



CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

A fairly full newsletter this month with some useful information.

A group of us visited East Midlands airport to present the cheque to the County Air Ambulance (£3,200) on behalf of ESFC. We met with their local coordinator and the crew of the air ambulance who were called away twice in the time that we were there. They asked that I pass on their thanks and gratitude to members of ESFC for the splendid effort in raising the money.

Don't forget to put the date in your diary to attend the Planning Appeal on 6 November, starting at 10.00am at the Council Chamber in Burton Town Hall and show that there is strong support for the proposed airfield development plans. We need to make a strong show of support on the day!

Mike Tidmarsh

BDFFA at Tatenhill

By Kevin Arblaster

Since June the British Disabled Flying Association, has based their PA-28(G-AXJV) at Tatenhill. The BDFFA provides opportunities for disabled people to experience aviation. They offer trial flights and flying under instruction, for people with a wide range of disabilities.

My flying experience started nine years ago, when I was invited to have a trial flight at Enstone. Since that day I have been hooked on flying. I had logged just over six hours of flying, between 1998 and 2000, due to the rising costs, I had to give up.

However with the arrival of the BDFFA aircraft, I decided to rejoin the association and continue my flying. So on 5th August, I took my first flight under the instruction of Charlie Mcilroy, who is one of two instructors, who give their time voluntary to the BDFFA. I quickly got back into things, and continued my training where I left off seven years ago.

To date I have logged 5 hours in G-AXJV, doing stalls, take-offs, and even doing my first ever cross country to Kemble where I did the landing which was a



totally fantastic experience!! I've also done just over two hours in the BDFFA's Bulldog which is normally based in Lasham.

Being able to take control of an aircraft, gives me the opportunity to compete, under the same regulations and condition has my able bodied aviators. I would recommend it to anybody with a disability.



For more information about the BDFFA, please visit www.bdfa.net or contact: louise@bdfa.net

RECENT ACHIEVEMENTS

On Sunday the 30th of September we experienced clear skies, excellent visibility and next to no wind. An ideal day for first solos. Both Mark Newbold and Ryan Plested flew solo for the first time. Ryan did particularly well to solo in 9.9 hours. Congratulations to both of them.

Chris Williams completed his PPL Skills Test on Monday the 1st October. Having achieved a partial pass previously he only needed to pass the circuit section to gain his PPL. Congratulations.

On Tuesday the 2nd October Chris Kirman passed his PPL Skills Test. Hopefully this will be his first step towards his wish to fly professionally. Well done.

Sunday the 14th October started out gloomy, but then improved enough to allow Paul Armitt to fly solo for the first time. Paul's approach and landing were near perfect. Well done.

NEW RADIOTELEPHONY

AIC 83/2007 (Pink 123) 13th September 2007

Earlier on this year there was a fatal accident involving a student pilot at Southend Airport. Following the investigation the AAIB has recommended to the CAA that student pilots prefix their initial radio call with Student when flying solo.

For example:



Tatenhill Radio Student Golf Tango Alpha Lima Delta requesting radio check and airfield information.

Shawbury Zone Student Golf Tango Alpha Lima Delta requesting flight information service

Once initial contact has been established the student can revert back to simply saying Golf Lima Delta, etc. If you're a student please make sure that you start making the above calls from now on.

WINTER PLEA...

Finally I would like to make my annual request to students/ club members not to try and fly with colds, coughs, sore throats, etc. Please be aware that if you're due to fly with me and you turn up with any of the above then I will not be flying with you. Whatever you've got, I don't want it and neither do any of my other students. Thank you for your co-operation.

Martin Handley.

AIR GROUND EXAM

Tatenhill's Chief Flying Instructor, Dave Wood, has just been appointed by the Civil Aviation Authority as an Air Ground Examiner. This is great news as all the unqualified Air/Ground operators can now get their Certificate of Competence here at Tatenhill. We are just awaiting his "Examiners Welcome Pack" to begin!

Just a small reminder that all activities relating to Flying Instruction and traffic procedures should go via Dave. He is the CFI and therefore it is under his remit.

Tatenhill Aviation



MESSAGE FROM TATENHILL AVIATION

Archer G-BJOA will be away on re-spray from 22 October then on C of A. When back in service it will be G-TALE instead!

If anyone is Christmas shopping for pilot gear they can get a 5% trade discount from Pooleys online (www.pooleys.com) by quoting our code - TAT001 at the end of their order. Happy shopping.

Thanks
Paula

TATENHILL AIRFIELD CHRISTMAS OPERATIONAL HOURS

24 DECEMBER	CLOSED FROM NOON
25 DECEMBER	CLOSED
26 DECEMBER	CLOSED
27 DECEMBER	UNLICENSED - NO FIRE COVER REQ
28 DECEMBER	LICENSED (VINCE & CHRIS INSTRUCTING)
29 DECEMBER	LICENSED (VINCE & CHRIS INSTRUCTING)
30 DECEMBER	LICENSED (VINCE & CHRIS INSTRUCTING)
31 DECEMBER	UNLICENSED - NO FIRE COVER REQ
01 JANUARY	CLOSED
02 JANUARY	BACK TO NORMAL



FLYING EVENTS

There are currently no flying events planned for the winter period.

If you have any suggestions for flying events or would like to help, please contact Mike Dillon.

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

Tatenhill Public Enquiry

Tuesday 6th November at 10.00am at Burton on Trent Town Hall.

Please try to attend this meeting and provide support to the planning proposals and the appeal by the Duchy of Lancaster (it is in all our interests if we want to see significant improvement and investment in the current facilities). If you would like to speak in support please contact Mike Tidmarsh for more information.

FOR SALE & WANTED

Don't forget you can advertise any items you wish to sell or purchase free in the newsletter. Just send the details to me at the address below.

Alison

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 - 25 October 2007
CANCELLED

CLUB NIGHT - 29 November 2007
A presentation by John Calverley on aerobatics and flying the Baltic Bear. John's talk will also include details on his and Dave's trips to and from Lithuania, which I am assured contains helpful information for anyone considering flying outside UK airspace. Venue and start time to be confirmed.

CLUB NIGHT - 7 December 2007

The ESFC Christmas Dinner, which this year will be held at Branston Golf and Country Club. **SOLD OUT!**

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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