

East Staffs Flying Club



Newsletter

November 2007

Chairman's Report

A big thank you to all those members who attended and supported the recent Airfield Planning Appeal. The 'pro' lobby outnumbered the 'anti' lobby so an excellent turnout, which was much appreciated by the Duchy and Tatenhill Aviation.

You will probably know that the Tatenhill Action Group withdrew their evidence on the second day of the hearing. The proposals, if given the go ahead, will mean a new administration and control building and six detached and two linked aircraft hangars with hard standing and landscaping on the site. The conditions would include the following: airfield would close at 10pm; there will be a maximum of 1,340 jet aircraft each year; no circuit training after 5pm on Sundays; adherence to a set of certain noise restrictions; there can be no non aviation related activity in any of the hangars; all aircraft movements to be logged. The final decision rests with the Government Inspector and a decision is due some time in December.

The committee will be in discussion with the Duchy and Tatenhill Aviation with regard to a new Clubhouse within the new complex to meet the needs of members.

Finally a date for your 2008 diary, the AGM will be held on 27 March. I would ask for your support in attending this event so that we get the 'members view' on how to improve the running of ESFC.

Mike Tidmarsh

Recent Achievements

Up until the second half of November autumn had been relatively kind to us. This all changed with the arrival of low cloud, rain and even snow!

On Wednesday the 14th November Gene Harker flew solo for the first time. Well done.

On Thursday the 15th November it was Duncan Willis' turn for a first solo. I'm told that despite the fact he spends way too much time playing with flight simulators he still did particularly well. Later on in the day Colin Carter passed his IMC Flight Test. Colin did well to cope with some demanding weather conditions (clear skies, excellent visibility, no wind and absolutely no turbulence whatsoever). Congratulations to both of them.

Martin Handley.

FOR SALE AND WANTED

I have for sale -

Garmin GPS III Pilot Sat Nav - £100

Colin Cantrell
Phone 07968025410

Piet Walton-Knight would like to form a syndicate of two or three people to buy and operate a new or very recent Stemme S10 high performance motor glider at Tatenhill, and would cost something a bit over £100K.

If you'd like a description of the S10, Piet or Mike Tidmarsh can send this as an attachment via email to any interested party. If there is anyone in the ESFC who could have an interest in joining a syndicate then please send Piet an email.

E-mail address:
piet.waltonknight@btinternet.com

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 - 29 November 2007

This month will be a presentation/talk by two of our members, John Calverley/Dave Holland, on their European trips in the Antonov AN2 and also about the planning and paperwork required for foreign trips to de-mystify the process for those who haven't 'Gone Foreign' yet. The talk is being held at The Albion, Shobnall Road, Burton-on-Trent, 7.30pm for an 8.00pm start.

CLUB NIGHT - 7 December 2007

The ESFC annual Christmas dinner is being held at the Branston Golf and Country Club. The event is now SOLD OUT

CLUB NIGHT - 24 January 2008

BURNS NIGHT SUPPER

There will a Burns Night Supper at the clubhouse on Thursday 24 January 2008, partners welcome.

Due to the limited space available it will be a ticket only event, can you contact Margaret (Fri-Sun) at the airfield to obtain your ticket(s). 7.30pm start

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 Mike Dillon on 07818 004188.

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