

East Staffs Flying Club



Newsletter

May/June 2009

Chairman's Report

Welcome to the first of the bimonthly newsletters (every two months NOT two every month!). As mentioned at the AGM we will produce a monthly version if we have sufficient material to include in the edition. Once again I would urge members to submit articles to Alison Todd - contact details are at the end of this newsletter.

Plans are well under way with the planning for the Annual Fly-In & Display (see below), make sure you put the date in your diary and come along with your friends and relatives and support us on the day. There will be a selection of food served throughout the day, including ice creams!

I sent out an email recently (plus there is a notice on the notice board) asking for further volunteers to put their name down for training to assist with manning the radio at the weekends - please make yourself known if you have the time to spare (duty every 7 weeks). Thanks to those who have already responded.

For newly qualified PPLs or low hour PPLs we have always been keen to introduce a 'buddy' scheme to assist with building confidence and embarking on longer trips. If you would like to share flying costs and would welcome a fellow PPL to accompany you then send me your details and I will put people in touch with each other. It is a well known fact that a lot of pilots give up after obtaining their license due to a lack of confidence or no motivation to fly. Don't let that happen to you, send an email to me at my contact details below.

Mike Tidmarsh

ESFC ANNUAL FLY-IN & DISPLAY Saturday 8th August 2009

We are holding our annual Fly-In & Display on the above date in support of the County Air Ambulance. This year we have secured two world-class spectacular aerobatic displays:

1. GENNADY ELFIMOV - YAK 52
2. MARK JEFFRIES - EXTRA 330SC

As per usual we will be looking for volunteers to help with the set-up day (Friday), the event day (Saturday) and also the take down day (Sunday). If you can offer your time then please contact Mike Tidmarsh on flyer.tidmarsh@btinternet.com and leave your contact details.



Recent Achievements

Sixteen year-old Chris Hartland flew solo for the first time on Saturday the 15th of March.

Leigh Pomlett completed his first solo flight on Monday the 30th of March. After an eighteen-year gap in his training he's recently restarted with us. Well done.

Alan Boast passed his PPL Skills Test on Sunday the 19th of April. Just in time for the summer. Well done.

Phil Houckham passed his PPL Skills Test on Wednesday the 6th of May. Phil finished his training ages ago, but then had to wait for what seemed like forever for the weather to be suitable.

Joanne Snook passed her PPL Skills Test on Thursday the 28th of May. Later on in the day Alison Tipping completed her first solo flight. Well done to both of them.

Martin Handley

SOCIAL EVENTS

CLUB NIGHT Tuesday 25th June 2009 Beer & Skittles Evening

Skittles evening at the 'Burton Bridge Inn', A511 Burton upon Trent, at the base of the old bridge across the river Trent.

We've space for up to 40 people and the entertainment will commence at 19:30.

Included in the entry of £8 per person will be a hot meal of either

Steak & Burton Ale Pie, mash & veg
or
Curry & Rice (vegetarian option available)

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followed by a
Choice of Deserts

FLYING EVENTS

FLY OUT TO ALDERNEY 20th JUNE

With the 20th June being around the longest day of the year and the typical PA28/C172 flight time of around 2 hours there should be plenty of time to sample Alderney's delights.

We'll hold a planning evening during the week prior to the trip and communicate this nearer the time.

For anyone interested in coming, you'll require.....

- Life jacket per person (& possibly a life raft)
- A Personnel locator beacon (PLB) or ELT fitted to the aircraft.

There is an additional hurdle for permit aircraft, the requirement for permission from the States of Guernsey.

Be aware that Tatenhill should be provided with copies of the Flight Plan and GAR forms for their records.

Planning evening scheduled for **Monday, 15th June**. 19:30 in the Clubhouse

NOTE - you are more than welcome to register your interest with Jon Faulkner at ESFC2007@hotmail.co.uk

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

July 09

Sat 11th July - BBQ 5:00pm onwards, ESFC Clubhouse

Fri 17th to Mon 20th July - Scottish Highlands & Islands Flyout, contact Jon Faulkner for further details.

Thurs 23rd July, 7:30pm - Go-Karting. Contact Jane Reeves for further details

Other Events

Now that spring is officially here and summer is hopefully not far behind we will soon be holding monthly barbecue evenings at Tatenhill Airfield for ESFC members and their families.

NOTE: THE NEXT BARBECUE WILL BE SATURDAY 13TH JUNE.

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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Burton upon Trent
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