

## UK-SA Community Newsletter #4 - October 2004

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### 1: UK Licences in SA

For those of you with UK-licensed (UK and JAA) friends wanting to fly on vacation in SA: It seems the SA CAA have gone a tiny step towards 'licence checking' for your friends with a UK or JAA licence who want to hire to fly there on holiday in SA and want a SA "validation" to fly there without an instructor alongside.

At the moment the SA CAA has introduced checking back with the home country's CAA for commercial validations, which is not something that should worry most pilots as they will be trying to get 'private privileges' for vacation use. However, it might be the thin end of the wedge and they may in future decide to do it for PPLs too - I'll keep you informed in case you know people who want to vacation and fly there. It just means a bit of extra pre-trip planning to tell our UK CAA to release the details, and also paying £16 for them to bother.

### 2: Events

I am still talking to NATS about a visit to Heathrow - I have received enough interest from you. I'll try and make it December so we can have a season drink or pre-Xmas Curry afterwards somewhere nearby. I have yet to set up the Middle Wallop fly-in - the weather seems to have stopped me even thinking it will be possible this year!

### 3- R/T licences

The reason the NATS visit has dropped in the priority list is that I've been spending all my spare time qualifying to do R/T licences for the UK CAA, which unfortunately meant being an unpaid and unwitting 'beta-tester' for their new R/T software. However, I am now approved, having passed all the tests, so I can do UK (JAA) VHF and HF FRTOL (radio) licences and of course associated ground exams. At present, the UK CAA requires a practical R/T test for conversion from SA to JAA licences.

#### 4- Who is 'out there'?

I am going out to South Africa for the first part of November. Anyone else out there at the same time?

#### 5- Masterclasses

Anyone London or Kent/Essex based and wanting to attend a PPL Masterclass, there is one with still some vacancies on Sat 23rd Oct at Dartford, right by the Thames crossing, so easy to get to and find on a Saturday. We had a class last week at Wokingham with 4 SA PPLs signing up (3 attended, one had to transfer to another). I am also thinking of positioning one somewhere near Bristol / Gloucester / Swindon (depending on demand) in late November or early December. If interested, see the website below my signature block.

#### 6- Contact Request

Has anyone learned at 'Learn-to-fly' at Durban?? [www.learn-to-fly.co.za](http://www.learn-to-fly.co.za) - Someone has made contact saying they are going to learn there and are really interested in contacting anyone who has been there, for impressions, "what happens", etc. If you don't mind being asked a couple of questions, please volunteer via me.

#### 7- CPL Ambition? - Exhibition:

For anyone thinking of the commercial route, there's the Flyer Commercial Training Exhibition near Heathrow on Sat. Nov 6th. This is where all the schools offering commercial training - groundschool or flying courses - meet up and have 'market stalls' in a hotel conference room so you can go and chat to each of them. They sometime have 'special offers' available. There are also regular 30 minute talks on relevant themes throughout the day and a forum for audience Q&A at the end with employers and trainers on a panel. I'm usually there (and on the forum panel as a 'neutral') but will be in SA at the time. See [www.flyer.co.uk](http://www.flyer.co.uk) for how to get tickets (cheaper in advance).

Also if any of you trained at 43rd in Port Alfred, they will be at the Exhibition, so you

can go and meet some of your original instructors. I know Frik S. will be behind the 43rd stall with one or two others.

8- "Free Lunch" - well, magazines, anyway.

I see Flyer magazine is offering 3 free issues to anyone who has 'just passed the PPL'. I'm sure they won't mind whether its a SA PPL or JAA one if you live in this country. It says just send a copy of the relevant pages in your new PPL to them with name and address and ask for them! The instructions are to send the stuff to 'NEW PPL SUBSCRIPTIONS, Seager Publishing Ltd, FREEPOST BS8600, Bath BA2 3BF'

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