



NEWSLETTER

JULY 2008

June Meeting

New attendee: Dave Glenton, PG, ex-New Zealand.

3Jam Service

As at the meeting time, there were 10 members on the service for this text receiving system. Ashley is controller, with explanations on the website. Basically e-mail him with your name & number and he will add you in. The Flyphone is still running, but doesn't appear to be particularly used. For those concerned at being swamped with texts, Mark C advised that you could stop it by texting 'quit' and the 'start'.

XXX Weekend

Mark N reported on attending this year's event June 20th–22nd; unfortunately it wasn't as good as he'd hoped. Friday at the Long Mynd had been good for HGs, but he'd only taken his PG. In the evening there was some ridge lift with 100+ PGs.

However the weather on Sat/Sun was rubbish and the non-flying activities were disappointing. Judy Leden gave a good talk on Flying with Swans, but the ground handling talks were all cancelled after speakers failed to turn up.

Lakes Classic

No detail was given, but the Lakes Classic was reported to be an excellent weekend.

Winter Events

Mark S requested some ideas for the winter months, to be discussed at the next meeting.

Slapton Field Centre Fair -16th August

Robin reported that we had been invited to show at the fair as we are regular flyers at Slapton.

Adrian volunteered a stand and Robin (01364 72430) said he would coordinate volunteers to man the stand (Sue Hughes also volunteered).

South Devon Competition and BBQ

Mark C suggested an event in August, preferably at Cox Tor for easy access. Possibility of Ground Handling and Accuracy competitions. Any follow-up ideas to be e-mailed to Mark on mark.canvin@homecall.co.uk

Yahoo Group 'Spam'

Requests were made to limit 'chit-chat' on the group e-mail. Try to reduce it to flying reports that would be of interest to all members. There had been too many one to one e-mails, actually going out to all.

June Flying

Colin Blagdon reported a good day at Maker (10-12 pilots) encountering probable Wave that allowed him to fly from Kingsand and out to Drake's Island!

Dartmoor PG Competition

Pete Coad (Kernow club) wants to run a competition on Dartmoor and has requested our permission. Mark N has known him for 20 years and vouched for his good reputation and trustworthiness. He's confident that Pete could organise it with up to 30 pilots. Malcolm expressed concern that our sites are too small, and that a limit of, say, 10 pilots in the air would be needed to avoid risks. The motion was approved subject to the above concern and notification of other members via the Yahoo Group mail.

Air Ambulance Raffle

Dartmoor Paragliding Supplies (Malcolm) donated prizes for the raffle.

Sue and Alan won the bottle of Rose wine; John Chick the Claret; and Colin Blagdon the Jameson's Whiskey.

Other News

Membership arrears

'**ACCORDING TO JULIE'S RECORDS**' at the start of July (as last time we had a big upset over a couple of cheques Bill had mistakenly left under his stairs!!) we have 68 paid up members so far for 2008.

These are the people who had paid up in either 2006 or 2007 or both, but have still show as not paid for 2008:

1. Colin Jones; 2. Paul Squance; 3. Mike Wood; 4. Tim Pilling; 5. Bob Moore - paid by paypal 3 July 2008 ; 6. Phil Bailey; 7. Geoff Brook; 8. Mike Bond; 9. Steve Barnlett; 10. Wayne Holmes; 11. James Oldham; 12. Dave Barker; 13. Tony Nelson; 14. Peter Robinson; 15. Stephen Fordham; 16. Steve Newstead; 17. Chris Bridge; 18. Derek Palmer; 19. Nigel Lane; 20. Gary Johns; 21. Neil Ewins; 22. Simon Merritt; 23. Spencer Wicks; 24. Martin Thompson; 25. Alan Mole; 26. Steve Lewis; 27. Richard Offor; 28. Roy Hunter; 29. N Philpott; 30. Bryan Hayes; 31. M Fulford; 32. Rob Hankin; 33. Ken Shaw; 34. Mike Maisey; 35. Peter Laniado.

This list can't surely be correct as even I have seen several flying this year, and one keeps e-mailing everyone about it. **Therefore can you please confirm who / how you paid this year**, or otherwise if you are unlikely to (visitors, retirees, etc).

Payment options are really easy

* Cheque direct to Bill by post; * Cash or cheque direct to Julie at meeting

* Standing order direct to Bank account; * Via Paypal

Flying News

It's been a mixed month with some good flying weather interspersed with great frustration. I managed a couple of days at Freathy, once in a prevailing wind and once in sea breeze (Sat 26th) and took some photos.



A colourful sight / site.



Low flying Tandem



Mark C on hot Chili

Maker Heights 23rd

Paul C reported that a Good day was had. Tom, Ivor, Malcolm, John, Simon and a chap called Neil from Plymouth were all flying when he got there at 1.00pm. A beautiful blue day with an abundance of thermals giving decent height gains flying out to sea. Wind picked up later in the afternoon and went more easterly. Left around 4ish but was still flyable then.

X-C League Results

XC League as of 26.06.08						
Pilot	Glider	Flight 1-6				Total
Bill Arkle	Moyes HG	8				8
Dougai Martin	Airwave sport PG	7.65	3.5	3.5	2.8	17.45
Bob Moore	FireBird Grid	7.65	9.88			17.53
Mark Canvin	Skywalk Chili	2.82				2.82
Paul Coiff	Niviuk Artik	4.00	9.00			13
	Airsystems					
Tim Piling	Skyamsen	4.2				4.2
Alan Kaye	Ozone Vulcan	17.8				17.8
Martin Foley	Gradient Aspen	89.47	11.0			100.47
Robin Mogridge	Gradient Aspen 2	13.6				13.6

Next Meeting - Our next meeting will be on Thursday 30th July at the London Inn, South Brent, 8:00pm, as usual. Hope you can brave the weather to get there.

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