



CTC Wings sets the scene for further expansion at its Annual Awards Ceremony.

129 CTC Wings pilots graduated at this year's Graduation and Awards celebrations at CTC's Headquarters – Dibden Manor – on 24 November 2006.

This was the 10th Awards ceremony hosted by CTC to recognise the achievements of pilots who, through "CTC Wings", have completed their commercial training and gained employment with one of CTC's partner airlines. The CTC Wings programs, which cater for both ab initio and licenced pilots, have proved to be one of the most successful and highly sought after methods of satisfying the airline industry's requirement for new pilots – with some 3000 pilots applying each year for places on the programs. The Company announced plans to significantly increase its intake of CTC Wings Cadet pilots for CPL/IR training at its crew training centres in Hamilton, New Zealand, and Bournemouth UK, and has recently announced an order for three additional Diamond Twinstar aircraft for its ab initio training activities, bringing its fleet of Twinstars to twelve. CTC predicts that they will train over 200 Wings pilots for its partner airlines during the next 12 months, this in addition to its airline support services which will see Boeing and Airbus type rating training for over 500 of its customer airlines' pilots.

This years Graduation and Awards was attended by over 400 guests comprising of Wings Cadets and their families, Wings ATP pilots, local dignitaries and representatives from CTC's industry partners. Senior management of easyJet, Thomas Cook, First Choice, Jet2.com, British Airways, Monarch, Thomsonfly, the Civil Aviation Authority and Bristol Ground School were in attendance to celebrate the awards.

The CTC Diamond award for the most outstanding cadet of the year was awarded to **Paul Emmerson**, now working with Thomas Cook Airlines. Paul received a handsome trophy and a bursary of £4000 from Rod Wren of CTC and Henrik Burkhal of Diamond Aircraft Industries.

There were nine other awards and bursaries presented to recognise significant achievers. Those other CTC Wings Cadets who received the highest accolades from their Instructors and Training Captains this year were –

Alex Rowe of easyJet who was announced as the winner of the Alpha Aviation Trophy and Award, which will be presented by Alpha in New Zealand in February 2007. Alex was recognised for his performance and contribution to the community during his time training with CTC Wings in New Zealand

Greg Simpson of easyJet who received the Tony Angel Award for the best Instrument Flying performance during the basic phases of training in New Zealand and Bournemouth

Andrew Timewell of British Airways who was awarded the Bristol Groundschool Trophy for the best performance results in his ATPL theoretical exams achieving a staggering 98.1% average pass mark!



CTC Wings Airline bursaries were awarded to those pilots who receive the highest recognition during their time in training as well as once on-line with their airline. This year's winners who each received a bursary of £2000 were -

**Thomsonfly
MyTravel Airways
Thomas Cook Airlines
First Choice Airways
easyJet**

**Stijn Lambrecht
Patrick van Beeck
Paul Emerson
Craig Taylor
Ian Kelly and Robert Barltrop**

In thanking Jim Pegram, Head of Flight Operations for easyJet, for their continued support, the Group Chairman of CTC, Chris Clarke, announced "because of the significant number of Wings pilots easyJet have employed, there are 2 CTC Wings bursary awards for easyJet pilots. This quite remarkable story of pilot supply brings the total number of easyJet pilots trained by CTC to over 1500 and represents what is probably one of the most successful supply and service relationships in the aviation industry"

Each year, CTC recognises a member of the airline training community for their commitment to training. This year the CTC Director's Shield was awarded to Alex Whittingham, founder and Managing Director of Bristol Groundschool for his dedication to the achievement of groundschool academic success. CTC has partnered with Bristol Groundschool since day one of CTC Wings and the first time pass rate for Wings cadets undertaking JAA ATPL groundschool examinations stands consistently at a phenomenal 98.6%.

Summing up the success of CTC and the CTC Wings pilots, John Monks, Manager of Flight Crew Recruitment for British Airways said "CTC is so successful because it is airline orientated, delivers a high quality of training employs the right trainers and selects the right students into the programme"

As the full quota of annually trained CTC Wings pilots will qualify for graduation in 2007, next year's CTC Wings Graduation and Awards event will be bigger still!

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About CTC Aviation Group plc

CTC Aviation Group plc is an approved Type Rating Training Organisation and Approved Training Organisation, recognised by the Joint Aviation Authorities as a leading provider of training, consultancy and support services to the commercial airline industry.

Established to provide a dedicated facility for airline standard, professional training, the Company offers a comprehensive range of training and consultancy services that can be tailored to individual and airline requirements.

Through Crew Training Centres in the UK and New Zealand CTC trains over 1,000 commercial pilots a year in all aspects of airline orientated training from ab initio CPL/IR to Training Captain Examiner courses. CTC's Crew Training Centres house state-of-the-art training facilities including the provision of high-level training support and full flight simulation for both Boeing and Airbus aircraft.

CTC's training fleet includes 22 aircraft at the Hamilton Crew Training Centre (six Diamond DA42 TwinStars, three Piper PA44 Seminoles and 13 single engine aircraft (seven Diamond DA20 Katanas, three Robin 2160s and three Cessna 172s) and 3 DA42 Diamond TwinStars at the Bournemouth Crew Training Centre. On order are 26 New Zealand-built Alpha 160A trainers, which will replace the Company's single engine aircraft fleet, and 3 additional Diamond DA 42 TwinStars to support the Company's growth.

Airline customers include Air New Zealand, Air Malawi, Air Seychelles, British Airways, Jet2.com, easyJet, EuroCypria, First Choice Airways, Kuwait Airways, Monarch Airlines, MyTravel, NetJets, Royal Brunei Airlines, Thomas Cook Airlines, ThomsonFly and the UK CAA.

CTC's training portfolio includes courses for pilots and cabin crew at every stage of their careers (such as the unique "CTC Wings" programme). In addition CTC provides train the trainer courses and crew resource management training. Consultancy services include crew selection, training staff assessments, line support, recurrent training provision, fleet introductions and full management and operational support for airline start-ups.

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CTC Wings is a unique, comprehensive programme of developmental training for airline pilots. The cadet route takes young people with no flying experience all the way to the right hand seat of a commercial airliner in less than two years.

The *CTC Wings* ATP route into the programme provides opportunities for licensed pilots to join at the intermediate phase of training.

For more information, visit www.ctcwings.co.uk

CTC Wings also runs programmes in New Zealand from its Crew Training Centre – Hamilton, namely the CTC Wings Sponsored Instructor Programme and CTC Wings Commercial Pilot Programme

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