior III G-BXOJ (see photo). We plan to position a Warrior at Fife as soon as another PA28 is bought in about 6 weeks time.



Both C172s have had a bit of a makeover externally and we plan to refurbish the interiors over the coming year.

There will be a bit of work going on to put in a new "greenhouse". This will be semi-remote from the Topsy Nipper and will house the Instructors and radio, as well as a classroom.

March. She has offered to give us a short presentation offering some insight into life in the RAF.

We enjoyed a fascinating evening last year on survival methods courtesy of a crew from Leuchars, and even got to see what equipment is stored in an ejector seat!

So why not join us again for another entertaining evening, and to hear how on Cessnas are more exciting than Tornado F3s.

New Hiring Arrangements

To maximise aircraft availability and flying opportunities there are changes to the pre-flight authorisation procedure to enable reinstatement of Monday and Tuesday hiring.

The changes should cut down unwanted time spent on the ground with the requirement to be authorised and 'signed out' by an instructor no longer necessary. Changes to procedures have been introduced to help maintain the safe and legal operation of the aircraft.

- On arrival an Aircraft Release to Service form, should be completed and checked.
- A printed off copy of your mass and balance will be required (a printer will be available).
- The release to service form and mass and balance should be handed to a member of the operations staff who will also quickly check your log book.
- The PIC shall fill out the Tech Log as normal and complete the authorisation form including initialling.

On Monday's and Tuesday's the same procedures should be adhered to however the forms should be handed to Julia Grant or Jim Peebles who will also verify that the 6 week criteria is met. Before you hire on these days it is requested that you see Craig, David or Shona for a one-off brief outlining the hazards and idiosyncrasies involved in opening hangar doors and moving aircraft.

Women In The Air

Whilst not the most auspicious date FFC have picked Friday the 13th April to celebrate our success for the Women in the Air day we held last August. Some of you may remember we had a signature board for all the participating females to sign on the day.

Despite weather conditions we managed to get sufficient numbers of females in the air to secure third place in the British Women Pilots' Association competition, whereby clubs throughout the UK tried to encourage as many women to take to the air as possible. We are going to unveil the framed Signature Board with dignitaries present along with the press. Of course the success of the flying club would not exist without the contribution of our members, so we would be delighted to

Club Events

Thurs 22 March 7:30pm
Quiz Night "Pub Style"
Team up on the night - no requirements for pilots vs. students.

Fri 13 April 7-8pm
Women In The Air
Unveiling Event

Sat 07 April - All Day
Easter Egg Fly-In & Barbecue
Fly In and donate eggs for a free landing fee. Burgers on the go all day. Eggs go to Rachel House.

Sat 14 April Day Trip
Fly-Out
(Longside, Peterhead)
Bring a picnic lunch.

Thurs 26 April 7:30pm
Club Night (Ambulance Service)

A certificate will be issued to all those completing this short course.

Sat 12 May - Day
Treasure Hunt & Barbeque

Thurs 17 May - 7:30pm
Club Night (Fire Service)

Stuart Chappell
Memorial Bench
We will be installing a bench at the club in the next few weeks in memory of Stuart, Chappell who sadly passed away a year ago. For further details/date etc watch the website.

FFC Numbers - There are currently 31 students and approximately 120 FFC members. This is expected to be a busy spring with several tests on the horizon.

welcome as many members along as possible. There will be a buffet and wine reception, the unveiling ceremony, then a chance to catch up with other members. Please note, this event will be formal dress.

The IMC Rating

Most people are aware of the on-going debacle and lack of information around the IMC rating. Here are a couple of useful quotes from the CAA February statement on the matter.

- IMC Ratings will continue to be added to UK-issued JAR-FCL and non-JAR-FCL aeroplane licences (other than the NPPL) until 30th June 2012.
- IMC Rating privileges entered on UK-issued JAR-FCL and non-JAR-FCL aeroplane licences may be exercised in both EASA and non-EASA aeroplanes until 8th April 2014.

Further information can be found at the following link:

<http://tinyurl.com/7hubbsk>

Colleagues have been burning the midnight oil to update the club website. Log in to see it soon at www.fifeflyingclub.co.uk

A free offer for Fife students!

Alan Laing, member of the (Socata) TB9 Group, at Fife is offering to take any Fife students flying in the TB9. This is a chance to get some stress-free flying in the right hand seat of a plane, and



the chance to experience flying in a low-wing type. No charge but Alan is known to be prone to scoffing a bacon roll after flying.

Let Alan know this next time you are up at Fife to fly. Contact Alan on 07528 986780 or alandi@globalnet.co.uk