

HELI-NEWS

Schweizer 300 CBi to the fleet.

We have taken delivery of our first Schweizer 300 CBi which is the first of the newer Schweizer models. The registration is SE-JBO. A second aircraft has also arrived to our maintenance facility, Aeroservice in Karlskoga. The second aircraft is awaiting to be registered into Swedish registry before we are able to use it for training. The registration is SE-JBP. The decision was taken in february to postpone the Cabri from Guimbal until further, the Schweizer 300 is a proven safe helicopter for training, There is a chance that we will se the Cabri in our fleet at a later stage depending on how the market will receive the type. Aeroservice has become a Schweizer dealer with service center and part distribution which has changed the level of service and reduced downtime. Northern Helicopters has now 4 Schweizer 300, two C models and two CBi's.



Heli Expo - Houston 2010

The annual Heli Expo 2010 was held in Houston, TX. The exhibition had a few new helicopter models but mainly was represented by new navigation and modifications. Sikorsky showed the new model of S76 (as shown above) in a VIP configuration, fantastic interior with full glass cockpit. Also a Schweizer 300 that Houston Police department till are using. Eurocopter showed their new flagship EC175 (price approx. 18 milj. Euro), The Eurocopter stand was very impressive with all their models represented. Bell their 429, a modified 407 and their very robust State Trooper. Robinson had their R66 on a stand with the previous R44 next to it. The impression of the R66 is that its 5 seat configuration is a very

small sized turbine helicopter. It may be questionable if the type ever will reach the usage for commercial operators, there is still also the limit of 2200 hrs. CAE introduced their new full flight simulator for helicopters. It has been a dark side of simulation before but the trend is that more simulators are coming on the market in the near future. More and more training companies and operators see the quality of training with simulators and reduced risk during training.



Some photos from Heli Expo Houston 2010.



NEW TRAINING FACILITY - STOCKHOLM

We are opening a training facility at Stockholm - Västerås airport!

To better serve the market around the Stockholm area we are opening a small training facility at Västerås airport. Västerås was a much better choice than Bromma. Training at Bromma is not allowed which means ferry flights in and out from the airport, costs that the student has to take in consideration. We are placing one Schweizer 300 at that facility and will offer PPL training. Theoretical training will be offered in Jönköping only. The training is expected to be available in April/May 2010. More information will be posted on our website. The helicopter will also be available for rental.

As now the largest operator of Schweizer 300 in Scandinavia we can offer rentals of helicopter which is one of the most important issues for pilots after course completion. The Schweizer 300 reduces the training time considerably compared to other less stabile helicopters. There is a reason why Bristow are using that type for their more than 450 helicopter students per year....

The R22 has been the natural helicopter choice for many schools, the reason - economy. The R44 is a much better helicopter than the little brother R22 but then the price is much more. For almost the same cost you can train in the EC120 (or a Jetranger) where you will gain good turbine hours instead of another piston helicopter.

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