

# East Staffs Flying Club



Newsletter

March 2005

## Recent achievements

This month has been a quiet one, largely due to the inclement weather. However, both aircraft hire and training flights are now on the increase.

Pete Mills has completed the Night Rating course. This took some doing as we had a lot of cloudy nights to contend with. One evening a very heavy snow shower resulted in us only getting as far as the hold for runway 08 before having to return to shut down. During Pete's course he had the added bonus of a solo diversion when there was a power cut at the airfield. This occurred just as he was turning downwind for his very last circuit. After several orbits of a very dark airfield he was then forced to divert to East Midlands.

For me, the highlight of the last few weeks has been that Susan Collingwood can now fly and land the C152. Regular readers may remember that Susan has been taking part in one of our "Partners" courses. She's now aiming towards her first solo flight ("watch this space!").

Martin Handley

Tatenhill Instructor

## Joke of the Month

All too rarely, Australian airline attendants make an effort to make the in-flight "safety lecture" and their other announcements a bit more entertaining. Here are some real examples that have been heard or reported:

Heard on Qantas Airlines just after a very hard landing in Hobart: The flight attendant came on the intercom and said, "That was quite a bump, and I know what you are all thinking. I'm here to tell you it wasn't the airline's fault, it wasn't the pilot's fault, it wasn't the flight attendant's fault... it was the asphalt!"

From a Qantas employee: "Welcome aboard Qantas Flight XXX to YYY. To operate your seat belt, insert the metal tab into the buckle, and pull tight. It works just like every other seat belt; and, if you don't know how to operate one, you probably shouldn't be out in public unsupervised."

An airline pilot wrote that on this particular flight he had hammered his ship into the runway really hard. The airline had a policy which required the first officer to stand at the door while the passengers exited, smile, and give them a "Thanks for flying United." He said that, in light of his bad landing, he had a hard time looking the passengers in the eye, thinking that someone would have a smart comment. Finally everyone had got off except for an old lady walking with a cane. She said, "Sonny, mind if I ask you a question?" "Why no Ma'am," said the pilot. "What is it?" The little old lady said, "Did we land or were we shot down?"

## Events

*No social or flying events planned for the very immediate future. The AGM will be on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> April, Pilot's Lounge at Tatenhill Airfield.*



## Trimming

Springtime is often "check out" time. Therefore I thought that I would mention the most common fault that I find when flying with pilots who have just come out of hibernation. This fault is a lack of trimming.

Without wishing to sound patronising I would like to pass on a little routine that I learnt five or so years ago which has improved my flying greatly.

"SHTCAR"

**S** - Select the attitude that you require

**H** – Hold the attitude in place

**T** – Trim (Course trimming)

**C** – Check that the aircraft is in trim

**A** - Adjust the attitude if necessary (to achieve desired attitude/ airspeed)

**R** – Retrim as required (Fine trimming).

\* Continue with the "**CAR**" section until you achieve your desired attitude/ airspeed.

Don't forget that the PA28's and some Cessna 172's also have rudder trim. So use the elevator/horizontal stabiliser trim first and then make sure that the aircraft is in balanced flight and that the rudder is in trim.

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## CLUB WEB

Don't forget that you can visit the ESFC website where you can purchase club merchandise, download membership forms and if you're an existing member renew online.

Also in the clubhouse we have broadband Internet access, which enables you to access and download weather information

## NEWSLETTER

If you have any articles for the newsletter or comments on the format, please contact Alison at [alie\\_todd@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:alie_todd@yahoo.co.uk)

## 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.

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