



# PFC NOTAM

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

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| March 3 - 5       | IFR Seminar at the Club - register through Aero Course or Pat Kennedy @ PFC  |
| Saturday March 25 | Pilot Information Session at the Club at 10 am<br>"BE A PFC NIGHT OWL" - an introduction to the wonderful world of night flying. No charge |
| Saturday April 1  | Private Pilot Groundschool Saturday Sessions commence at 8:30 am - another option for our members and students                             |
| Saturday April 1  | Annual General Meeting at the Club at 4 pm<br>(see enclosed notice)  |
| Saturday April 1  | THE 41 <sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL WING DING - 3 pm to 8 pm at the Club. See enclosed notice. Fun, frolic and free!                               |
| Saturday April 8  | System Safety Services Seminar - All Day<br>This is a first class seminar with a money back  |

Guarantee - HIGHLY RECOMMENDED!!

- Tuesday April 11                      Commercial Groundschool commences subject to demand - Tuesdays/Thursdays at 6:30 pm
- Saturday April 29                      PILOT INFO SESSION at the Club at 10 am  
"MOUNTAIN FLYING" Rust Remover! Prospective Mountain flyers and experienced ones are welcome to come and renew or acquaint yourselves with the thrill of mountain flying (Cmon - you can only go to Chilliwack so many times for pie!!)

## **SAVE THE HAWK XP**

The last several years have seen a declining number of hours flown on GIWM. Last year, it flew 233.7 hours over 8 months. In 2004, it flew 375 hours over the full year and 337 hours in 2003. The breakeven point on the aircraft is over 500 hours. The recent overhaul cost \$40,000. At the December Board meeting, a decision to sell the aircraft was taken.

Subsequent to that meeting, a dedicated group of "Hawk friendly" members led by Bill More and Harry Pride have worked diligently to promote the aircraft among members and asked the Board to reconsider their decision as well as come up with ways to increase utilization on the aircraft.

The Board has reconsidered their position and we are pleased to report that the Hawk has been saved from PFC extinction. The aircraft will be kept online for the remainder of the year with the future of IWM revisited at the end of the year.

One suggestion was to reduce the rental rate on the aircraft but doing so would have increased the breakeven rate in terms of hours on the aircraft to over 700 hours which is unrealistic. The fuel burn is higher, the overhaul allowance is \$10.50 more per hour and maintenance costs are also higher. BUT we are going to do checkrides on the aircraft for the same price as a 172!!! SO, get on out and be a true environmentalist - save the Hawk!!! We'll keep you up to date throughout the year on how the Hawk is flying and our success at SAVING THE HAWK. Comments or suggestions can be

forwarded to Pat Kennedy at [pkennedy@pacificflying.com](mailto:pkennedy@pacificflying.com) or Bill More through Pat. Members owe a big vote of thanks to Bill, Harry and their team of saviors for being "hawkish" on IWM!!!!

## **SATURDAY APRIL 1 - A BUSY DAY - MARK IT ON YOUR CALENDAR NOW!!!**

Don't make any plans for April 1 - we've got you covered! The day begins bright and early at the Club with the first session of our new Saturday Private Pilot Groundschool option. Our members have suggested this and we are pleased to offer a weekend option - schedules are posted online and at the Club or you can pick up a hard copy from dispatch. Can't make an evening session? No problem - just attend the Saturday offering of the subject you need! Hot date on Monday or Wednesday? Now you don't have to use the excuse - "Sorry, I've got to look at my weather maps". Why not book a flight after groundschool that day!!!! (PS For those students enrolled in PPL groundschool, you may attend either option at no additional charge and remember, once you pay for our onsite PPL groundschool, you never pay again!!!

At 3 pm - our 41<sup>st</sup> Annual Wing Ding starts and it's free!!! Come on out and have some snacks, pick up your "41 for 41 in 41" package and enter our draws for giveaways courtesy of our suppliers. We have a live jazz band from 5 pm onwards and we'll interrupt the festivities briefly to honor our recent graduates - we'll also have our now famous questionnaire with the person who scores the highest getting a free hour in a 172! WOW!!!!

At 4 pm - we invite all voting members to cut away from the fun and frolic ever so briefly to hold our Annual General Meeting. The official notice is enclosed. Aven will be going on her now famous proxy prowl as the date gets closer to ensure we have a quorum!

At 5 pm - the AGM is over and the festivities continue with the arrival of our live band - "Bossa Boys" - nothing like live music and free eats to make the day complete. Remember, there is no charge so come on out and have fun and talk pilot talk!!! (No liquor - pilots and liquor don't mix well)

## SO WHAT'S NEW????

Patrick Haering has obtained a flying position with TransWest Air in Saskatchewan and left the Club in mid February - we wish him well and congratulate him on his new position.

Paul Harris has joined the staff of PFC as Manager Flight Operations. Paul is a Class 1 instructor with extensive experience in the flight training industry and his regular hours are Tuesday through Saturdays so do pop in and say hello if you haven't met him yet. Paul's email address is [pharris@pacificflying.com](mailto:pharris@pacificflying.com)

With the movement to SMS (Safety Management Systems), you'll likely see some changes at the Club over the next year that we think will benefit us all. If you have any concerns, Paul or Clark or Pat can address your concerns.

## ONLINE GROUNDSCHOOL

Wow - response to our online groundschools has been very positive. For students who do not want to come out on cold, lonely nights or want to keep their weekends clear for flying, this is a great way to get the basic information required for a PPL or CPL licence and the written exam. Access is granted for 9 months and can be bundled stand alone, with 3 hours of one on one tutorials or even bundled with our night or weekend sessions to supplement your learning. What we are not able to do is switch people from one to another without a charge because we contract the online groundschool from a third party. Prices are as follows:

PPL Online Access Only	\$220
PPL Online Access with 3 hours tutorials	\$325
PPL Onsite Groundschools	\$325
PPL Online Access & Onsite Package	\$495
CPL Online Access Only	\$270
CPL Online Access with 3 hours tutorials	\$395
CPL Onsite Groundschools	\$395
CPL Online Access & Onsite Package	\$595
CPL Onsite Retread Fee	\$175

Lots of options to satisfy your every need (if you only need groundschool!!!)