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Back home (for some)....

Many of you will undoubtedly remember the unfortunate incident that happened to a Cessna (G-AZUM) based at Fowlmere and part-owned by ex-club member (but still regular visitor) Mike Hills. This was the one that was stolen in the early hours of the morning at the beginning of November last year and was found abandoned on the beach at Calais.

It may surprise you to learn that Mike only got it back in the air a couple of weeks ago following an insurance job costing £4500!!

One of the villains (the pilot I believe) was arrested on the beach shortly after it landed. A large amount of cash was found in the aircraft along with tools, four GPSs, four mobile phones and three 25lt drums of fuel (stolen out of the Warrior which parks next to the Cessna at Fowlmere).

Another two people have since been arrested. In fact, these two were at the police station when Mike went to pick up the aircraft documents!! Luckily for them, Mike was able to restrain himself.

Those of us who know Mike will appreciate how upset he was and can also imagine how delighted he is now. Mike has a number of photographs and will be only too pleased to fill in the details should you wish to know more.

Achievements....

Alec Wilson PPL Revalidation

Mark Edgeworth PPL

Vanessa Summerhill Qualifying X Country

David Britton First Solo (after just 4-5 hrs)

Congratulations all round....

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David Britton is an experienced parachutist working out of Sibson (probably explains his vertically challenged stature).

Some recent JAR Information....

The JAR class 2 medical replaces the CAA class 3 at the time of your next renewal. Validity associated with the new certificate is linked to your age. If you are under 30, you need to be checked every 5 years. Between 30 and 49 (ie. Before your 50th birthday) then a visit to your doctor is required every 2 years. Between 50 and 64 (ie. Before your 65th birthday) then you will be seeing him/her every year. Beyond 65 and you will REALLY get to know the surgery well as you must be checked out every 6 months.

The Certificate of revalidation replaces the Certificate of Experience and is valid for 24 months.

To carry passengers you must have made at least 3 take off and landings in the last 90 days as handling pilot. Note: Multi and touring motor gliders **do not count** towards a single engine aircraft.

To carry passengers at night at least one of the take offs and landings required in the last ninety days must have been made at night as handling pilot.

The IMC rating is valid for 25 months from initial test or renewal.

New faces...

A warm welcome to...

New Cessna club member Brian Pink - student

New Club members Jas Parmar and Chris Lunt - students

New Club member Graham Lawrence ppl.

Why not introduce a friend??

James's bit.....

Remember not to rush the walkround checks. Aircraft have been seen at various airfields taking off without doing ANY power checks. One was seen taxiing to the runway with the pitot heater cover still on. Another was hacking down the runway with a control lock still in place. Lack of checks is often the cause of fatal crashes so DON'T ASSUME!

Kieran Williams is returning to Skyline on a part time basis from the middle of April.

Graham's bit....

Please note that if you need to uplift fuel away from Lt Gransden, the reimbursement rate is 62p inc vat. The competitive rates applicable at Skyline prevent us from allowing higher reimbursement rates.

When making payments, please make cheques payable to the company name at the top of the invoice as we have a large number of payments each month made out to the wrong company.

The recent Chinese meal in Sandy was well received and all who attended enjoyed the evening. The quality of food was excellent.

Richard's bit....

Having been seconded up to my office in Derbyshire for the foreseeable future, I have been heavily involved moving house. I am most grateful to Peter Myers who has volunteered to manage the Skyline website on my behalf whilst I get settled. Thanks Peter, I much appreciate it.