

The logo for Parakai Flying School features the word "Parakai" in a large, stylized, orange-outlined font with a blue shadow effect. Below it, the words "FLYING SCHOOL" are written in a smaller, blue, sans-serif font with an orange outline. The logo is set against a light blue background with a white border.

Parakai FLYING SCHOOL

The text "OCTOBER NEWSLETTER" is written in a large, orange, stylized font with a blue outline and a drop shadow. It is positioned over a background image of an airfield with a small aircraft on the left and hangars on the right.

OCTOBER NEWSLETTER

HAPPY LABOUR DAY!

As always, 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...

FUNNY

A boy says to his father "Dad, can I be a pilot when I grow up?",
The father replies "Son, I'm sorry but you can't do both."

TECHNICAL CORNER - OLEO STRUTS

By Bryn Lockie-L.A.M.E.

Common on Cessna nose legs, Piper Cherokees, some advanced microlights. They have the advantage of damping out any rebound caused by terrain or heavy landings. When used on the main legs they help landings 'stick'. They are based on a hydraulic cylinder, with a volume of oil to provide the damping and working fluid, and air provides the spring. Imagine a syringe half filled with fluid and half filled with air. If we blocked the end and pushed the plunger, the air would be compressed and the plunger will want to spring back. Damping is provided by making the fluid pass through an orifice as the strut moves. The damping rate is controlled by a tapered metering rod that travels inside the orifice. The initial travel has little restriction, and as the oleo is compressed the restriction increases, controlling the rate of rebound. Pre flight inspection involves checking the height of the oleo - does the aircraft appear to have a low wing or nose? Any evidence of fluid leakage?



Membership to the FlyWest Pilot's Club is inexpensive, but will save you a bundle on your flying with Parakai Flying School. As a full or basic member, you will save, on average, \$20/hour when flying in any of our aircraft. Full Members also enjoy Free Unlimited landings at Parakai Airfield when flying aircraft rented from Parakai Flying School (a value of \$10/session). If you are a current pilot with Parakai Flying School (ie you have flown with us in the past one year), you can claim a free 6 month Basic Membership until 31 Oct, 2010. If you would like to upgrade your free membership to a Full Membership, it will be just \$50 for the 6 month period. Remember, the usual cost of membership is Basic-\$150/year and Full-\$250/year. If you require any additional information about the FlyWest Pilot's Club, please email us at info@flywest.co.nz or call 0800 FLY WEST.

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PPL THEORY EXAM SITTINGS

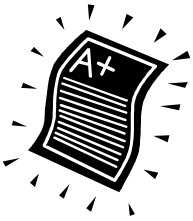
We are now offering monthly PPL Written Exam sittings. The dates until the end of 2010 are as follows with the application deadline date in brackets:

20/11/10 (12/11/10)

11/12/10 (03/12/10)

Contact us for your application form and any further details required.

info@flywest.co.nz 0800 FLYWEST



PARKING ETIQUETTE

You will have noticed a lot of new concrete around the airfield. These taxiways are essential for safe, trouble-free aircraft movement around the airfield. We would like to remind everyone that the taxiways are not for car parking, and if you do park your car near a taxiway please ensure there is adequate room for all types of aircraft to maneuver and get past. Planes should also not be parked on taxiways—please park planes in designated parking areas. If you wish to do your pre-flight and run-ups on the taxiway, please consider how this will affect other users.



KIWI FLYING BLOGS

Looking to read about flying and airplanes in NZ? Here are a few blogs that get updated regularly and are written in New Zealand.

Confessions of a NZ PropellorHead <http://nzprophead.blogspot.com/>

Making A Kiwi Fly <http://flyinkivi.blogspot.com/>

NZ Civil Aircraft <http://nzcivair.blogspot.com/>

Pilot In Pink (by Angelle Lockie from PI) <http://pilotinpink.blogspot.com/>

Yet Another Flying Kiwi <http://yafk.blogspot.com/>

EVENING FLYING

Just a reminder that we're on daylight savings time now and the evenings are really lovely for flying!

Contact us for plane and instructor availability for your after work session.

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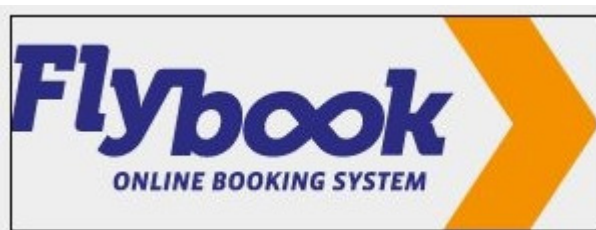
TE KOWHAI FLY-IN

The 2010 Te Kowhai Fly-In will be held on Labour Day at Te Kowhai airfield, Hamilton. It's only a short flight away from Parakai so, if you've got nothing on, rent a plane and head down for a relaxed get together and BBQ lunch, with a chance to enter the Spot Landing Competition between 10-12pm. For additional information, please see: http://www.supercub.co.nz/html/tekowhai_fly-in_2010.html

NEW ONLINE BOOKING SYSTEM

You may be aware that Harvey Lockie of Parakai Airfield has been busy creating a new online booking system for aircraft user groups. We have moved to this new booking system, FlyBook, and have discontinued use of the old system, GoBoko. As we are just in the first stages of using this new system we have not yet set up accounts for everyone to book their own flights. While we adjust to the new procedures, we are asking everyone to please send all booking requests to bookings@flywest.co.nz or call us on 0800 FLY WEST. Eventually, we will have a function for everyone to see our booking sheet online and request bookings from the same page. We're really looking forward to having the full version of FlyBook available for everyone to use soon. Please visit

<http://www.flybook.co.nz> to see the demonstration that is available, or to set up your own booking system for your club, school, or syndicate aircraft.



Happy Flying!



FACEBOOK DRAW

Have you joined us on facebook yet? Well, you should! We are offering the chance to win a Flight School 101 voucher that you can give as a gift once we reach 150 "likers". Go to: <http://www.facebook.com/flywestnz> and click the LIKE button.

TWITTER

Parakai Flying School is now "tweeting". Find our feed at <http://www.twitter.com/flywestnz>



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.