

Parakai FLYING SCHOOL

MAY NEWSLETTER

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

We hope you enjoy this newsletter and will continue to read through further editions and forward to anyone you know who may be interested. If you don't wish to receive any further issues of the newsletter, please unsubscribe as per the directions...



ATC CAMP

Parakai Airfield and Parakai Flying School were pleased to once again welcome the No. 3 (Auckland City) Squadron of the Air Training Corps to hold their annual camp at Parakai. This year, we had 8 busy planes taking the cadets up to enjoy scenic and/or training flights. The cadets were housed in the airfield's currently vacant hall and bunk rooms the nights of 30 April and 1 May. Many thanks to the aircraft owners and pilots who donated their time to help the cadets get in some flying—we know they appreciate it.

HEAD IN THE CLOUDS

Cessna is set to release it's Citation CJ4 business jet later this year. Flying a plane like this is the ultimate dream for most PPL Students...but wait, you may have to win the lotto before you get the chance! It's worth \$9Million USD.



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FIRST SOLO FLIGHTS

That first solo flight is a not-to-be forgotten experience that every pilot has. During the month of April, both Jim Davies and Andrew Lillie took their first solo circuits. Congratulations on your first solo flights, chaps!

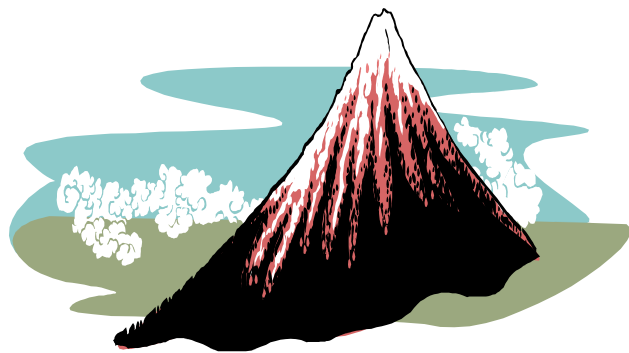
Top Photo: Jim Davies at left being congratulated by George Richards, our CFI

Bottom Photo: Andrew Lillie (seated) being congratulated by George Richards, our CFI



INTERESTED IN MOUNTAIN FLYING?

Wednesday, 2nd June at 7pm, North Shore Airfield is hosting the 'AvKiwi Safety Seminar'. This is part of the CAA series on Mountain Flying. Much to learn here, and not only for those venturing into the Southern Alps, but also useful for tackling the smaller mountains of the north when the conditions are difficult. Best of all, there is NO CHARGE for this event and a free DVD is provided to all participants.



PPL SCHOLARSHIP

APPLICATIONS OPEN UNTIL 24 MAY 2010

As you may have heard, Parakai Flying School is offering a scholarship to one lucky PPL student. The successful applicant will receive 50% off all flying time towards their PPL (up to 50 hours; ground tuition charged at normal rates). The application pack can be downloaded from our website and returned by various methods. We're looking forward to your application!

More information and download link:

http://www.flywest.co.nz/index_files/page0009.htm



EYES ON THE PRIZE!

This 70m x 70m heart has been spotted! Congratulations to Cam Shepherd who found it just west of Kaipara Flats Airfield, a bit north of the road on a sloping face. Keep a look out for it next time you're passing Kaipara Flats.



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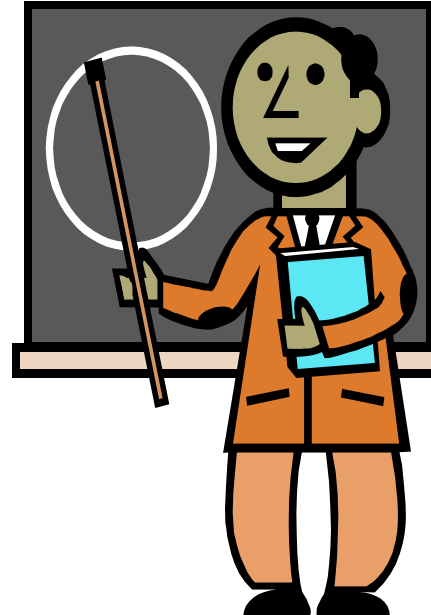
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NIGHT SCHOOL THEORY CLASSES

The first night school theory class focusing on Navigation is now underway. We had a great response to the call for students and plan to run the next subject starting sometime in June—watch for an announcement.

PPL THEORY EXAMS

We are proud to announce that Parakai Flying School is soon to be a testing centre for ASL. Once our classroom has been approved as an appropriate venue, we will announce the first dates for PPL exams. This is great timing with our first lot of night school theory students set to complete their course on 20 May.



INTERNATIONAL LEARN TO FLY DAY 15 MAY

You may not have known this, but Saturday, 15 May is International Learn to Fly Day. Take a moment to tell someone about flying this Saturday to help us spread the word! For more information on International Learn to Fly Day, check out the website <http://www.learntofly.org>

PILOT ETIQUETTE—FLYING WITH FIRST TIMERS

At some point, you're bound to convince someone who has never been in a small aircraft to come flying with you. Try to remember back to your first flight and put yourself in their shoes. You want the experience to be fun for them so they will come again...and again!

1. Give the passenger a gentle briefing and allow them to watch you pre-flight the plane. You don't need to be very technical with them, but this will help you come across as knowledgeable and competent—the type of person they can trust.
2. Once you're in the plane, let them know what you're doing and what to expect. It helps to do this before rather than during maneuvers.
3. Don't do things too quickly and avoid "showing off". New passengers are not fans of stalls, G forces, or sharp turns.
4. Monitor your passenger. If they seem uneasy or ill, give them something to do to take their mind off it, such as telling you when you reach a certain airspeed, and set a course for home.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE NEWSLETTER?

If you have any stories or information you'd like to share through the newsletter, contributions are always welcome. Email us with your idea.