

Vortices

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Special points of interest:

- The wonderful spring weather!
- New and old faces
- First Annual Wings Banquet

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Safety First

The weather is changing for the better, and that means of few of you will be out, shaking off the rust.

We'd like to point out a few things you may have forgotten since hibernating over the winter.

- Don't forget the school rule about the 360 walk around. The last thing you must do before entering the airplane is check the area. Make sure you're not chocked, untied, and nothing is blocking your way out. And, check the fuel cap(s).
- Consider runway incursions. Too many times, we let complacency get the best of us. "I always taxi Charlie to the southeast corner" won't cut it when you miss the part where ATC told you to hold short.
- When was your last dual flight? How safe do you feel going out by yourself?
- Are you carrying passengers? Have you completed your 5 take offs and landings in the last 6 months to make you legal?
- Do you remember anything at all from your ground school? Calgary Flight offers unlimited

ground school classes to those pilots who have already paid for the course. Been 5 years since you've paid? Come on in!

- All of our instructors are here to help. Any questions or concerns you may have are always welcome.
- And don't forget, summer follows spring. Those smooth flying days are just about gone. Prepare for the onslaught of convective turbulence. Don't like turbulence? 8 am is the perfect time to fly!

New Videos In Library

Been a while since you've checked out our video library? You may want to have another look.

Over the last couple of months, we've managed to add a few dvd's and videos to our growing

library.

Keep your eyes out for Controlled Flight Into Terrain, Supercooled Water Droplets, and many other videos that are well worth having a view!

And, if you happen to think of any videos you might want to include in our library, please let one of our dispatchers or instructors know. Your input is always welcome.

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Below: Won't it be nice when spring is finally here!



Spring Is On It's Way!

For the most part, we had a very cooperative winter.

However, it looks like it's almost over.

With a very moist air mass sticking around Alberta for most of March, it has made for some very short flying days; if we were able to fly at all.

Not sure how to tell when fog is about to settle in for the day

or night? Look for some of these tell-tale signs:

Which way is the wind coming from? If we have a constant wind from the east, there is a very good chance of upslope fog.

How close are the temperature and dew point? The closer they are, the higher chance of fog forming when the

air reaches saturation.

Is there a lot of moisture in the air? In order to have fog formation, we need the moisture. Then, when all of the elements mix together....FOG!!

It looks like it's over for now, but don't be surprised if it happens again. Spring thaw throws a lot of moisture into the air!

Airline Requirements - Thinking Ahead

Look in section 421 of the CARs if you need more info on your Airline License Requirements.

Let's look ahead. You've finished your Private and Commercial Licences. You want to fly "the big boys," but you're unsure of how to get there.

CARs section 421 lists out all of the requirements for your ATPL. But one in particular seems the hardest to complete.

You will be required to have 100 hours of night PIC or copilot by the time you apply for this licence. "No problem," you think. Think again.

This is the one element that seems to delay licencing for the most amount of people.

Here's how you can fix it.

Once you have your night rating, complete your build up time for the Commercial at night. No fighting for airplanes, no waiting during rush hour, just you and the dark sky.

After your Commercial, it's up to you. But being an instructor certainly racks up the hours! (hint, hint)

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First Annual Wings Banquet Held

Pilots Recognized

On April 22, 2006, Calgary Flight held the first annual Wings Banquet at the Aerospace Museum. This event was held to recognize the achievements of the pilots who have attained licences and ratings prior to January, 2006.

Pilots, and friends and family, were treated to a catered meal

surrounded by various airplanes in the museum. The meal was followed by the awarding of certificates and wings, and a few door prizes.

Many of the pilots there were well known, having been at the club in the more recent past. However, quite a few faces of the past did show up, making for a variety of "school generations."



Write Your Exams At CFTC

Tired of having to book your written exam at Transport Canada?

CFTC is now an authorized invigilator to many of the required exams, including the Private Pilot Licence and the Recreational Permit.

If you're interested in writing an exam at CFTC, please give us a call.

Currently, the exams can only be booked with Christine, and only one person can write at a time.



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If you have a story or pictures to submit, we'd love to have them. Please let dispatch know and we'll try our best to include them in the next issue!

Staff Is Ever-changing

Have a look around at some of the new faces.

Calgary Flight would like to welcome Andrew Lucier to our team. He is currently working at dispatch, but with stu-

dents signing up, he'll be moving onto the flight line soon.

And yes, Joe Wiley is back! We're all very please that he decided to come back to us.

And if you've noticed a few less faces, that's because Gord Stewart and Jeff Emro have moved on to new jobs.

We wish them both luck in their new endeavors.



Jeff is off to fly bigger airplanes, like this Cessna 206.

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