

East Staffs Flying Club



Newsletter

February 2005

Chairman's Report

As spring approaches and the weather improves we will start to firm up dates for the aerobatics experience and the Tiger Moth experience - so keep an eye on the club notice board for further details.

Hopefully you will have noticed that we have replaced the three heaters in the clubhouse for others that we hope will be more efficient, both in heat output and cost to run. Thanks must go to Brian Hall and Rob Rowley for obtaining and fitting these in their own time. The last two electricity bills have been very significant and I would ask that if anyone uses the heating during the week that you ensure that everything is switched off before you leave.

A message from Tatenhill, everyone is requested to use the new perimeter track to gain access to the parking/hangar on the disused runway. There is a map showing the route which is posted on the club house notice board. The 'old' perimeter track is no longer to be used.

Finally, please remember to put the 31st March in your diary to attend the ESFC AGM. Full details of time and location will be put on the notice board nearer the date.

Mike Tidmarsh
ESFC Chairman

MISSION AVIATION FELLOWSHIP

Many thanks to all those who bought raffle tickets from Margaret or added change to the MAF box in the clubhouse, I sent off a cheque for £50 to MAF HQ.

Within 48 hours of the Tsunami MAF had a Cessna 206 working in Indonesia delivering medical teams and supplies.

God Bless You All

Mike Fawdrey (ESFC Member)

JOKE OF THE MONTH c/o Rob Rowley

Heard over the radio at Cambridge.

It was a visiting instructor and student on a land-away. Conversation heard after a/c had landed.

Transmitting a/c " Cambridge, that QFE you just gave us says we are 150ft below airfield level?"

Cambridge response. " In that case, up periscope and taxi to the ramp!!"



Recent Achievements

Martin Rhodes has recently passed his PPL Skills Test. Martin started his flying in microlights and then came to Tatenhill to continue his training in the C152's.

Mark Storr has completed the Night Rating course. During our flights together he was also "checked out" to fly the company Archer. I believe that I can safely say that he had a lot of fun throughout his training.

To the best of my knowledge that's about it. I'm very pleased to be able to announce that we've been joined by several trainee pilots over the last few weeks. As spring approaches I'm sure that we'll continue to see both an increase in students and new club members alike.

Finally I would like to say that I think that it would be nice to see an increase in the numbers of family and friends visiting the airfield. At the same time it would be good if we can all continue to make both new members and visitors feel welcome. I'm sure that even non flyer's would, if they knew that they were welcome, enjoy spending some time watching the aircraft wandering around the circuit, while they sit on the patio, sampling Margaret's tea and cakes.

Martin Handley (Instructor)

SOCIAL EVENTS

CLUB NIGHT – 24 February 2005

Charlie Brown will be giving a talk comparing and contrasting the Spitfire and Messerschmitt. Charlie has flown both of these aircraft so if there's anything you'd like to know about flying either then he's the man to ask. The venue will be the Kings Head, 21 Bird Street, LICHFIELD. There is free public car parking behind Woolworth's.

CLUB NIGHT – 31 March 2005

This will be the Club's A.G.M. The venue will be confirmed closer to the date. Food and refreshments will be available.

OTHER EVENTS

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

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:

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