

# Pilot Flight Training

Latest news from Pilot Flight Training Oxford



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## BEFORE YOU KNOW IT, IT'S CHRISTMAS!



As the end of 2004 nears and the first dusting of snow beckons, I would like to take this opportunity to thank everybody who has helped maintain PFT's reputation as a warm and enjoyable place to learn to fly. I can honestly say I have had enormous fun meeting existing and new members and seeing so many of you progress throughout your training.

My aims for the future include growing the social aspect at PFT. Following on from the success of the Open Day and the flyout to Cardiff in July, we plan to fly to historic aerodromes such as Duxford, and perhaps even a visit to Brize Norton!

## THE PFT TEAM NEWS

Our team has seen many changes throughout 2004, including both management and instructors. Lee, who has been with PFT for many years, has finally found an excellent opportunity flying 737's out of Kuala Lumpur with Air Asia, and is currently in Ireland getting his type rating. Alistair has also found a commercial job flying for Jet2 and has already made his first trip to Prague. We wish them both the very best of luck for the future.

We would like to congratulate Ian Day on his promotion to CFI. Joining Ian, we now have Alistair Checketts and Ben Cooper, who are both Oxford-trained commercial pilots. We would like to welcome them both to the team. Of course, Rob and Jon are still our resident weekend instructors.

Even more exciting news concerns Caroline, who we are extremely pleased to announce is 5 months pregnant! We wish Caroline and her husband Andy all the best.

On the management side, I am sure you will all join me in wishing Tom Eagles a happy retirement. Tom has now left Oxford, but will continue to run PFT Wellesbourne and Hinton, and of course concentrating on improving his golf!

## NOTICES

We are in the process of updating our contacts list and if you would like to be kept informed of fly out dates, ground school bookings and any other relevant information then please email us NOW so that we have your address in our database. Let us know by emailing us at [info@pilotflighttraining.com](mailto:info@pilotflighttraining.com)

Oxford Airport closes on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> December and re-opens on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January – consequently, PFT will also be closed over this period.

As I'm sure you are aware with the increasing cost of motoring fuel, the price of oil has risen considerably over the last 12 months. Unfortunately this has also affected the cost of AVGAS. To counter this, our prices will increase by £5 from January 1<sup>st</sup> 2005.

**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!**

## TRIAL LESSONS

Still struggling with gift ideas for Christmas?

Treat yourself or someone special to a 30 minute flight around Oxford. You will be given a short brief by a PFT instructor, and then taken on a pleasurable flight around the local area. You can even have hands on experience of flying the aircraft yourself!

Either give us a call, or pop in to reception to purchase a voucher.

## EVENING GROUND SCHOOL

Within the last 2 months we have been running evening ground school classes to aid those of you who are going through your PPL or NPPL training.

Each evening will begin at 17:30 and will include 2 hours of lecture time, light refreshments and then the opportunity to take the exam at the end.

The cost of the evening will be £55, including the price of the exam. Please sign up for the evenings of your choice on the What's New board, as places are currently limited to a maximum of 8 people. Close to the date we will contact you to remind you.

## PRICE LIST AS OF 1<sup>ST</sup> JAN 2005

	Dual	Solo
Cherokee 140	£120	£105
Cherokee 180	£130	£115
Cherokee 6	£175	£160
C172S	£140	£125
T67B (Cruise)	£115	£100
T67M (Cruise)	£145	£130
T67B (Aeros)	£135	£105
T67M (Aeros)	£180	£150
Simulator	£45	£35

IMC Instruction	+ £5
Night Flying	+ £5
After 5pm	+ £5
Own Aircraft	£40

Annual Membership	£125
3 Month Membership	£60

Trial Lesson (30 mins)	£85
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Full course prices:

NPPL (32 hours)	£3840
JAR PPL (45 hours)	£5400

All prices include VAT at 17.5%

## EVENTS

Awards Night – as I have already mentioned we have had an excellent year and I would like to take the time out to congratulate all of you who have made such big achievements in your flying. So I have organised an evening event on February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2005. It will be held at the Jolly Boatman in Thrupp, which is just round the corner from the airfield.

The evening will be a chance for many of you to get together and meet other PFT members and of course swap stories. There will be a buffet, which will cost £5. I encourage you all to bring along partners and show them exactly what you get up to when you go flying. Every person who has passed a significant point in their training will receive an award. We have a guest speaker joining us, no one famous I'm afraid, but some one who has many exciting and encouraging aviation stories to tell.

## ACHIEVEMENTS

Special congratulations go out to the following students:

William Iliffe	New PPL September 04
Colin Baxter	New PPL October 04
Fred Matubia	First Solo 1 <sup>st</sup> October 04
Kevin McCauley	First Solo 1 <sup>st</sup> October 04



This year, Pilot Flight Training has seen 11 new PPL holders, 2 new NPPL's, 4 Night Qualifications and an IMC rating issued – congratulations to all!

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