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## Recent Achievements

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Congratulations to Mark Walters and Carl Pearce. They both flew their respective first solo flights in April. My apologies for the late entry; I've only recently found out about them.

A week after his 16th birthday Alex Slann completed his first solo flight. Alex did particularly well to go solo after only 10 hours of training. What was additionally impressive was that this training was self-funded over a two and a half year period.

Martin Critchell flew solo for the first time on Saturday the 4th of June. He managed to achieve this after 8 hours of training.

Bob French flew his first solo flight in the schools "Warrior" on the 8<sup>th</sup> of June. Bob had previously flown solo in a powered motor glider; but that was twenty-five years ago. Without any further flying during this time period he did well to be ready for his first solo flight after a little under 7 hours of training.

## Fuel

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As the summer approaches and the school aircraft become busier I would like to request that hirers, students and staff alike all try to act considerately towards the person who will be using the aircraft next.

It would be good if we could all try to make sure that we leave the aircraft (especially the C152's) at least half full. This will hopefully lead to both fewer hold ups and happier pilots.

With regards to the C152's can we also be careful not to fill them up to the top unless you know that the next person wants full tanks. This is because with full tanks, a large instructor/pilot and a passenger the aircraft will be operating outside of the permitted mass and balance limitations (especially G BHRM, with it's long range fuel tanks)

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Martin Handley – Tatenhill Instructor



## **FLYING EVENTS**

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The first of this year's flying events, the Spot Landing Competition and Rally, were held on Saturday June 11th.

The weather was relatively benign – well it was when compared to last year – although there were some hazy conditions and a few isolated squalls but at least there was almost no wind.

Seven teams competed and the best landing was on 2 metres short of the target. Congratulations go to Vic Holliday and his Cessna 172.

The Rally itself consisted of a course of almost 100 miles routing from Tatenhill, to Alton Towers, Leek, Crewe and then south towards a road junction north of Cosford. The final point was Hilton Park Services before a timed return to Tatenhill.

There were 23 photographs of sites to identify and the teams had to mark on a chart the approximate position of the site.

On their return the teams were given two short quizzes to complete. One was aviation related and the second was general knowledge.

Overall the competition was tough with three teams doing very well indeed. The winner, however, identified one extra site on the rally, and gained an extra point on the quiz giving them a very slim lead. Congratulations go to Mike Dillon who was flying with Alistair Pritchard.

The evening BBQ was well attended with many members bringing their families along.

A big thank-you to everyone that helped make the day a success - in particular to Hugh Clarke, Pete Mills and Mark Storr.

Angus Stewart

### **Future Flying Events**

#### **Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> July - Fly-Out to Le Touquet**

For those of you that have never flown into Le Touquet it is a charming French town with a nice sandy beach, great food and good hospitality. The trip from Tatenhill would be about two hours each way and will see you navigating around London as well as crossing the Channel.

If you are anxious about taking such a flight then help is at hand:

\* A planning session will be held at the usual club night on Thursday 30th June where you will be guided through the planning, customs requirements and flight planning.

\* If you want an "experienced" passenger we will be launching a buddy system where you can have someone sitting right seat that is willing to share their experience and can, if requested, assist with radio, navigation etc just to get over that confidence issue that many pilots face when going to new places.

\* If the potential costs are a concern why not share the cost with another pilot and fly one leg each we can help match people if necessary.



We are hoping to arrange discounted landing fees at Le Touquet and if you want to stay over then why not make a weekend of it.

We have put a “hold” on the Tatenhill aircraft to give you a chance to book up so please do so quickly.

### **Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> August Tatenhill Fly-in and BBQ**

In recent years we have had bad luck with the weather on the Fly-in events that have been arranged but this year we hope it will be different.

Encourage your friends at other clubs to come and visit us. Use this as an opportunity to meet other like minded individuals.

Apart from a BBQ we are hoping to have a number of events, both flying and non-flying on the day. Details of which still have to be confirmed.

### **September – Fly Out to Caernarfon**

We are also hoping to have a fly-out to Caernarfon in September – date to be confirmed.

### **Details of Events**

We will be putting more details of events on the website [www.esfc.co.uk](http://www.esfc.co.uk) and the Club notice board.

### **Volunteers**

We do want some help to organise these different events. Please contact Angus either at the club nights or by calling the numbers below if you are able to help in any way.

### **Buddy Board**

We feel there is great benefit in more experienced PPL's sharing their knowledge with other, less experienced, pilots.

With this in mind we will be placing a poster in the Club House where anyone can sign up offering to sit “right seat” to give less experienced pilots that little bit more confidence to go to new places. We would encourage people to sign-up remembering what it felt like when they first qualified!

Anybody wanting someone to go with them just needs to give their proposed buddy a ring.

In due course these contact details will be placed on the website.

### **Contact**

If you have any other questions relating to any of the proposed events please contact Angus Stewart on 01283 711930 or 07967 593341



## Joke of the Month

One day the pilot of a Cherokee 180 was told by the tower to hold short of the active runway while a DC-8 landed.

The DC-8 landed, rolled out, turned around, and taxied back past the Cherokee. Some quick-witted comedian in the DC-8 crew got on the radio and said,

"What a cute little plane. Did you make it all by yourself?"

The Cherokee pilot, not about to let the insult go by came back with a real zinger:

"I made it out of DC-8 parts. Another landing like yours and I'll have enough parts for another one."

## Aviation Wisdom / Quotations

"Progress in airline flying: now a flight attendant can get a pilot pregnant."

"The only time you have too much fuel is when you're on fire."

"If the wings are travelling faster than the fuselage, it's probably a helicopter -- and therefore, unsafe."

## 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).

## SOCIAL EVENTS

### CLUB NIGHT - 30th June 2005

A planning meeting for those proposing to go to the PFA Flying For Fun event or the Club fly out to Le Touquet. Even those not going on these events should learn something from this briefing, especially if planning to "go foreign" at some point. The venue for this evening will be the clubhouse.

Meeting starts at 7.30pm.

### CLUB NIGHT - 28th July 2005

TBA see website, clubhouse notice board and future newsletter for more information.

## 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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