

East Staffs Flying Club



Newsletter

August 2004

Chairman's Report

I hope that you are all managing to get some good flying in between the thunderstorms and high winds! I know that I have had some 'interesting' flights but I am sure that it all adds to the experience.

I am pleased to report that our membership numbers are rising steadily, largely due to the good work carried out by Helen and the Tatenhill instructors for which I would like to pass on our thanks. An increase in membership contributes to the club funds and allows us to maintain a healthy balance at the bank. This in turn enables us to fund improvements to the clubhouse and has also allowed us to develop a programme of events throughout the year. I hope that you are starting to see the results and are happy that your committee is doing the right thing. If there are any improvements that you would like to see please speak to a committee member. The committee meets every 8 weeks to discuss future plans and forthcoming events. The committee members are:

Chairman	Mike Tidmarsh	01283 713664
Treasurer & Secretary	Dick Larder	01332 514397
Financials	Alistair Pritchard	01543 361244
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ESFC Website	Mark Hoffmann	01543 306729
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Newsletter	Alison Todd	01332 760201
Social Events	Hugh Clarke	01283 531556
Flying Events	Liam Darcy	01889 500676
Committee Member	Rob Rowley	01889 563835

The Thursday night presentation on helicopter flying was very well attended and as a result the committee is arranging 'Heli Intro' flights for club members to take place towards the end of September through to mid October. Details are on the clubhouse notice board; put your name down if you want to have a go!

The dates for the 'Chippie' flying have now been finalised (thanks go to Rob Rowley) and I am sure that everyone will have a great experience. If you missed the details of this event contact Rob and I am sure that you can still be accommodated.

The ESFC 'Flyout' to Dieppe had mixed success, largely due to uncertainty with the weather. However 'NB' and 'TT' managed to get there and arrived in some very interesting cross winds! The hotel and night out were excellent I can still see Pete Mills face as his plate of molluscs arrived (luckily none of them were moving)! However these were easily dispensed with, largely due to a couple of bottles of wine!

In case you have not seen them a few more notices advertising flying training have been placed on the clubhouse notice board. Perhaps now is the time for you to think about obtaining that night or IMC rating or encouraging your partner to have a go at the Safety/'Get you Home' course. Speak to one of Tatenhill's instructors for more details.

Mike Tidmarsh



FLYING EVENTS

Helicopter Intro Flying

Following the very successful talk given by Phil Speechley on helicopter flying at the end of July, he has kindly offered ESFC members the chance to 'have a go'!

Phil has managed to secure discounted prices as follows:

20 mins	£85.00	(normally £99.00)
30 mins	£125.00	(normally £135.00)

All the above rates include VAT.

The flights would operate from Nottingham Airport and if you can arrange to fly in with 2 or more people in the aircraft each taking a lesson they will even pay the landing fee!

If you have any suggestions for flying events or would like to help, please contact Liam Darcy on 01889 500676.

Please keep an eye on the club notice board and the website (www.esfc.org.uk) for more regular updates on forthcoming events.

Free to Good Home

Tins of peppermint green paint. Don't all rush at once there's ample supply. Currently residing in Peter Dagnall's store.

NEXT MEDICAL DUE?

As a reminder Dr Hill, our local AME, continues to give a discretionary £5 discount on aviation medical examinations to East Staffs Flying club members. To receive the discount you must show your current ESFC membership card at the time of your medical.

Contact details for Dr Hill are as follows:

Dr J D Hill AME
Burton upon Trent
01283 730201

SOCIAL EVENTS

CLUB NIGHT - Thursday 26th August 2004

No speaker tonight. Just a social gathering in the clubhouse. Drinks and snacks are available in the clubhouse.

CLUB NIGHT - Thursday 30th August 2004

Stewart Jackson, a local co-ordinator of the PFA will be giving a talk on the rebuilding of an historic racing aircraft - the De-Havilland DH88 Comet Racer. This aircraft is being rebuilt at Derby airfield and Martin Jones has kindly agreed to let us use their clubhouse to hold the meeting so that we can not only hear about this work but see the present stage of the rebuild. Details of time and directions will be provided nearer the date.

ESFC SUMMER BARBECUE

Saturday 11th September
Late afternoon/evening

ESFC are planning to hold a 'Summer' barbecue for ESFC members and their partners at Tatenhill airfield.

Hugh Clarke and Pete Mills have kindly agreed to organise the event and are finalising the details. Further details will be published in the very near future.

OTHER EVENTS

If you have any suggestions for other events or would like to help, please contact Hugh Clarke on 01283 531556.

WEBSITE

The ESFC website is now being hosted by Mark Hoffmann and maintained by Mark Bodger.

NEWSLETTER

If you have any articles for the newsletter or comments on the format, please contact Alison at alie_todd@yahoo.co.uk.