

On-Track Aviation is the first to gain Senior Examiner Seminar approval

The UK CAA has asked Wellesbourn Mountford-based On-Track Aviation to conduct Senior Examiner Seminars (Single Pilot Aeroplanes) on their behalf. Historically these seminars had been held at Gatwick and run by the CAA Staff Flight Examiners but due to the reduced numbers of examiners the CAA is unable to continue to provide them. *"We were delighted to be asked to conduct these seminars on behalf of the CAA"* says Alan Newton, Head of Training for On-Track Aviation. *"It shows just how well respected we are in the field of instructor and examiner training. On-Track Aviation has been conducting Instructor and Examiner seminars for over 16 years and has a dedicated seminar team and an excellent facility (Wellington Room) in which to hold them. The Wellington Room has a full audio visual suite and chairs and tables that can be arranged to suit any type of event. We also hire out The Wellington Road to a number of other organisations for meetings and functions"* says Alan.

The Senior Examiner Seminar is not the same as a regular Examiner Seminar. *"It's all about observing industry examiners at work"* says Alan. *"The role of a Senior Examiner is to standardise the industry examiners to ensure they are conducting tests in accordance with the regulations."*

In the past the role of Senior Examiner was

fulfilled by Flight Instructor Examiners (FIE) who were able to train and test appropriately qualified instructors who wanted to become Flight Examiners for the PPL. With the introduction of EASA the role of Senior Examiner was born and the FIEs were given grandfather rights as Senior Examiners. Under EASA the appointment, revalidation and renewal of the Senior Examiner certificate is the responsibility of the National Authority and in the UK the CAA requires Senior Examiners to attend a Seminar specifically orientated to their role.

"On-Track is planning to run a Senior Examiner Seminar each year in April and we have already published dates from now until 2019 so individuals can plan ahead" says Alan. *"On-Track has three Senior Examiners on its staff including an ex-CAA Staff Examiner who used to organise them when he worked for the Authority. On-Track run all types of examiner training courses and therefore we are in an excellent position to provide the sort of seminar the CAA requires."*

The first Senior Examiner Seminar run by On-Track Aviation was held in April this year. *"The seminar was a great success and we gained our approval from the CAA"* says Alan. In attendance were two CAA Staff Examiners who conducted the approval. They looked at a number of areas including the administration of the Seminar and the content of the presentations. All aspects of

the Seminar were assessed as satisfactory with very favourable comments on the presentations and advice given to the delegates.

"A number of Senior Examiners were unable to attend the April event but they will be able to come to one in June." Alan went on to say, *"We have decided to add an additional date this year to cover this short fall which was due to a late change of date."*

The next Senior Examiner Seminar will be held on 15 June 2016, further details are at www.ontrackaviation.com.



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