

# JANUARY 2007 CLUB NEWSLETTER

Diary Dates:

- Next club meeting is the AGM, at 7.30 pm, THURSDAY 25th JANUARY, 2007.

The annual Repack will take place at Devonport High School, at 4pm till 8pm on Sunday 25th Feb 07.

## **NEWSLETTER January 2007**

Welcome to the February edition of the newsletter – we'll skip January, as the Newsletter always comes out after the Club Meeting night.

### **January Meeting and AGM.**

Apologies were received from Alan Hughes, Robin Mogridge and Karl Sweeney.

### **Presentation of the 2006 Accounts**

Julie presented the 2006 accounts showing a loss of around £300. This was accounted for by a fall in paid-up membership of £260, and a subsidy of £270 for the Coach training course, which is not expected to recur this year. It was therefore considered that we should again donate 300 to the Devon Air Ambulance, whose services we hope we won't need, but can prove vital. It was decided not to subsidise another Curry night, but that attendees should pay in full (however a very good deal has been struck with the London Inn (see below)).

It was agreed that membership fees could remain unchanged at £15.

(Please forward your 2007 fee to Bill as soon as possible – most people at the meeting have paid up).

The Accounts were accepted by the meeting.

### **Election of the Committee**

As several of the 2006 committee were not present, judgment was made by members present as to whether to re-elect them in their absence, or seek a replacement.

Mark S also stated that it was unacceptable for him to continue as both Chairman and Secretary, but that he was willing to do either if someone wanted the other.

With discussions around this point, and the other posts, the outcome was:

Chairman Mark Stapleton  
Secretary Mark Ansell  
Treasurer Julie Stapleton  
Membership Secretary Bill Arkle  
Club Contact & Coach Bob Moore  
HG Safety Officer Mark Nicol  
PG Safety Officer Adrian Bishop (replacing Nick Ditcher who has not been seen at club meetings)  
Sites Officer (Dartmoor & East) Robin Mogridge  
Sites Officer (West) Karl Sweeney  
Club Webmaster Mark Canvin  
HG Comps Officer Colin Jones (not present)  
PG Comps Officer position vacant (no suitable candidates present)  
Fun League compiler Mark Canvin  
Social Secretary Gordon White (replacing Mike Maisey who has not been seen recently)  
Club Librarian Mark Nicol  
Newsletter Editor Mark Ansell

If there is an experienced PG Pilot out there who would be interested in coordinating competition entries (organizing comps is not essential), please contact a committee member.

### **Curry Night**

Gordon offered to arrange the first social event as a curry night at the London Inn due to its central location for members. It was decided to hold this in place of the March meeting. However the Landlady recommended the Friday 30th March, as there will be live entertainment in the bar.

Cost will be around £5 / head (an excellent deal) with suggested menus of Chicken / Beef or Veg.

This is open to friends / partners, with a maximum of 30, so please contact Gordon to confirm if you want places – 01803 328181 or gw21@btinternet.com.

### **Pilot Lectures**

These are to be held in conjunction with the Condors, and will be hosted in Sidmouth on a suitably non-flyable weekend. 6 SDHGPC members have shown interest.

Those wishing to attend should pass their phone number and BHPA membership no. to Mark Nicol on 01752 896597 or mark.nicol@southhams.gov.uk.

### **Evening Presentation**

James Oldham gave a slide show on his flying experiences in Bulgaria. James has bought a house close to the main mountain range (for half the price I paid for

my 2nd hand car!) and spends several months of the year there. The range runs East-West with a wide plain in front, so doesn't suffer valley winds. However midsummer can suffer very hot stable conditions, so late spring / autumn were recommended.

Although James is not letting out his property, he can recommend a good local guide/club (with accommodation) to anyone interested in visiting the area.

## **Other News**

### **Freathy site**

Tom Dodge reported again finding the gate had been left. Whilst it may seem sensible to leave the gate open when flying, please ensure that you lock yourselves in when entering the field. Leaving the padlock shut, but without rolling the tumblers is not acceptable either.

Your co-operation is appreciated.

### **Annual Repack**

You are again reminded that the annual Repack will take place at Devonport High School, 4pm till 8pm Sunday 25th Feb 07.

With this being a larger hall, emphasis will be given to practicing Throwing of Reserves.

This is something we all may need to do some day to save our lives, but how many can say that they would be successful in throwing one? Come along and have a go!!

### **South Devon Club Flying Holiday**

5 Couples have now booked to go flying in Oludeniz Turkey from the 7th May 2007.

This now has the makings of a successful Club Flying trip if anyone else is interested.

Contact Gordon White for details.

### **Library**

Mark N again requested that borrowed books/DVDs are returned on a timely basis. Several have been out for extended periods and other members are waiting for their return.

### **January Flying News**

I believe some Hangies have been up during the month, although I've seen no reports to give you.

We did, however, have news of a visitor from France, visiting his parents in Plymouth, who wrote:

Dear Bill

Thanks for sorting out my temporary Membership: I've flown on 4 occasions in this last week

Corn Ridge

Dizzard

Polhawn

I really appreciate your sites.

Well done Simon Pullin.

### **Next Meeting**

Our next meeting will be held on the 22nd February at the London Inn, South Brent, 7.30, as usual.

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**CLUB MEETINGS: 7.30 pm LAST THURS EACH MONTH,  
LONDON INN, S. BRENT**

Club discussion site and bulletin board on YahooGroups

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/sdhpg2004/>