

The LAA Pilot Coaching Scheme

By PCS Chairman, Jon Cooke



Looking forward

The name change to the Light Aircraft Association seems an appropriate time to introduce a number of initiatives into the Pilot Coaching Scheme which have been developed to better meet our members' needs.

In an effort to make the Pilot Coaching Scheme more accessible, there will be a number of "Coaching Days" for you to attend this year. These have been introduced to make LAA coaches available at specific venues, Brighton, Sywell and Popham, the dates of which will be confirmed in next month's magazine.

The intent is to make coaching at these events FREE to LAA members. The hope is that you will learn something new and develop your flying ability whilst enjoying the day's activities.

If these events prove as successful as we hope, for 2009 more dates and venues will be organised.

The day will start with an introduction to the coaches, followed by ground school and/or flying training throughout the morning session. It will also be possible to conduct your biennial revue flight.

The airfields chosen have offered us free landings all day for PCS activities. Lunch will be provided in the form of a barbeque or similar.

After lunch we will be running a number of light hearted competitions: spot landings, flour bombing and a little precision navigation forming the basis of the activities.

Prize giving will conclude the day's events.

The emphasis of the day is on training, flying, and fun. The PCS expects to provide an enjoyable and informative day, and hopes that you take the opportunity to come and meet the PCS Coaches

Interested pilots will pre-register, so that I can ensure sufficient coaches are in attendance. Of course, all members are welcome to come and join in the afternoon's activities. When the dates have been finalised you will be asked to register your interest with the LAA office.

There are a few other developments within the coaching scheme, details of which I will include in future articles. The PCS "Coaching Day" is just the start of making the Pilot Coaching Scheme more accessible to you, the membership.

I hope you come along and enjoy our new Coaching Days and I look forward to meeting some of you there.

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Flying training such as Biennial Reviews, Tailwheel Conversions, Type Conversions, General Flying Diplomas, Strip Flying Diplomas, Differences Training, and Recency Training are all available through the LAA Pilot Coaching Scheme. Choose the PCS for your flying training needs. Contact your local LAA Pilot Coaching Scheme Coach or Head Office for more details of PCS Courses and Training.

See the LAA website for full list of Coaches: WWW.LAA.UK.COM