

East Staffs Flying Club



Newsletter

December 2007

Chairman's Report

I hope that you all had a wonderful Christmas and also have a great New Year in 2008.

There was an error in one of the dates in the last newsletter, the Burns Night will be held on Friday 25 January please see Margaret to reserve your tickets.

We are still awaiting a decision regarding the proposed plans for the airfield; this should be known early in January. As soon as I hear anything I will ensure that all members are notified.

The club's annual AGM will be held at the end of March so look out for the date on the club notice board. Please make every effort to attend and as an inducement we will have Flt Lt Charlie Brown giving one of his excellent talks after the formal part of the meeting! I will send out a request to all members in January requesting nominations for positions on the committee.

The committee will be looking for suggestions from members for proposed club fly outs next year (hoping that we will have better weather than 2007). This has been a poor year for GA with regard to accidents so let's all ensure that we fly safely in 2008.

Finally can I remind you all that membership renewals are due by the end of January (note: there has been an increase to membership fees as previously notified)? Please make your payments promptly as this greatly assists with the administrative process.

Mike Tidmarsh

Recent Achievements

Winter has definitely arrived. Combinations of bad weather, rapidly darkening afternoons and me being off sick with the dreaded lurgy/ tonsillitis haven't helped our students this month. At the end of November Dave tested his first candidate for the Air Ground Operator's Certificate who passed with flying colours.

Philip Moorcroft completed his first solo flight on Tuesday 11th December. Philip would have flown solo earlier if it weren't for any number of bad weather/ strong crosswind days. Well done.

Sixteen-year-old, George Clarke flew solo for the first time on Sunday 16th December. I usually reckon that a student has done exceptionally well if they reach the required standard within nine hours or so. George was more than ready to go off by himself after seven and a half hours! Congratulations.

James Jeavons completed his first solo on Monday 17th December. James did well to cope with the blustery conditions. Well done.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Martin Handley.

Christmas Wordsearch

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H O A L K I U S R T
R Y M K P D D M O T
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ATTITUDE
CHRISTMAS
COMET
PIPER
PUDDING
ROTOR
SKY
YAK

CESSNA
CLOUD
PILOT
PROPELLER
RADAR
RUDOLF
SPITFIRE
YOKE

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

No December Club Night due to the Christmas dinner at the beginning of the month.

CLUB NIGHT - 25 January 2007

BURNS NIGHT SUPPER

There will a Burns Night Supper at the clubhouse on Friday 25 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

CLUB NIGHT - 28 February 2008

FLYING: THE PASSION AND THE PAIN

This will be a talk by Steven Ollier who is always entertaining. To be held in the Albion Hotel, Shobnall Road, Burton on Trent. Start 7.30pm.

CLUB NIGHT - March 2008

The ESFC A.G.M which will be held at the Albion Hotel, Shobnall Road, Burton on Trent.

OTHER EVENTS

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

FLYING EVENTS

No events planned for the immediate months.

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