Hi Flyers

Welcome to the Autumn edition of the Tayside Flyer.

For those of you who don’t know us, we are a Flying Club based at Dundee Airport in Scotland and use the facilities and aircraft of Tayside Aviation who also provide Flight training for NPPL, PPL, CPL, MEP, IR & MCC & also have a Fantastic Alsim Flight Simulator!

September is a busy month by all accounts.

We will be hosting an excellent Talk night on Life as an Airline Pilot by Stewart Webb (this is a Must attend evening), Leuchars Airshow on Saturday 11th September, and another excellent & Must attend Talk Night on ‘How to Improve your RT’ by Jim Watt. Oh yes, in between all this activity I Tie the Knot (there will be no Turn backs as I definitely want to remain Straight & Level) Enjoy this Newsletter & hope to hear from you with any interesting tales to tell….

You have control…. Drew Dudgeon
A Night Not to be Missed!

12 Locker Landings!
And Other Amazing Stories

The Truth About Flying for the Airlines!

Only at Dundee Airport

Wednesday 22 Sept 2010 7pm.
Ever wondered what it’s really like working for an airline?

Well come along to our Tayside Flying club Talk night and find out all about it; Type ratings, shift patterns, cargo operations, airline food, bad weather ops, night stops, passengers and much much more are revealed by club member and instructor Stewart Webb, Senior First Officer for Scotland’s Airline Loganair on the Saab 340.

It’s a ‘not to be missed night’ – especially if you really want to know what a 12 locker landing really is?

Editors Note: Without giving away too much of the Inner Sanctum of Airline Pilotry, but I can say that Stewarts excellent ‘12 Locker Landings’ includes videos of actual airline flights out of and into Dundee, in various weathers and lasts about an hour. Stewart will also give a factual, humorous and revealing talk regarding aspects of the Airline Industry.

This talk was the best attended club evening event at Fife in 2009 (over 50 attendee’s) and is still being talked about 18 months later.

Dundee will schedule the follow up ‘6 Locker Ladings’ during the Winter months…. So don’t miss out on this occasion, it will be rewarding!

Miss this Talk night at your peril …… DD.
Air Cadet Volunteer Gliding squadrons have been in operation during & since the second world war & whilst their stated aims have changed over the years they are fundamentally training organizations for air minded young people in whom we hope to promote a passion for flying & gliding.

The Squadrons are funded by the government via the parent RAF service & through Headquarters Air Cadets based at RAF Cranwell. The adult staff are made up of RAF Volunteer Reserve Training officers who hold a reserve commission & Civilian Gliding Instructors many of whom also help run local Air Training Corps squadrons.

Instructors have to graduate initially to Grade 1 which allows them to train the junior cadets who attend on a one day basis. This Grade can be awarded by the CFI of the unit & those who have PPL type flying experience can be fast-tracked to this level. Subsequent Categories C, B & A must be awarded by attendance at RAF Syerston Air Cadets Central Gliding School with the 'A' being awarded by a CFS cell based there. These categories allow instructors to train students to first solo standard & beyond & are re-checked annually.

Instructors do have to complete an annual RAF medical at RAF Leuchars but no one expects them to be fighter pilot standard. Two aircraft types are currently in use, the Vigilant (Grob 109) self launching glider & the conventional winch launched Viking (Grob 103) six of the latter being based at R M Condor, Arbroath for 662VGS use.
A major upside is there is no cost other than travel which eventually is re-imburseable on reaching G1 standard. The satisfaction of teaching the skills & enthusiasm for flying in a young person cannot be easily measured & whilst the organization imposes high safety & quality standards as one might expect, the opportunity to take part in shaping the pilots of the future is a huge attraction.

There is no mandatory attendance level. however, at least four days a month would be expected generally & this would be important in the early stages of training.

In addition CGS run a six week detachment at Portmoak to give the opportunity for advanced instruction & lately two week long Instructor Development Training courses have been held at RAF Syerston where instructors have had the chance to fly a range of aircraft including Pitts & helicopters along with higher performance gliders.

There is little doubt that generally the majority of staff have been 'home grown' so to speak & understand the 'Ethos', however, a number of instructors with no experience of Air Cadets have happily integrated within the organization in the past. What it needs is an enthusiasm for flying & the capacity to enjoy passing on these skills to young people.

Anyone who feels they might be interested should contact myself at any of the numbers below or email laburnum@dtgateside.wanadoo.co.uk

I would be happy to arrange a visit to the unit & discuss any aspects of the organization. Naturally if you wish any further information please feel free to contact me or Lovat Frazer at any time.

Regards - Derek Thomson

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Summer Ball
Tipsy Nipper @ Fife Airfield
Saturday September 25th 2010
7 for 7.30pm.

Hot 3-course Buffet meal.
Welcome Bar in Marquee, Disco and Scottish Country Dancing.
**Flying Club members and partners welcome. Tickets £15 a head.**
Bar open until 12 midnight. Local accommodation and transport may be available – let Julia know at desk if you would like to attend?
Business Smart Dress (a suit / Kilt & a tie will do!).
**Tayside Flying Club members and their partners very welcome** – please let Julia Grant at Fife know asap on 01592 753 792

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**This is Your Captain Speaking...**

Ladies and gentlemen, this is the captain speaking. Firstly, I’d like to thank you for choosing to fly Mandarin Airlines. As we taxi out to the runway please make yourself comfortable... and for those of you sitting on the right side of the plane... please look to your LEFT!
Sometimes as Managing Director it’s really nice to get out of the day to day drudgery and do something out of the ordinary.

A few years ago I read about the Tuskegee Airmen and was inspired by their story. The Tuskegee Airmen were the first African American military aviators in the United States armed forces. During World War II, African Americans in many U.S. states still were subject to Jim Crow laws. The American military was racially segregated, as was much of the federal government. The Tuskegee Airmen were subject to racial discrimination, both within and outside the army. Despite these adversities, they flew with distinction. They were particularly successful in their missions as bomber escorts in Europe.

They were named after the America Army Air Corps experimental base deep in Alabama at Moton field. So on holiday touring in the States I made a point of visiting Moton Field to do my pilgrimage. It’s a sleepy hollow airstrip but some of the old buildings remain and above the hangar door was the squadron badge still hanging “THE Army Air Corps Experimental Flight Training Establishment”.

Eventually flying P51 Mustangs, One squadron painted the tail fins red so that they could be distinguished on bomber escorts although, many bomber crews had no idea these were flown by black Americans. Through high level persecution they were taken off bomber escorts and moved out of action. Bomber crews started to suffer heavy losses and they demanded to have the “red tails” back. This was a turning point as up to that point and to the end of the war the Red Tails never lost a bomber to enemy aircraft.

A few months after my visit to Alabama I was asked to attend an aviation event where the Tuskegee Airmen were being featured. I was very privileged to meet and talk to Coronal Herbert Carter Retired of the American Air Force. He was still sharp although in his eighties and we chatted about some of the manoeuvres developed to shake off a ME109….. Definitely a highlight in my aviation career.

Jim Watt
Tayside Flying Club are organising an Autumn Fly-out
Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> October to;

Glenforsa and surrounding Islands;
Or Kirkwall in Orkney;
or one of the Airfields in Yorkshire.

If interested please put your name & contact details on the Notice board sheet & book an Aircraft of your choice.
‘Improve your RT’ talk by Jim Watt
Tuesday 19th October @ 6.30pm

A fascinating talk on the Right & Wrong way of RT.
The best way’s to Communicate & best practice.
If interested please come along to a fantastic evening—All welcome!
The first Personnel Recovery Centre, Mark Wright House, was opened in Edinburgh in August 2009 in a dedicated wing of the Erskine Home in Edinburgh. This is the prototype for this type of unit which is set up to assist the wounded injured and long term sick personnel to return to duty or adapt for a return to civilian life.

The unit is named after Corporal Mark William Wright (George Cross) of the 3rd Battalion of The Parachute Regiment who was awarded the George Cross for his bravery on 6th September 2006, in Kajaki, Helmand Province, Afghanistan. He entered a minefield in an extraordinary attempt to save the lives of critically injured soldiers, sadly losing his life during the incident.

Erskine owns the Centre in Edinburgh and Help for Heroes pay for the lease and services while it is manned by Army personnel.

The staff currently exists of: Officer Commanding Major Gary Tait MBE 2nd In Command Captain Fraser Dowling, SO3 Clinical Governance Captain Teresa Bramley Centre Sergeant Major Warrant Officer Class 2 Alex Meek, Chief Clerk Sergeant Margaret Mackie

The Unit has 12 residents who have individual rooms and has a further 15 who are still in barracks but attend daily. Not all of these are Scottish or males, two of the current residents are English and the centre has previously had a female patient. There is a full military program each day overseen by Sergeant Major Meek (who is anything but) and personnel receive further educational training to help their job prospects should they have to return to civilian life.

Further requirements

Since visiting Mark Wright House we have found out that while a full military program and medical assistance is provided for the troops, there is no money allocated for other activities. Due to their injuries the residents can no longer take part in sports like football or rugby so we are looking for alternative activities for them. We are currently fund raising for this and we are looking for some assistance in identifying activities at either a reduced cost or preferably free.

We are actively raising money and have taken it on ourselves to put a list together of organizations, companies or individuals who are willing to help provide activities so we can pass this onto Mark Wright House. The whole of Britain is looking at this unit for the way forward so let’s get behind it and give what assistance we can.

How you can help

Having spoken to one of your members Pete Toms, he suggested that you may be able to help in putting together something for the boys as he said he would quite happily take someone up with him and some other members may do the same? As I said above we are just trying to assist Mark Wright house make up a list of possibilities so we can pass contact details onto them so any help would be much appreciated.

Editors note: I for one will gladly help in any way I can, & take a few people from The Mark Wright House up for some flights around the area / show them around the Clubhouse, Hangers etc... and maybe lunch ? I think it would be a generous & fitting tribute if we could All spend some flying time, I’m sure they would really appreciate it.

If you are interested in helping out in any way you can then please drop me an e-mail either through the Secretary or Newsletter link on the Website. Your help would really be appreciated.

Drew Dudgeon.
Wings and Things

What’s been Going on in or Around Tayside Aviation / Clubhouse

Come & visit us at the Tayside Aviation stand at Leuchars Airshow on Saturday 11th September. We will be situated at a prime location next to the Loganair Saab 340, displaying some of our own Aircraft. Let your friends see inside the aircraft, maybe they’ll fancy a spin sometime?

Stewart Webbs talk on life inside the Airline Industry is a must for everyone at Tayside Flying club. So lets show him our appreciation and make this a high turnout event on Wednesday 22nd September at 7pm.

Fife are hosting their fantastic Summer Ball on Saturday September 25th. If you fancy a bite to eat and a boogie then book your ticket with Julia Grant, tremendous value at only £15 a head!

Things are picking up on the Commercial flying front, Ian Weinstein has been approved to deliver the IR course—which the first 2 students started this week.

Our two fast track students from Hong Kong are sitting their PPL Flight Test this week after 7 weeks of intense abuse by Marjan. The students who are sponsored by Gapan because Tayside delivers On time On Budget. Marjan has done a fantastic job with Judy & Thomas who had never flown before they came to the Uk! Well done to both students...

Night Rating Ground school briefing will commence in the 1st week of October. Better to get your name down for the Night Rating courses in October to ensure your first in the Que....
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Christmas will soon be upon us and the Committee are intending to organise a Christmas night out for any interested Aviators..

New legislation introduced has been brought about as of June 20th allowing anyone with a NPPL can now fly to France as long as they have passed the required skills test & also have evidence of a Cross country solo flight of 150 miles or more including Full stop landings at 2 Aerodromes different to those of departure & final landing. Bonjour NPPL !!!!

The letter from the Mark Wright House ( page 9) caring for Serviceman who have been injured during active service needs your help. They don’t want money or contributions, all they need is a few hours of your time to take some Servicemen Flying around the area. Now if you intend to go flying anyway, why not do a noble deed and make someone’s day by taking them up with you and showing them their homeland from the air. I’m totally committed to helping these people out.... So please e-mail me if you want to join in the fun.

Tayside flying club enjoyed a fantastic day out courtesy of RAF Leuchars at the beginning of August. They even allowed us to fly-in ( personal ambition of mine ) & gave us a fantastic tour of the entire base including the Tower, ATC, 111 Squadron, we could even see inside the Tornado & was given both Safety and Operational briefs from the Pilots and Navigators themselves & a BBQ too. What a unbelievable day - Thanks Raf Leuchars for your Hospitality ! Photographs on the next page—enjoy.....
Dundee has a Citation simulator that's just simply amazing for all pilots who want to practice their landing techniques from Cannes to Malaga, from Rotterdam to Marseilles airports. Or if you want to use it for fun and test your skills against one of your work colleagues then come on board! It definitely looks and feels like flying a jet and the best part its only £55 for a full hour on the jet plus an ILS, Rnav brief.

**Thursday 21st October @ 6.30pm ‘Improve you RT’ Talk Night hosted by Jim Watt.** We all know RT, but how do we know what’s right & wrong? How can we all improve our technique that will aid better comms from ourselves and better airmanship. Put your name down on the Notice board & come along for an interesting Club Night.

The Tayside Flyer can now be located on the TFC website in spectacular colour. We won’t be posting out black and white photocopies as we think you’ll enjoy it more by viewing it on the website. But if you really prefer a black & white paper copy then please drop me a line and I’ll post one out to you.

So there we have it, the latest news edition of all things Tayside Flying Club. Hope you enjoy the new look Flyer and its content - if you want to tell me about your flying trip then please e-mail me via the ‘Newsletter or Secretary’ link on the website.

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