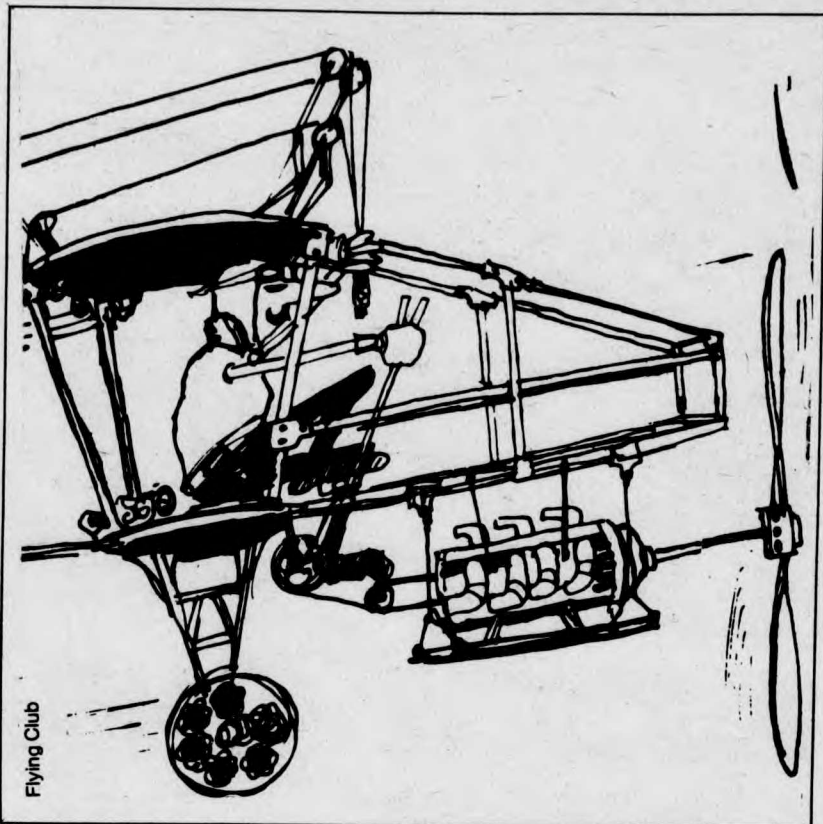


# Students try new high, York flying club takes off from Maple



By Laura Brown

Do you want to try a new high this year? Sign up at the York Flying Club and learn how to fly.

As a member of the York Flying Club (YFC), you can take ground school lessons to learn the legal and technical rules of the air as well as flying lessons, taught by instructors at the Maple Air Services.

At the completion of the course and, having successfully passed a series of exams, you can become a licenced private pilot.

Members of the YFC save approximately 25 per cent below commercial rates for flying instruction. And apart from the financial benefits, the club is a congenial social meeting ground for pilots and anyone interested in airplanes and air travel.

The club originally began as a social organization. But as membership grew, and more money came in, the club members could afford to buy an airplane. They then applied for a government charter which enabled them to run a flying school in conjunction with Maple Air Services.

The club social director, and licenced pilot, Ron Pickett, outlined the procedure for obtaining a licence in an interview earlier this week.

Before beginning the course, a basic medical examination, with emphasis on your hearing and sight, is required.

Ground school, a 12 week course, is held every Wednesday night for three hours in room 037 Winters College.

For more effective training, Pickett suggests that the flying lessons should begin when ground school is started.

At the completion of the ground school course, with a minimum of 12 hours flying practice, a trial Department of Transport (DOT) exam is given. If the results of the mock test meets the required grade, you'll then receive the authorization to take the two official DOT exams.

One exam covers air regulations and you must score at least a 60 per cent average to pass. The second exam deals with questions on air traffic controller and pilot responsibilities, and requires a minimum average of 70 per cent.

Once you've passed the DOT exams, you can move on to advance air training, which requires a minimum of 40 hours flying time.

The last steps to obtaining your licence is an air flight test given by

the chief flying instructor, as well as a three hour written private pilot exam, in which a minimum 60 per cent average is needed.

Once you've followed these procedures successfully, you become a licenced private pilot.

Although the complete course involves many hours of flying and studying, Pickett says "I recommend that the course should be done in three-four months".

Flying is certainly not one of the more inexpensive hobbies you can pick up. The course at ground school costs \$100, and to obtain your licence, it will cost you roughly \$1,500 in flying fees and plane rental. However, like all tuition fees, the flying fees are tax deductible. The club membership also includes a \$15 social fee which pays for the club's social events.

The YFC has a membership of 100 people, of which about 40 per cent are pilots. The club began in 1972 but did not own a plane until four years later. At one time the club owned three planes, but lack of resources has now left them with one two-seater, a Cessna 150.

According to Pickett, a wide variety of people, of all ages, join the club. "Flying is a very simple thing to do," he says.

You may wonder what flying has to offer besides a very efficient way to travel. "It's romantic, adventurous.... and often a great way to relax," Pickett will tell you.

The club is not restricted to pilots and people learning to fly. Anyone who is interested in travel (or who likes meeting people who fly) is welcome to join the club for the \$15 fee.

"We're trying to get a more social thing going, because the more people we have, the more money we'll get, and then we'll have more activities to offer".

Coming up soon is a YFC air trip to Dayton, Ohio to see an aviation museum. At this time, the club has already gathered up enough interested people to rent three planes for the trip.

If you're not a YFC member, but you're looking for a way to save on air travel expenses, call up the club, and by sharing the flying costs, you're on your way.

Does the idea of becoming a pilot intrigue you? Although the ground school classes began last night, if you're interested in learning to fly do not hesitate to show up at next Wednesday's class to sign up.

For further information, contact the York Flying Club, room 027 Winters College, or call 667-2584.

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