Tayside Flying Club’s 40th Anniversary
Wings Night
Saturday 27th September 2008
Discovery Point, Dundee

Dear TFC Members,

Tayside Flying Club invites you to attend our club’s 40th Anniversary Celebrations on Saturday 27th September 2008 at Discovery Point, Dundee.

This year’s Wings Night is to be a less formal affair, more of a party atmosphere to celebrate TFC’s 40th birthday - no black tie dress code.

Yes, we’ll present Pilot’s Wings, TFC’s Annual Awards and one or two special prizes to worthy recipients.

We’ll be celebrating the significant contribution made by TFC’s Membership, both past and present.

It promises to be a great evening, please join us and enjoy an evening of celebration.

Gordon MacKenzie

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*TICKETS FOR TFC’S 40th ANNIVERSARY AVAILABLE FROM TAYSIDE AVIATION, TFC COMMITTEE or email wings@taysideflyingclub.org.uk

*STOP PRESS one remaining seat available for Saint Omer Fly In (see page 8)
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Saturday 27th September 2008
Discovery Point, Dundee
19:00 for 19:30

TFC’s 40th Anniversary
Presentation of Wings
PPL of The Year
Student Pilot of The Year
Commercial Pilot Award
Special 40th Birthday Prizes!

Tickets available from Tayside’s Ops Desk or email-
wings@taysideflyingclub.org.uk
Piper Warrior G-EVIE

G-EVIE is back on line complete with a new paint scheme, new leather seats, new Garmin 430 Coms Nav & GPS plus a new Mode S Transponder. The aircraft will be touring various UK airfields during the course of 2008 undertaking various Air League Flight Scholarship commitments.

Tayside’s ALSIM 200 Flight Simulator  Discounted Rates for TFC

Tayside’s Simulator is available to TFC Members at a specially discounted rate. Slots can be reserved by simply calling TFC Ops Desk or email wings@taysideflyingfclub.org.uk

Supervised Wednesday Evenings

In addition, TFC Members are encouraged to make use of Tayside’s Simulator on Wednesday Evenings. Friends and Family also welcome, please reserve a simulator slot to avoid disappointment. wings@taysideflyingclub.org.uk

TFC Out of Hours Access

Please note, TFC Members can organise to make use of the facilities outside Tayside’s normal office hours. Simply contact Jim Watt or 07879 487462 or Lyall Smith on 07786 276050 to arrange supervised access.
Wings and Things
What’s going on in or around the Club

Congratulations to the following TFC Members…

Mark Skea PPL Skills Test
Stuart Robb PPL Skills Test
Alan Penny PPL Skills Test
Sandy Farquhar NPPL Skills Test
Allan Ramsay RT Practical Test

First Flight of The Day and Pre Flight Checks

It’s really important that all pilots adhere strictly to Pre-Flight Procedures. Please ensure the Pre-Flight Check List is fully completed before each flight. It’s also essential pilots arrive in plenty of time prior to your allocated booking slot. You’ll need to double check NOTAMs, Weather and book out with a Tay-side Instructor, arrive early please.

“Flying for one hour, requires one hour of preparation”.

Weight and Balance

Prior to each flight, please ensure you comply with Tayside’s Flying Orders by including a Pre Flight Weight and Balance Calculation. It’s very important that we adhere to the aircraft manufacturer’s specifications at all times. Tayside’s Instructors are always available to check your calculations as part of your pre flight authorisation.

Liam Smith

Tayside PPL and Ops Desk Assistant - now Dash 8 Q300 First Officer

Shortly after gaining his ATPL, IR and MCC, Tayside PPL Liam Smith was helping out at Tayside Aviation by managing the Ops Desk. One sunny day, by chance, a senior representative of Air South West visited Tayside Aviation on business. On hearing of Liam’s qualifications and availability, Liam was invited to apply for a position as a First Officer. Two interviews and one sim check ride later, Liam was heading to Paris for his Dash 8 Type Rating Course. Now, you’ll find Liam flying between Plymouth, Glasgow, Newcastle, Cork, Dublin, Jersey, Leeds, Manchester, Bristol, London Gatwick, Newquay, Jersey and Grenoble. www.airsouthwest.com is owned by Sutton Harbour Group Plc.
Aero Club de Saint Omer

Pierre and Hadrian visit TFC

Tayside Flying Club was delighted to welcome Pierre and Hadrian from Aero Club de Saint Omer during July 2008, the first exchange of young pilots between our Flying Clubs.

Special thanks to Sandy Farquhar for accommodating and transporting the Pierre and Hadrian to and from Piperdam during the first week. The boys really enjoyed staying at Sandy’s house and benefited greatly from the ‘Scottish’ knowledge transfer.

Pierre and Hadrian left with screeds of information about Scotland’s Home Grown Inventors. Sandy also organised for the guys to experience fly fishing at Piperdam.

Dave Kelly also made a sterling contribution hosting our visitors over a weekend and they managed a flying visit to East Fortune’s Aviation Museum followed the next day by a car journey north of Glasgow which included Loch Lomond, Fort William, Spean Bridge and Newtonmore. A hectic weekend followed by a return journey to Dundee on Monday morning.

Gordon MacKenzie was a great help providing transport during the course of the two weeks. Gordon also managed to escort the guys to Edinburgh’s New ATC Tower at short notice. Thanks to Sandy Sandford of NATS for accommodating our request at short notice.

Barbara and Lyall Smith provided accommodation during the second week and organised various activities such as visiting Scotland’s Secret Bunker near Anstruther and playing golf at Drumoig. Also, tours of St. Andrews and Dundee were organised which included a trip up Dundee’s Law and swimming sessions at both The Apex City Quay Hotel and Dundee’s Leisure Centre.

Special thanks to Craig Fraser who organised a VIP Visit to RAF Leuchars. This was a real highlight for our Saint Omer visitors, especially for Pierre who is aiming for a career flying Mirage fast jets!

Flying Activities

Special thanks to Jim Watt and his team at Tayside Aviation for organising numerous local flights for our visiting pilots from Saint Omer. Pierre and Hadrian were thrilled with trips aboard two Warriors, a Grob, a Cessna 152, Twin Seneca and a Piper Arrow. Both Pierre and Hadrian also managed a quick session in Tayside’s Simulator and also attended a Ground Instruction session on stalling.

Bob Hubbard kindly organised for the boys to enjoy a special afternoon at Scone Aerodrome which included a flight aboard a Robinson R44 Helicopter.

The main purpose of the exchange visit was to improve Pierre and Hadrian’s spoken English and we certainly witnessed a marked improvement during their exchange visit to TFC.

STOP PRESS..... TFC Exchange Students to Saint Omer 2009

Finally, TFC has embraced the concept of Twinning with Aero Club de Saint Omer and there is an open invitation for two young TFC Members to visit Saint Omer during the course of July 2009.

To express interest, please email wings@taysideflyingclub.org.uk as soon as possible.
CLIC Sargent Charity Flight

Charity Flight in Nipper G-AVXD by John Brompton

I have just recently returned from a flying adventure with Tipsy Nipper G-AVXD to present a cheque in support of CLIC Sargent.

This is a charity that supports Cancer Leukaemia in Children, which my 6 year old grand daughter Tamara has been fighting for the past 14 months.

It all began with my son in law, who lives in Melksham Wiltshire, and a couple of his friends entering the Barcelona Bangers rally under the name of ‘Team T’.

This was to raise funds for and awareness of CLIC Sargent.

The rally is organised to support charities through sponsorship and requires a motor vehicle costing no more than £200. Then starting from Calais a drive across France to Spain and eventually Barcelona – This is good fun apparently, I am going to have a go myself 2009.

To support Tamara and the Charity, I decided to try and raise funds in Scotland. Many generous donations were made and a charity auction was held in the Newport Hotel resulting in a total of £1500 being raised.

With such an amount raised, I thought that it would be good fun to fly XD down to Wiltshire and present the monies to Tamara for CLIC Sargent prior to the rally start on 16th July 08.

Account of the Flight

Planning started and Sunday 13 July was picked as the start date and the following is a short account of the flight:

Sunday 13th July – depart Dundee at 10:00 – track past ‘T in the park’ very apt I thought, onwards to east of Cumbernauld then fly IFR [I fly roads] to Carlisle for a much needed defuel and refuel. Depart Carlisle at 13:00 flying IFR again to Blackpool for another refuel.

Depart Blackpool at 15:00 tracking to Preston, Wigan and the light aircraft corridor between the Manchester and Liverpool control zones, care was needed here to navigate accurately and also not to bust the max height of 1250ft, then onwards arriving at Gloucester for more fuel.

Depart from Gloucester at 18:00 to Oaksey Park arriving at 18:30 – refuel, hangar XD and car to Melksham – this was not the intended landing strip but Fairford RIAT NOTAM’S prevented any further flight.

Tuesday 15th July – depart Oaksey Park at 11:30 for Sibson Peterborough. However, due to low cloud around the Brize Norton zone I had to track back to Gloucester then onwards past Wellsbourne and Daventry before landing at Sibson for Fuel.

Depart Sibson at 13:30 and track between Coningsby and Wainfleet control zones before crossing the Humber and arriving at Eddsfield with winds of 25kts gusting 35kts preventing any further flight. I was met here by Edd the owner who kindly refuelled XD and opened his hangar for me.

Thursday 17th July Depart Eddsfield at 10:00 and track the coast up to Eshott for more fuel.

Depart Eshott at 13:00 to arrive at Dundee at 14:30 for XD to be refuelled and put to bed.
CLIC Sargent Charity Flight

Total flight distance – 720 nms  Fuel used - 35 gallons – approx 20nm to the gallon
Oil used – nil  Total Time flown – 11 hrs 20 mins
Batteries used- x 2 Icom rechargeable- 18 x alkaline, [no electric’s]

I planned each leg to last no longer than 1hr 45mins – XD has only two and a half hrs to empty. – My bladder appears to have the same but to full!!

Lessons learned:
Do not drink tea/coffee before setting off- not many loos in a Nipper.
Take plenty of batteries.
Plan your trip very carefully, including 10 miles either side.
Fold your maps and sort into legs, then do it again – unfolding maps in a nipper is not an option.
Ensure when booking PPR they understand what type of machine you are flying and its requirements. i.e. they don’t try and park you behind a 737.

Finally I would like to thank the Nipper group for their offer of support, Tayside Aviation for their generous donation and to all who gave towards this worthy charity.
John Brompton
www.clicsargent.org.uk
Forthcoming 2008 Events

TFC’s AUTUMN VFR ADVENTURE

Aero Club de Saint Omer Fly In 5th to 7th September 2008
(14 TFC Pilots confirmed...ONE SPARE SEAT AVAILABLE)

STOP PRESS  COST-SHARE VACANCY FOR PILOT, STUDENT PILOT OR ANYONE INTERESTED IN ATTENDING THE SAINT OMER FLY IN.
Contact wings@taysideflyingclub.org.uk

VISIT TFC AT RAF LEUCHARS

RAF Leuchars Air Show  Saturday 13th September 2008

TFC WINGS NIGHT  Saturday 27th September 2008

Future Events....

Aerobatic Flight Experiences 23rd & 30th August 2008
Edinburgh Control Tower Visit September/October 2008
Night Flying Instruction October ’08 to March ‘09
Winter Ground School October to December ‘08
Winter Ground School January to March 2009