

Pilot Flight Training

Latest news from Pilot Flight Training Oxford



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SUMMER 2005

A TB10 for the fleet, the 2nd annual Open Day, £700 raised for charity, Caroline having her baby, two successful flyouts and PFT goes posh with the new retro leather seating in the departure lounge! It's all been happening at Oxford! Since our last newsletter it has been rather busy, however the weather has been temperamental and June wasn't the start to summer that we all hoped. A few good spells here and there but generally worse than last year.

Having said that, PFT managed to successfully complete two flyouts. On 29th May, seven aircraft and twenty people all set off from Oxford on a rather sunny day headed for historical Duxford. The circuit was extremely busy and some of the PFT members were faced with several go-arounds as they tried to land, providing much entertainment for those of us that had already landed! A good day was had by all as we ate lunch and leisurely looked around the museums before heading home. The second of our flyouts was to Tollerton (Nottingham) for the Today's Pilot fly in. Four aircraft and ten people headed up to Tollerton on the Saturday night and pitched our tents on arrival – including Ian!! We all enjoyed the evening's entertainment and woke on Sunday to a bit of a grey start (and a sore head!) which cleared to allow nearly 200 aircraft arrive to the flyout - a good weekend was had by all.

Our other major success was the annual Open Day and BBQ. We were very happy to see so many of you turn out for the annual event, even if it was just for the food!! For those who didn't make it, we had a Tiger Moth kindly carrying out charity flights, a Jet Provost taking people for a spin, a Yak 52, Cessna 150, Bulldog, Chipmunk and the legendary Polly Vacher and her round the world PA28 in attendance. With the Tiger Moth flights and the raffle, we managed to raise £700 for Flying Scholarships For The Disabled.

We are also extremely pleased to announce the birth of Caroline and Andy's son James, who was born on the morning of 27th April.



EVENTS

Summer Evening BBQ - To add to our ever busy social schedule we will be having an early evening BBQ on Sunday 21st August. As the airport closes and the flying stops at 5 pm, the BBQ will be fired up, the drinks opened and we'll hopefully enjoy the evening summer sun. Bring your own food to avoid disappointment!!

Flyout Destinations – Just a reminder of the remaining flyout destinations for 2005. As always, if you want to reserve your place, let Paul or Louise know by phone or by email (info@pilotflighttraining.com).

- August 28th - Old Buckenham
- September 25th - Haverfordwest
- October 30th - Bembridge

This newsletter is for you! If you would like to contribute in the future, or if you have news, ideas or other suggestions, please let us know!

FLEET

TB10 Joins The Fleet

We have a new addition to the fleet, a Socata TB10 Tobago. A capable four-place aircraft with a variable pitch propeller, TB10's are very popular touring aircraft.

Fitted with a suite of equipment including two colour GPS units, an autopilot, twin VOR/Glidescopes, ADF and DME, G-PCAT is already proving to be a popular choice amongst the members. G-PCAT solo hire is £135 per hour so book your check flight now!



NOTICES

Fuel Surcharge – Due to a 20% rise in fuel prices since January this year, we regret to announce that until further notice, aircraft hire will be subject to an additional fuel surcharge of £6 per hour. It is our intention to remove this surcharge when fuel price falls below £1 per litre.

New Gallery – Our website has now been updated to include a photo gallery. A place for all your photos and to show others how much fun we have! So please feel free to send us your photos so that we can include them. Please email them to: info@pilotflighttraining.com

Extension To Weekday Opening Hours – Make the most of the rest of the summer. Our late night opening hours have proved very popular, so I suggest that if you do plane to make an evening booking that you do so at least a week in advance if not sooner. As a reminder we are open Monday to Friday 9am to 8pm. For those of you with weekday jobs, you can now continue your training or solo hire during these hours.

Ground School Evenings – The ground school evenings continue to be a huge success in the last 6 months and we will continue to run them throughout the summer. Keep an eye on the notice board at PFT or the website for up and coming dates.

Today's Pilot Magazine – We have arranged a special price for copies of this popular flying magazine and we are pleased to offer it for sale at the bargain price of £3, so don't forget to pop in and get your copy.

Today's PILOT

ACHIEVEMENTS

Chris Mitchell	New PPL April 05
Clive Wainstein	New PPL May 05
Darren Turner	New PPL May 05
Steve Mckenna	New PPL May 05
Wendy Moore	New PPL June 05
Richard Mallows	New PPL June 05
Matt Stimpson	First Solo 17 th June 05
Jim Kershaw	IMC Rating April 05
Brian Miller	IMC Rating June 05
Joe Langer	First Solo 15 th July 05
Ged Richmond	First Solo 23 rd July 05
Graham Clarkson	First Solo 26 th July 05
Guy Stockley	New PPL July 05



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