

PFC NOTAM

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UPCOMING EVENTS

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| Sat November 26 | Night Flying Seminar at the Club.
10 am - no charge - Be a PFC Night Owl! |
| Friday December 9 | Christmas Open House at the Club 3 pm - 8 pm |
| Sunday Dec 25, 26 | Christmas & Boxing Day - Club Closed |
| January 1, 2006 | Club Closed |
| Saturday January 28 | 5 th Annual Ben Hoben Aviation Safety Seminar
10 am to 4 pm at the Club
No charge but preregistration is a must
Presentations from Transport Canada! |
| Saturday February 25 | Pilot Information Seminar - 10 am at the Club - No
Charge "Flying to the US - Demystifying Our
Neighbors" |

CLARK DUIMEL WINS THE DAVID CHARLES ABRAMSON MEMORIAL AWARD

By the time you read this, Clark Duimel will be in Montreal to be awarded the David Charles Abramson Memorial Award. This award is presented yearly by the Abramson Family in honor of their son David who died tragically in 1999. The recipient is recognized for his superior teaching skills, interest and enthusiasm for teaching and for the promotion of student learning in a safe and challenging environment, evoking a true passion for flight, instilling an

attitude of safety by developing procedures and structures to incorporate safety goals into every aspect of training. As well, the recipient is recognized for having accomplished noteworthy achievements in enhancing aviation safety through pilot education and the advancement of professional standards, constantly upgrading an already impressive record.

Congratulations to Clark. This is a huge accomplishment of which both he and Pacific Flying Club should be extremely proud. Yahoo!!

SO WHAT'S NEW????

Phewww.... It's been a busy year for PFC. We celebrated our 40th anniversary this year. Hope you got your "40 for 40 in 40" coupon at the Wing Ding and used it !!!

Pacific Flying Club became an official Nav Canada distributor in July this year. We are now the go-to folks for maps and charts for BC for both wholesale and retail sales. We get very busy each time a new CFS is issued!!!

We bought a 172P - C-GPGG in May - very much needed given the amount of flying since done on that aircraft!

We bought a second twin - C-FFEA in June - a regular Seneca - again, it appears to be popular.

We welcomed a new class of BCIT students, Class 4. They wrote their Transport Canada PPL exams on October 28 and are now heading back to BCIT for a few months of academics.

Class 3 will graduate December 21 and are finishing up their IFR ratings.

We have welcomed 7 new instructors this year to the PFC family: Vicky Farkas, Matt Logie, Cody Milton, Chris Holland, Nathan Kerby, Alex Wood and Nick Finley. Vicky is the oldtimer of the group having started early in the year and having already achieved her Class 3 Instructor rating.

Vanessa Colombo has left the Club to join Club Med (no, we're serious).

A big welcome to Michelle Jones, our new full time dispatcher. Michelle is a welcome addition to our front desk staff and together with Aven, these two dynamos will take care of your every aviation need.

REMEMBERING MICHAEL BRACHT

Michael Bracht, a former instructor at the Club, died tragically in the Norther Thunderbird Airlines accident on July 28, 2005. Michael had been an instructor at PFC for several years and earlier this year obtained employment as a first officer on NT Air's King Air.

For those who knew Michael, he had a great smile, loved aviation and was a close friend to many staff and members.

A memorial service was held in Vancouver in late August at which many PFC members and staff, past and current, remembered Michael fondly with his family and other friends.

CONGRATS TO GOOSE!

Congratulations to Gustaf Creutz, BCIT Class 3, winner of the BCAC Anne & Rudy Bauer Scholarship. Gustaf was presented with his award at the recent BCAC Conference in Whistler. Gustaf is the class rep for his class and is currently completing his Multi-IFR rating.

5th ANNUAL BEN HOBEN AVIATION SAFETY SEMINAR

Once again, PFC is pleased to host this important safety seminar. The date is Saturday January 28 and Gerry Binnema from System Safety will be here to present some human factors information based on his thesis for Embry Riddle University. Clark Duimel was at a recent seminar presented by Gerry and came back "wowing" over Gerry's presentation.

We have also invited Transport Canada Enforcement to give an overview of the process involved and the steps taken when a CADOR is issued. If you don't know what a CADOR is, you need this seminar.

The seminar runs from 10 am to 4 pm and includes lunch. While there is no charge for this seminar, preregistration is a must. You can register with dispatch or email pkennedy@pacificflying.com

ONLINE GOUNDSCHOOL

Wow - response to our online groundschools has been very positive. For students who do not want to come out on cold, lonely nights, 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 standalone, with 4 hours of one on one tutorials or even bundled with our night 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.

CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE

The annual staff/member/ student/ board member / friends/ maintenance gurus/ anyone else gettogether will be held on Friday December 16 from 3 pm to 8 pm - we'll have prizes, food, fun and frolic - no charge!! Come celebrate the festive season with all of us!

FINALLY....

For those of you who may have experienced difficulty booking flights this fall, please accept our sincerest apologies. We have taken steps to alleviate this problem. With the recent time changes, our instructors are making themselves more available on weekends for everyone. As well, the BCIT students are moving back to BCIT for academics freeing up the aircraft and instructors as well. We thank you for your patience during the last 7 weeks - we know it is an imposition on our members and appreciate the patience and support you've shown. If ever you are not getting what you need or expect, be sure to get in touch with Pat at pkennedy@pacificflying.com She has a way with us!!!! To alleviate demand, the Club was able to purchase another 172P this year. We are looking at adding another aircraft to the fleet next year if we can locate one!! The 172P's are rare animals now!!!