

Lyneham Flying Club

NEWSLETTER

Hi,
I hope you've all had a great Christmas and Santa brought loads of flying stuff! My wife didn't like the IFR knee board and Pooleys Flight Guide that I bought her (she isn't a pilot) so I thoughtfully kept them for myself to save her taking them back!
Down to business.....

Flying over Christmas and New Year

We (Keith) tried to get the Station to allow us to fly over the closed period, however due to the notice we gave Ops and several other issues (not least of which is the fact that it's only closed for about 3 or 4 days, not the whole period) Ops decided that for this year we cannot fly outside of the airfield opening times. I do hope this hasn't inconvenienced you too much, and we will endeavour to make it so next year.

G-Standby

You may have noticed that G-Standby has appeared on FSPro. As we are down to 1 Warrior, we have made this slot, so if the aircraft is booked when you want it, you can put your name in the standby column. It is both parties responsibility to check the lines, but if you cancel please make sure you check the schedule so see if someone else wants it and give them a call. Another up-shot of having 1 Warrior, is when booking, please book the aircraft for your airborne times + or – a short “reasonable” time, the aircraft doesn't need to be on the ground while your planning. This “reasonable” time will obviously be dependant on

experience, but you get the drift.

DOMESTICS x4!

1. Dirty Cups/Mugs are still an issue, please wash and return after use, this was going to be another “amusing” “Automatic cup washer U/S” note, but it's really starting to bug me!
2. While we're on domestics, the wash bay frequently has the large C-130 Chocks left around, if you see them please move them off of the tarmac and don't taxi around them, all we need right now is another incident!
3. When you take a fuel sample from the bowser, can you please fill it up to the top, as if it's only filled a small amount all you are draining/sampling is the drain pipe!
4. Tech logs – Please ensure these are completed in full, including the payment bit (bottom left).....basically if there's a gap on your line....fill it!

FUEL

Right, enough OIC moaning! George Murray (fuels man) has managed to make the most of the new bowser, and as of just before Christmas we had around 6000 Litres of Avgas!

AIRCRAFT

The Aircraft owners have asked me to relay to you that they are getting quite frustrated about “minor” damage to the aircraft. To give you an example, a wing tip scuff costs around £500, If we need new main wheel legs for the Warrior, they are around £3000 each, if it happens to the Firefly it will write the aircraft off! As a club, I am determined that we

keep the “no cost but a voluntary contribution would be appreciated” approach, as I would much rather aircraft damage, no matter how small, is reported. The club, as you know operates at £0 profit, so these “minor” scuffs are taking it out of us, let alone the owners who have to try and keep the aircraft in the air. So please take extra care or prices will have to rise!

CURRENCY

The FOB is a bit woolly about currency at the club and is being updated as you read this. Is currency SEP, Type or Lyneham specific? How long is my currency if I'm a professional pilot? Does currency on the Firefly = currency on the Warrior? I could go on, but I will just explain the new updated rules...

Less than 60 P1 hours = 31 days
60 – 100 P1 hours = 42 days
100+ P1 hours = 60 days

P1 hours are P1 hours no matter what type (B747 or C152)

Currency can be maintained on any SEP and is not Lyneham Specific (make sure it goes in your logbook as evidence if not at Lyneham!)

Currency on a Variable Pitch (VP) aircraft keeps you current on the FireFly and Warrior, Currency on a Fixed Pitch only keeps you current on the Warrior.

Currency is 20 minutes Airborne.

It is easy for us to see and track currency if required, as we have to look at it when it comes to billing and once you have seen your 1000th tech log sheet you get to know who flies and who doesn't – hence my comment above - if you fly elsewhere make sure it's logged, these rules are for the safety of all, please (as I'm sure you will) respect them. Also to help us with this, FS Pro offers a currency application under "My Account" and "My Pilot Info." Can I ask you all please to make use of this feature.

FINALLY

May I wish you all a very Happy New Year. Do you find you always break your New Years Resolutions?.... My New Years Resolution is to drink more and become fatter, because anything else would just be a lie and pointless. Any questions on any of the above, feel free to call....I should be sober by about the 4th Jan.

Cheers!

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