

East Staffs Flying Club



Newsletter

November 2006

Chairman's Report

Hopefully by now you will have seen the announcement about the change in runway length (declared 08 distance is 1190 Metres) and the associated request from Tatenhill that pilots must ensure that that the runway is clear of aircraft waiting to depart at the other end before they enter the active runway.

I have received a number of suggestions (mostly clean!) about events that we can look to hold next year. These will be discussed at the next committee meeting with a view to publishing a list for the year. I would urge those members who have not responded to please do so and send me their thoughts on activities (both flying & social) they would like to see the club organise. There are also some forms in the club house for members to write down any suggestions.

There have been a few instances of people turning up to fly one of Tatenhill's aircraft only to find that their JAR license has expired, Take time to read the notice in the newsletter and ensure that you check you license renewal date.

Earlier this year we ran a number of sessions on radio terminology, primarily for those of us who operate the tower at the weekends. It is planned to repeat these in the new year and all members are invited to attend - the consensus from those who attended earlier this year was that it was time well spent.

Finally as Christmas looms it is time to put on the glad rags for the ESFC Xmas Dinner & Dance (1st December).

Mike Tidmarsh

Recent Achievements

On Thursday the 16th of November Chris Williams flew solo for the first time. Upon touchdown he demonstrated the best hold off and flare that I've seen in quite some time. Well done.

I've not got anything else to report. It's got to that time of year where it's either gloriously crisp and clear, or depressingly dark and gloomy. We're still busy though; so keep on booking well in advance to get the slots that you want.

Martin Handley.



IS YOUR LICENCE COMING UP FOR RENEWAL?

NOT REVALIDATION – RENEWAL!

‘JAR’ LICENCES HAVE A LIMITED LIFETIME AND MUST BE RENEWED AFTER 5 YEARS.

CHECK IF YOURS IS DUE YET.

IF IT IS, RENEWAL FORMS (SRG1102) ARE AVAILABLE IN THE OFFICE.

CONTACT PAULA, HELEN or JOHN OR GO ON NET TO OBTAIN ONE

**A FEE OF £63
IS PAYABLE TO THE CAA
(Of course!)**

The Pilot's Prayer

*Oh Controller, who sits in tower,
Hallowed be thy sector,
Thy traffic come, thy instructions done,
On the ground as they are in the air.*

*Give us this day our radar vectors,
And forgive us our TMA incursions,
As we forgive those who cut us off on finals.*

*Lead us not into adverse weather,
But deliver our clearances.*

*May the CTA, UTA and TMA be yours
Now and forever,*

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As seen on the notice board in Aberdeen's ATC unit, c/o Jane Greenwood.



CATERING MESSAGE.

The catering will not be available for the weekend of Friday 22nd December and the weekend of Friday 29th December (Margaret is having a well-earned holiday break).

Margaret's Homemade Christmas Cakes and Puddings

Margaret is now accepting orders for her homemade Christmas cakes and puddings. For further details please see Margaret, you can find her in the clubhouse on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays in all weather conditions. You don't need me to tell you how fantastic Margaret's baking is because the cakes speak for themselves.

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

NEWSLETTER

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

SOCIAL EVENTS

CLUB NIGHT - 30 November 2006

ESFC are holding an informal evening for drinks and a chat at the Albion Hotel on Shobnall Street, Burton on Trent, starting at 7.30pm.

CLUB NIGHT - 1 December 2006

The ESFC Christmas dinner and dance at the Coors Visitor Centre in Burton-on-Trent.

CLUB NIGHT - 25 January 2007

BURNS SUPPER at the clubhouse. Starts at 7.30pm.

CLUB NIGHT - 22 February 2007

A TALK & PRESENTATION BY RODGER "DODGE" BAILEY

"The training of pilots to fly the historic aircraft of The Shuttleworth Collection"

Dodge is currently the chief test pilot at Cranfield University and in his spare time is a display pilot with the Shuttleworth collection amongst others. He is an ex RAF squadron pilot and then test pilot after qualifying at Edwards in the USA. He has also flown as test pilot at RAE Bedford.

Venue: - Albion Hotel, Shobnall Road, Burton on Trent. Start 7:30pm

OTHER EVENTS

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

If you have any suggestions for flying events or would like to help, please contact Angus Stewart on 07967 593 341.

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