



Acquisition of Piper Cherokee Archer II G-CHIP

As many will be aware, former General Manager at British Caledonian Airways, Laurie Price, had a vision some time ago to see the iconic livery of BCAL once again gracing the skies. This was achieved in January 2017 when G-RECW was launched at Biggin Hill with over 100 former colleagues present. The aims of this initiative were:

1. To have a permanent reminder of the Spirit, Ethos, Standards and Service of BCAL which remain unsurpassed to this day.
2. To promote and encourage interest in aviation by the next generation as the new recruits for Air Transport and Aerospace.
3. To promote awareness of and help raise funds for the Golden Lion Children's Trust Charity founded by BCAL staff in 1973.

The aircraft that was launched at Biggin Hill is now unavailable to us, although it does still carry the BCAL livery. Therefore, the BCAL Light Aircraft Project Mark 2 was born.

Golden Lion Aviation Ltd has been formed and its shareholders are Laurie Price, Richard Heywood (former Sales & Marketing Manager BCAL), Roger Cato (former MD of Gatwick Airport) and Joe Divis (a retired banker and previous sole owner of G-CHIP). All fly light aircraft as a hobby.

Ownership of the aircraft G-CHIP was transferred to Golden Lion Aviation Ltd on 30 May 2018 and it will have the livery of British Caledonian applied as soon as possible.



The aircraft will be a regular visitor at UK Air Shows, fly-ins and similar events, often accompanied by former members of BCAL staff and families, some in the distinctive BCAL tartan uniforms.

We are seeking additional pilot and non-pilot shareholders. Please see over for details.



Shareholdings in Golden Lion Aviation Ltd are available to pilots and non-pilots alike.

Pilot Shareholding

For pilots, we are asking for a £5,000 capital investment in the company and a commitment to monthly charges of £90 plus £130 per flying hour. We are seeking 4 more pilot shareholders.

Pilot shareholders will become Directors of the Company and their shares will have full voting rights.

The aircraft is a 1982 model with under 2,500 hours total time on the airframe and under 700 hours on the engine. It has up to date avionics, including a Garmin 530W, Mode S and 8.33 radio. It also has a single axis autopilot.

The aircraft has a grey leather interior and fully IFR equipped. Availability will be good and bookings are made online.

The aircraft will be based a Shoreham and, in the summer, at Slinfold near Horsham.

Non – Pilot Shareholding

We already have 14 people signed up to be non-pilot shareholders and we have space for another 10 at the moment. We may increase this later with experience.

We ask a non-pilot shareholder to make a one-off investment of £500 in Golden Lion Aviation Ltd.

Apart from the kudos of being involved with this superb aircraft, each non-pilot shareholder will be entitled to a flight of one hour in G-CHIP each and every year they remain a shareholder. Flights are not transferable and must be used by the shareholder.

If the pilot agrees, then others may accompany the shareholder by sharing some of the costs, or by making a donation to the Golden Lion Children's Trust. This is at the pilot's discretion. Flights will be subject to weather conditions and operational availability.

If you decide to sell your shares, you must inform the Company within 14 days and the rights to the annual free flight will pass to the new shareholder.

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