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Happy New Year

A very happy new year to members and friends of Waterford Aero Club. Hopefully we'll all continue to have some memorable and safe journeys, meet new friends and continue recent progress within the club.

If anyone would like to play a more active role in the club in 2011, please feel free to get in touch, or indeed if you have any ideas on how to improve the club.

As the winter period is traditionally quiet, this month's newsletter is smaller than usual, but hopefully some of you will be tempted to make a contribution to further issues.

First Solo

Congratulations to club member Sean Phillips who on December 18th 2010 successfully completed his first solo flight on Tecnam EI-WFD.

Sean is student of Paul Hutchinson, who also took this photo.

Congratulations & Welcome Aboard

Congratulations to Sean Slattery who recently obtained his flight instructor's rating with Atlantic Flight Training in Cork, and has now also joined the club's panel of instructors.

Photos from Ollie Dowling, including pictures of Andrew Power's last flight before he went stateside to do his instructor's rating.

2011 Membership Fees

Membership fees for 2011 can now be paid. In line with previous years, a discount of €15 is offered to members who pay during the month of January. Otherwise, the usual rate of €185 applies, which itself is one of the cheapest in Ireland, and has remained unchanged for several years.

Membership fees are a critical element in the club's financial structure and early payment gives the Club the ability to sustain itself during a period when adverse weather has an impact on flying income. With this in mind all members are urged to take advantage of the discount and pay their fees in January. In doing so they will be providing badly needed support to the Club.

Airport Weather Online

The airport's website now has a new page where the METARs and Local Area Forecasts can be viewed, without the need for any passwords etc. The link to the page is:

http://www.flywaterford.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=184&Itemid=100083

No doubt this page would be worth 'bookmarking'! The latest weather report is also available on the ATIS telephone line at 051 877000

Dishwasher Dodgers of the Month

You!

Joking aside, members have been leaving the club kitchen in a right mess the past few weeks.

Please make it one of your New Year's Resolutions to clean the kitchen after you.

The Club provides you with tea & coffee, now do your bit!

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Member Spotlight—John Roche

Name: John Roche
Age: 37
License(s): PPL with Night Rating
Total Hours: 160

When did you join Waterford Aero Club? 2007

Best flying memory: My first solo cross-country to Shannon

Worst flying memory: Bogging the sportscruiser in saac field... Oops! Sorry fellow group members, forgot to mention that one!

Tell us about your last flight? A trip to Coonagh with Liam Doherty in the Sportcruiser, very enjoyable.

What brought you to flying? I lived in Oz for a while where light aircraft are as common as Ford Fiestas are here.

If you had all the money in the world, what aircraft would you choose to fly? I wouldnt limit myself to just one!

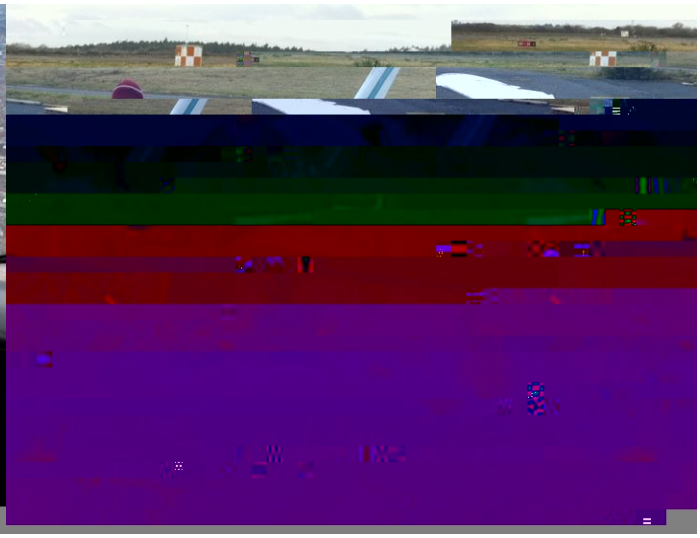
What is your current job? Plumbing/heating contractor.

Other hobbies? Motorbikes, skiing and cycling.

What do you like most about the Aero Club? The friendly and helpful members and instructors.

If you could give a new pilot one piece of advice, what would it be? Just enjoy it!

The Aviva Stadium seen from EI-DJM on 02/01/2011 en-route to Weston. Photo: Cordula Hansen.



Brian O'Keeffe gets to grips with the club's latest acquisition.