

UK-SA Community Newsletter #3 - August 2004

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1. Congratulations

to many SA pilots 'on distribution' who have gained their SA licences this year at various schools in SA or successfully changed types or renewed here in the UK after their first or subsequent years. I occasionally hear of big successes too - one or two who have now got JAA ATPL ground school passed, or JAA CPL flight courses completed straight from their SA PPLs. Also at least one member now in N.Z. on the EasyJet sponsored ATPL scheme. I won't mention names as they haven't specifically given permission, but they know who they are!

2. Events

I'm arranging a visit for SA PPLs to Heathrow Tower, in fact - if we're VERY lucky we might get into ATC itself (no guarantees), but the main purpose is to visit AIS (the NOTAM people!). It's normally restricted to about '6 at a time' for a brief presentation on what AIS provide and how to get the best pre flight briefing and maybe a look up on the control tower roof for a view around. Please send me an email if you are interested. I have no idea yet on 'when' but if we can get a group together they will let us know. It would help my filing if you used the unique email address heathrow@uksa.flyer.co.uk to register for this event specifically.

Following our 'D-Day' fly out to Le Touquet, I am speaking to Middle Wallop about a "UKSA Fly-in". This was a World War 2 base (Spitfires I think) and is now the main Army Air Base in the UK, situated in Hampshire. It has a good museum too, which would be the main excuse for the fly-in. You might even find out how 'crop circles' started as there is a clue in the Museum - but not many people notice! More details when I get more info, but they have not instantly refused and I'm getting the message that it might be allowed if I arrange it through the Museum directorate.

3- Masterclasses

I am running an Autumn / Spring series of "PPL Masterclasses" for UK-based pilots - these are invaluable to anyone who has trained abroad as many of you know, having attended previous ones. They 'happen' where-ever the demand is, so you can influence 'where and when' by asking for one. It's a whole weather-proof aviation day, limited to 12 attendees, in a pub, you don't have to know anything and there are no nasty surprises. The current programme is Sherburn (Yorks) on Sept 25th, Wokingham (Berks) on Oct 9th - places still available but bookings are coming in - and I'm fishing for people for one at Dartford to cover NE Kent and S. Essex for later in October.

Others places are possible, following demand. You'll get an enjoyable with UK trained PPLs. Content / Details on www.higherplane.flyer.co.uk/seminars and comments from previous people in various forums, but for example, try page 4 on this one from the Cheshire Masterclass earlier this year:

<http://forums.flyer.co.uk/viewtopic.php?t=3922&start=45> - you can reply to this email if you want to know more, or want to suggest one nearer you.

4. And a plea: (medicals!)

As one or two of you have found out and paid for it with 'delay', it is VITAL that if you get a new SA medical certificate from the UK based doctors we know that you meticulously check it for mistakes. For example, for PPL it should be 'class 2'. Any alterations even by the doctor MUST be countersigned in full by the doctor or the certificate re-issued.

Enjoy the flying!

Irv Lee

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PPL Masterclasses: Sherburn, Wokingham, etc:

www.higherplane.flyer.co.uk/seminars