



NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2008

Well October hasn't been a complete write-off, with various reports of flying coming in, even if some were outside the standard South Devon area.

September Meeting

Despite a reasonable turnout, the formal part of the meeting was relatively brief.

October meeting

It was discussed that we would invite Phippsy to give a talk, or otherwise go ahead with our quiz [see below details on the former].

First Aid Course

Once more a potential trainer has dropped out. There is therefore no current plan for training.

South Devon Competition and BBQ

These events were **not** discussed for a obvious reasons [Presumably now August 2009].

Curry Night

The **Curry Night** has been set as Friday 21st November.

Cost to be £5 with choices of Vegetarian, Mild or Medium Chicken curries. We would like commitments by the October meeting and again partners are welcome.

Agir Trip

Some members are planning a trip down to Ager in Spain in October [we expect some reports at the October meeting]. Apologies to Paul and Mark C for not mentioning their report at the September meeting.

DVD/Video

Mark N asked permission to buy some more DVDs including [Play gravity and 3 Flights, Will Gadd](#). Members present passed this.

3Jam

This service appears to be intermittent for some members. For some it only works when replying. For some the networks are not working.

Innes Powell

We were pleased to see Innes looking well at the meeting. He gave some explanations behind his accident as well as some gruesome pictures of his spinal surgery repairs [looked just like mine! – Editor]. Innes has been coming to the UK from Hungary for better hospital care, and Derriford is one of the best in the UK, as he still has significant problems to overcome.

Tephigrams

John Chick gave a short presentation on Tephigrams to baffle those studying for their pilot exams.

Flying reports

Apart from Tom Dodge reporting on his encounters with trees (late August), Chris Nash proudly declared he had clocked 7 hours airtime during the previous week (clearly nothing better to do)! [This is not much less than my whole year!!].

Other News

Flying News

9th October

Dougie reported: great days flying, had my best flight at the coast yet, Struddick down to Mildreth then up to Polhaun Fields, picked up a couple of stragglers from Freathy and went back to Struddick

11th/12th October

I was out that weekend hoping for a late season flight. Saturday was very sociable with a dozen pilots talking parabollocks as the sun shone down (and the wind died down) at Struddicks. The views were marvelous and someone even spotted a Vanguard Trident submarine silhouetted on the horizon coming into Plymouth (the wife confirmed it's arrival – she works for the KGB). Unfortunately the only flying was by a microlight who buzzed us (friends of Mark & Jenny). Sunday's forecast was the same, if SE, and I arrived at a sunny Maker to find pilots being blown around the take-off as a gust front struck (Reports from Torbay were Nil-wind and fog!). Several pilots managed reasonable fights in strong conditions, and Tom Dodge demonstrated how to fly backwards at take-off (presumably looking for a tree to land in).

17th /18th October

Dougie reported: Friday unexpectedly turned out to be a little cracker at Freathy with myself, Bill and one rogue pilot. The conditions were very light and scratchy but with some big sea thermals coming in to liven up the afternoon.

However that was just the start of our excitement, on trying to exit the field the padlock jammed shut, after half an hour of fiddling we decided it was knackered and we would have to escape some other way. Luckily we removed the gate at the bottom of the field off it's hinges (and replacing it) drove through that field out the bottom gate and up the dirt track and very relieved we both were. Consequently we have replaced the padlock to the field, when you arrive you will still see the old padlock which is jammed and the new one. It has the SAME code as before!!!

Saturday also turned out good for myself and Mark on our new Tandem's, Mike C, both Colin's and Bill. Most of us reached Tregantle at least before returning to Polhaun, followed by a visit to the Fenny. A very nice socialable afternoon was had by all.

Just a quick comment on our rogue, he live's in Millbroke and originates from the Lakes. He has been down here for 2 years and has been flying our sites with no membership for at least a year. Currently he's flying a blue and white Ozone Vibe and drives a greeny blue large transit type van. I spoke to him about paying up and he said "I must get round to it" so if you see him keep on at him about joining the fun. £15 is still extremely good value for the club that works hard to maintain our wonderful sites. It also brings into question if he is a BHPA member and therefore has insurance!!!
By the way he's a nice chap and fly's very well.

Pilots Exams

Congratulations to Matt Allott, John Chick and Mark Canvin for passing their pilot exams [who's buying the beers?].

Members Details on Club Website

Ashley has removed these from the site after concerns were raised that they could be accessed too readily by search engines.

Adverts

Paraglider

I have a brand new, Windtech Zephyr, EN B, large..100-130 kg, orange and grey.
Details here <http://windtech.es/products/zephyr/index.html>. It is fully certified and flies great!!!!
They are very fast, agile and extremely solid and safe in turbulence. Glide has been measured at 9.2! I have one myself and had this delivered for a friend who decided he couldn't afford it.
They are selling for 2900 euros at the mo but I will let it go for £1850!!!! which is what I paid in Romania.
cheers, Mark Helm helmobile@yahoo.co.uk

Gin flight deck for sale

After repeated efforts to get on with the flight deck, it seems a combination of me, harness and flight deck are not compatible!!
It's the gin one with map pocket etc that everyone seems to have, it cost me £40 a while back and is in very good condition, having had little use. Nearest offer to £30 gets it
Mat Allott

Winter Sun Fun and Flying

Graham Phipps writes:

Following our exploratory trip to Algodanales where we had a great time with plenty of Sun, Fun and Flying with Paul, Gay and Kaz all pushing their Paragliding skills and experience well ahead (check out www.flychaps.blogspot.com) we are organising a return trip in November/December. The location is suitable for all experience levels of pilots and for Paragliders and Hang Gliders alike.

As with our trips to Lanzarote (Jan/Feb) it will include, accomodation, transport from and to airport (Malaga), transport to and from sites and retrieve from landing fields, guiding, coaching and even breakfast and packed lunch!

Call now if you are interested as numbers are limited.

No Donkeys with hats on permitted!!!!

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Next Meeting will be on Thursday 30th October at the London Inn, South Brent, 8:00pm, as usual.

Graham Phipps, Cornwall Hang-gliding & Paragliding, will be giving a presentation on the Courses he offers, including converting from Foot-launch to Winch towing, and Floppy to Stiffy or vica-versa. I am sure this will be an interesting evening

Gordon's much awaited Quiz night will now be postponed until later (date to be discussed at the meeting).

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