



NEWSLETTER

MAY 2008

Finally we are getting regular reports of flying, mostly mid-week, but I still haven't got off the ground so far this year (I did have a day ground handling at Struddicks with 10 – 12 other members).

April Meeting

18 members turned in for the meeting including Chris Snordon, new PG member, who trained with Phippsey..

Books and DVDs

Mark N thanked members who did return items, but there are still a large number outstanding. There are still 8 books and DVDs missing.

MN also asked for any requests for new DVDs/Books, e.g. recommended in Skywings. This is to be discussed at the next meeting.

Trethill Licence

Karl had received a 'threatening' letter from the National Trust Trowbridge office demanding £70.50 licence fee. However the club normally deals with the Llanhydrock office, and Julie confirmed that the cheque for £58.75 (£50+VAT) had been cashed.

Karl has e-mailed to explain that we have paid.

Strete Licence

Robin had the licence to be signed. He reminded members that a committee member "must be present" when flying, and that no more than 15 HGs are permitted on site (no mention of PG limits).

Membership

Julie announced that we now have 55 paid up members, with 15 not yet paid this year.

We may try checking with the BHPA as to who is still a current member in our area.

Members were reminded to display their Helmet Stickers, and to challenge any flyers not showing one to at least confirm their BHPA membership.

Lost Anemometer

Jim Fish has lost his wind meter up on King Tor, if anyone stumbles over it.

Social News

Turkey Trip – 16 South Devon and Condor members were going on the 5th – 19th May.

Dune de Pyla – Gordon wants to know of any members interested in a trip down in September.

Beach Party – Mark and Julie are considering holding another party later in the summer, once the sea temperature has climbed a bit.

BBQ – interest was shown in holding a barbeque for the end of a flying day at Strete or suchlike.

Quiz – the last quiz set by Robin was a great success, and a similar event is being considered for the autumn.

April Flying

MN reported a nice day at Highcliff (Kernow members only) in mid-April. He flew both PG and HG, reporting good sea thermals.

Robin and Paul had been flying at Staverton (SW) with lots of punchy thermals. Paul made 700' ATO, but it was so lifty that he took 20 mins to get down!

Jim Fish had a good day at Corn Ridge, catching a thermal heading for the car park and ending up 1000' above Sourton.

Alan H admitted to flying a PG at Swire Hill in Dorset.

Other News

Flying News



HG pilot searching for the 'Uprights'.

There have been plenty of reports of flying this month, but few photos. I believe that Bob, however, is working on a video that could, perhaps, appear at a future meeting.

There have also been many reports of 'unexpected' wind conditions, usually impairing flying, so please fly safely and cautiously.

Finally I was pleased to hear that Alan K has recently managed a 17km XC, so it looks like the league challenge could be gaining strength.

Next Meeting - Our next meeting will be on Thursday 29th May at the London Inn, South Brent, 8:00pm, as usual. The Turkey Trippers have now returned claiming a great time and will give a presentation of their trip photos, etc

Sorry I won't be able to attend, due to family holiday commitments in soggy Wales, but hopefully I'll get to see them at a later date.

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