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# The Patrician

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**Mt. Arrowsmith in winter**

*Photo Credit: Kim Schlieper*



# Victoria Flying Club News

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## Ava Flight Services

A new era in groundschool seminars began on January 14th, with a sell-out lecture exploring BC's winter weather. Created and produced by Simon Dennis under the new banner of Ava Flight Services (note, formerly Adastra), the course was quick to fill with 22 attendees from a wide variety of aviation backgrounds. It was a fast-paced, interactive day deemed valuable by all, and was accompanied by a new, full-colour, 100 page course manual. Following on its heels, Ava Flight Services has scheduled a second winter weather lecture on the 25th of February - for details and feedback comments from the first seminar, please see page xx. As well, coming soon are details regarding Ava's second lecture topic - communicating more effectively on the radio - so stay tuned for course details in the March edition of this newsletter. Finally, thank you to all of the 22 inaugural course attendees, and all of those who have supported the Ava idea - to produce immediately applicable, one-day seminars for all who desire to never stop learning.

Cheers, Simon.

## I-Pad Navigation Correction

I would like to correct two errors/omissions in my article "Moving to the Electronic Age: Flight Planning and Navigation on the I-Pad". In my enthusiasm for this technology I indicated that VFR charts for Canada are available from ForeFlight. This is not true. At this time, only IFR charts are available and the moving map function does not yet work with these charts. ForeFlight will include the VFR charts and moving map functions as soon as NavCanada makes them available. As I do not fly often in Canada beyond the Victoria and Vancouver airspace, I did not follow through on my research of what Canadian charts are actually available. In addition, readers have correctly noted that only the iPad with built in mobile telephony also has a built in GPS. The wifi only version of iPad does not have a built in GPS which is necessary to navigation. Be sure to ask if the iPad you plan to buy has the built in GPS function.

My apologies for including these errors in my article.

Sarah Blackstone

*Editor's Note: Sarah, thank-you for the helpful clarification. Really appreciate your articles and contributions!  
- CH*

## Commercial Groundschool

**Starting Soon  
@VFC**

**Please register with the office:  
250-656-2833**

To stay in the loop with all the latest news, join the Victoria Flying Club group on Facebook, or follow @FlyVFC on Twitter!



Notice of the  
**Annual General Meeting**  
of the  
**Victoria Flying Club**  
**March 1st, 2012**

**6:00 - wine and cheese**  
**7:00 - meeting**

### **Meeting to take place in the VFC Member's Lounge**

The AGM is a great opportunity to meet and chat with other members of the Victoria Flying Club. All members are welcome and encouraged to attend the evening, although voting privileges are extended only to Sustaining Members and Life Members.

If you have been a member in good standing of the Victoria Flying Club for 24 consecutive months, you are eligible to become a Sustaining Member. Sustaining and Life members will have voting privileges at the AGM. Sustaining and Life members are also eligible to be nominated for Director positions with the Board. Directors are

nominated by two other Sustaining or Life Members. Nomination forms are available from the office, or at the meeting. There may also be nominations from the floor at the time of the meeting.

Why get in involved with the Board of Directors? It's a great way to give back to the aviation community, specifically the supportive community at the Victoria Flying Club. Be involved in the decision-making process and help shape the direction of the club for years to come. If you have any questions about becoming a club Director, please contact VFC Manager Gerry Mants at 250-656-2833.

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# FEBRUARY MYSTERY AIRCRAFT



**CAN YOU IDENTIFY THE AIRCRAFT SHOWN ABOVE?  
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(POINTS LOST FOR GOOGLING THE REGISTRATION!)**

## JANUARY MYSTERY IDENTIFIED



**From Tim:** This is the Italian Piaggio P-136 twin engine gull-wing amphibian flying boat. A product of the late 1940s, this 5-seater saw military and civilian service and was a minor hit in the US where it was marked as the Royal Gull. Just over 60 were built.

This is a Piaggio P.136-L. A close look shows three-bladed propellers for the two “pusher” Lycoming GO-435s. The prototype first flew in 1948. A small series of 136s had Franklins. Lycomings and a bigger tail marked the 136-L (L for Lycoming presumably). This version of the five-seat amphibian was more numerous, but not built in great numbers. In the sixties a purely land-based version was introduced, the P.166. This served long and well, but also in small numbers.

- Daryl Williams

It's a Piaggio P.136 – L1 , carrying the marks of the Italian Air Force.

- Kurt & Eric Alisch

The January mystery aircraft is a Piaggio Royal Gull P.136. Imported to North America by the Tucker company, of the 63 built, 32 were sold in the US.

- Jim Fretwell

# Wings Banquet

*To all of this year's Wings Recipients and Award Winners, Congratulations from the Victoria Flying Club. We are proud of your successes, and wish you all the best in your future aviation endeavours.*



# *Award Winners*

## **Top Pilot**

***Morgan Belton and Geoff Goldie***

## **Top Written Exam**

***Morgan Belton and Geoff Goldie***

## **Top Flight Test**

***Sheryl Petschl and Dave Richardson***

## **Claude Butler Bursary**

***Brady Tucker***

## **Betty Wadsworth Bursary**

***Sheryl Petschl***

## **Mike Cooper-Slipper Bursary**

***Todd Cuthbert***

## **Brian Smedley Memorial Bursary**

***Morgan Scott***



# First Solos



Ryan Mackereth  
Instructor: Dave Kupchenko



Jason Scarfe  
Instructor: Kristen Ursel



Lindsay Mazzei  
Instructor: Tyler Bishop



Jamie Wellbourn  
Instructor: Kale Haley



Dan Welch  
Instructor: Tyler Bishop



Charlie Groves  
Instructor: Kristen Ursel

# Private Pilot Groundschool

**Monday and Wednesday**

**1900-2200**

**Victoria Flying Club Classroom**

DATE	TOPIC	INSTRUCTOR
Feb 01	Meteorology	Simon Dennis
06	Meteorology	Simon Dennis
08	Flight Operations	Yasuhiro Koide
13	Flight Operations	Yasuhiro Koide
15	Navigation	Clint Elliott
20	Navigation	Clint Elliott
22	Navigation	Clint Elliott
27	Written Exam Prep Seminar	John MacConnachie
29	Review	Brad Fraser
Mar 05	Aerodynamics/Theory of Flight/Licensing	James White
07	Airframes and Engines	Dave Kupchenko
12	Systems and Flight Instruments	Dave Kupchenko
14	Canadian Aviation Regulations	Kristen Ursel
19	Canadian Aviation Regulations	Kristen Ursel
21	Human Factors/Pilot Decision Making	Brad Fraser
26	Radio and Electronic Theory	Dirk Pritchard
28	Meteorology	Simon Dennis
Apr 02	Meteorology	Simon Dennis
04	Meteorology	Simon Dennis
11	Meteorology	Simon Dennis
16	Meteorology	Simon Dennis
18	Meteorology	Simon Dennis
23	Flight Operations	Yasuhiro Koide
25	Flight Operations	Yasuhiro Koide
30	Navigation	Clint Elliott
May 02	Navigation	Clint Elliott
07	Navigation	Clint Elliott
09	Written Exam Prep Seminar	John MacConnachie
14	Review	Brad Fraser

**To register for Groundschool, or to purchase your Groundschool Kit,  
please contact the Victoria Flying Club Office at 250-656-2833.**

# Photo of the Month



**Congratulations and thank-you to  
Colin Williamson  
for a unique photo of the month entry!**

“It’s the propeller of a 1947 Stinson 108-2 that is owned by Kim’s brother Eric. The photo was taken just after sunrise with the morning dew still on it at Midland Ontario in August this past summer.” - Colin

Keep your camera in your flight bag and send your best photos (one entry per month) to thepatrician@shaw.ca. Enter up to 12 times each year to win!

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# Sea Plane Groundschool

Saturday, February 11 @ VFC

Cost: \$100

Call 250-656-2833 to register

*Note: groundschool fees will be refunded to those students who complete the rating.*

The Patrician is looking for articles and story ideas!  
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# New Members

Simon Moffatt  
Christo Snyman  
Aaron Fyfe  
John Paul O'Reilly  
Stuart Bilodeau  
Landon Hahn  
Lanaya Dale  
Justin Neepin  
Richard Thompson  
Jason Rogers  
Nicholas Romanakis  
Douglas McLellan  
Peter Blencowe  
Brad Crockett  
Shuyler Clack

# Achievements

## First Solo

Ryan Mackereth  
Jason Scarfe  
Jamie Wellbourn  
Dan Welch  
Charlie Groves  
Lindsay Mazzei

## PPL Written Exam

Owain Samuel  
Cheryl Petschl  
Megan Mauracher  
Brandon Schwazer

## PPL Flight Test

Clint Zhang  
Chris Kimmerly

## RPP Flight Test

Peter Dibben

# WINTER WEATHER DOESN'T STOP. NEITHER DOES LEARNING.

FOLLOWING A **SELL-OUT** INAUGURAL SEMINAR  
**AVA FLIGHT SERVICES PRESENTS**  
ITS SECOND LECTURE ON BC WINTER WEATHER.



wondering if this course is for you?  
it was for the inaugural participants.

*"I just wanted to thank you again for a most informative and impeccably planned course about a vital aspect of aviation but also a fascinating topic in its own right."*

*"The material was well organized and presented in a clear, professional, and interesting manner. It is obvious that a lot of hard work went into this endeavor. Kudos to Simon on a job well done. I'm looking forward to the next course!"*

*"Thank you very much for your excellent presentation today. It was rich in material, nicely organized and lucidly explained."*

*"I offer you my thanks and congratulations for a job well done. As a retired school principal, I seem to always look at the whole process, the materials used, methods, etc. You did a great job! The book and handouts are excellent and allow us to review and refer back as needed. My thanks to you."*

**KEEP PACE WITH WINTER WEATHER.** TO REGISTER OR FOR MORE DETAILS,  
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VFC dispatch | 250.656.2833 | [info@flyvfc.com](mailto:info@flyvfc.com)

date	location	time	price
<b>SATURDAY 25 FEB 2012</b>	<b>VICTORIA FLYING CLUB</b>	<b>0900 -1600</b>	<b>\$155</b> (hard copy course manual) <b>\$140</b> (electronic course manual)



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## *Victoria Flying Club* *2011 Income Tax Procedure*

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**Please Note:** Canada Customs and Revenue Agency (CCRA) has recently been requiring proof of enrollment in the Commercial Pilot Program before allowing a deduction for the hours under the Private Pilot Licence. A letter from the Club confirming enrollment in the CPL is available to students actively pursuing a CPL (i.e, a Category 1 Medical, enrollment in Commercial Ground school, working towards a Night Rating or actively completing the dual requirements of the CPL). Members are reminded that all deductions taken are the responsibility of the person claiming the deduction on their tax return.

**Instructions:** Complete all areas of this form. There is no need to complete the form if you reached the maximum hours per course in 2010. Mail/fax/or drop off this form to Dispatch.

**Allowable deductions:** As outlined by Revenue Canada Taxation  
875 Heron Road, Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0L8

**Licence or Endorsement:** Private Pilot Licence  
Commercial Pilot Licence  
Instructor's Rating  
Night Rating

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### ***Allowable Tuition Fees (Please read carefully):***

#### ***Private Pilot Course***

Any number of dual flying hours. Solo hours to the extent that dual and solo hours do not exceed a total of forty-five hours. Revenue Canada has been requiring proof of enrollment in the Commercial Pilot Licence program prior to allowing a deduction for the PPL. (See above)

#### ***Commercial Pilot Course***

Any number of dual flying hours and solo hours to the extent that dual and solo hours do not exceed a total of sixty-five hours (Commercial Licence).

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***NO CREDIT MAY BE TAKEN FOR TIME BUILDING OR HOURS IN EXCESS OF THE TRANSPORT CANADA MINIMUMS.***

#### ***Private Pilot Course Only***

Ground school Jan 1 to December 31, 2011                      \$300.00      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ hours dual Jan 1 to Dec 31, 2011

\_\_\_\_\_ hours solo Jan 1 to Dec 31, 2011

\_\_\_\_\_ hours dual and solo ***claimed in 2010 and earlier re private licence***

\_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL CLAIM in hours (CANNOT EXCEED 45 HOURS)

**Commercial Pilot Course**

Ground school Jan 1 to December 31, 2011                      \$495.00            \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Ground school Retread    \$ 50.00            \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ hours dual Jan 1 to Dec 31, 2011  
 \_\_\_\_\_ hours solo Jan 1 to Dec 31, 2011  
 \_\_\_\_\_ hours dual and solo **claimed in 2010 and earlier re commercial licence**  
 \_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL CLAIM in hours (CANNOT EXCEED 65 HOURS)

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**Other Ratings**

Rating: \_\_\_\_\_ Hours: Dual \_\_\_\_\_ Solo \_\_\_\_\_

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**To Be Completed By The Student**

I, \_\_\_\_\_ certify that:

I intend to work in the occupation of \_\_\_\_\_ and that I was enrolled  
in the course entitled \_\_\_\_\_ in order to furnish me with skills in that occupation **OR**

I am qualified as a \_\_\_\_\_ and that I was enrolled in the course entitled  
\_\_\_\_\_ in order to improve my skills in that occupation.

My hours claimed for 2011, when combined with hours claimed in 2010 and earlier does not  
exceed the maximums outlined of 45 hours for private and 65 hours for commercial course.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Student

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Do you wish your tax form mailed or picked up? \_\_\_\_\_  
Tax Forms received by Victoria Flying Club prior to February 1, 2012 will be completed by February 29, 2012.

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**For Office Use Only**

Date received \_\_\_\_\_ Course \_\_\_\_\_

Hours: \_\_\_\_\_ Dual \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Solo \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Ground Briefing: \_\_\_\_\_ Dual \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Ground school: \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total Hours Claimed: \_\_\_\_\_ Private \_\_\_\_\_

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## Should I worry about Ecstasy?

### Yes! Here's the latest on "E" in BC:

1. If you took "E" and feel sick or overheated, don't wait! Go to a hospital. By the time some people got there, it was too late and they died. (You won't get arrested!)

2. "E" is almost ALWAYS a combo drug. You never know what's in it. One tab tested had: MDMA (Ecstasy), meth, coke, ketamine, DMP, and TFMPP ("Legal X"). PMMA is in "E" too, and it may have been there a while.

3. PMMA (a toxic meth chemical) has been found in people who died taking so-called "E". Even by itself, "E" can cause dangerous body overheating. Overheating can cause seizures, brain damage, or death. PMMA can block the "E" high so people take more and overheat more easily.

E + PMMA = more toxic

4. Even 1 or 2 tabs can be a problem. Some people's bodies just can't handle even one tab. Taking several tabs at once or over a few hours can really be bad.

5. Using other drugs (booze, prescription or street) at the same time makes toxic effects worse.

6. If you take "E", always have someone sober with you to take you to hospital right away if you get sick or overheat.

7. Best idea? Don't do "E", especially right now. Remember, you never know what you are really taking.

(Info from BC Drug & Poison Info Centre and BC Coroner Service)

(Source: John Carsley MD,  
VCH MHO, January 13, 2012©)



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