



NEWSLETTER

JULY 2007

Welcome to the July edition of the newsletter. Well I don't know about the rest of you, but I'm starting to enthuse about kite surfing the way the weather is going. As a weekend only guy, I've only had one bounce around Sourton in the last 4 weeks. My resolution to stay in the UK flying this year seems to have been ill timed.

June Meeting

There was another good turnout for the evening to see Bob and Mark's video of their exploits 'up north' for the Lakes Classic Weekend. This included 5 new members welcomed:

Garfield – PG – newly CP'd with Flying Frenzy;

Matt – PG;

Simon – PG – learnt in NZ, recently converted in Wales;

Chris – PG – CP'd with Mark Butler;

Dougal – PG – CP'd Tow Launching (brave lad) with Phipps.

Red Arrows and Plymouth ATC

You are to be reminded that the Red Arrows are based in RAF St Mawgan during the summer months, so are regularly flying in the area.

Wayne commented that although he had warned that every Thursday is Navy War Games day, with regular helicopter traffic out into Whitsand Bay, that is not to say that flying is forbidden.

School Links

Due to Innes closing down a proposal had been made to request reciprocal advertising with other southwest schools. Contact has been made with Flight Culture and awaiting response from Flying Frenzy.

Film Star potential

As you may have seen on some e-mails, Bob has been looking for a 5'5" 'female' pilot to help with a German film crew. Not only have we been limited on candidates, but dubious on the motives behind the film (flying naked in this weather is not quite up my Strete). See Bob for further details.

Life Jackets

There was a reminder that it is an 'old rule' that life-jackets should be worn when flying coastal sites.

First Aid Course

Mark N. recommended that more pilots obtained training (over half present were already trained). Harriet Pottinger (BHPA) has given Mark info on courses run by a company in Newton Abbott. They are prepared to run a course that can be customised to suit PG/HG pilots – Mark proposed after October, out of the main flying season. Cost would be around £37 each for a group of 10-12 (1 trainer), or 20-22 (2 trainers).

Mark will require ‘expressions of interest’ and advanced payments before organizing. It was suggested we could invite pilots from other clubs as well.

Phone Message System

Paul and Ashley further promoted a system for flyers to leave messages of where is flyable every day, for remote access. Details are being circulated.

Website Photos

Gordon asked for clearance to publish social event photos on the website. This is to promote the non-flying activities that we arrange.

Met Office Tour

This is going ahead for September/October. Details to be confirmed nearer the time.

Lakes Classic Weekend Videos

Bob Moore and Mark Canvin represented the club on June 2nd. They reported having a great time, staying on after the event. They gave a video presentation of their holiday on the club night, which was a pleasure to see given the lousy weather since. Mark enthused about some memorable evening flights reminding him of the Alps, but nicely closer to home.

Bob had also gone over into Derbyshire and had some good flights at Mam Tor and other sites I hadn't seen.

Other News

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Paul Cioffi was so impressed by May's video presentation that he booked to rush off there himself earlier this month. Hopefully we'll get a full report at the next club night.

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Adrian tantalised us with a photo of himself in Spain (Any clues about the height?).



Other Flying News

Some flying has still been had with Dougal (new member) and Mark Canvin going down to Perran Sands, and Mark N. visiting Chapel Porth on the 7th July for some coastal action.

There have also been some XC activities from Sourton on more than one occasion. I managed my only day out this month there on the 7th with around 9 other pilots, to see Robin, Malcolm and others heading over the back. My skills still didn't get me up there with them, but at least I made the car park to avoid a walk out.



Next Meeting - Our next meeting will be held on the Thursday 26th July at the London Inn, South Brent, 7.30, as usual.

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