

# East Staffs Flying Club



Newsletter

February 2008

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## CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

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Can I remind and encourage everyone to try and attend the ESFC AGM to be held at the Albion on Thursday 28 March. After the formal business has concluded we have been lucky to arrange for Flt Lt Charlie Brown to give one of his excellent talks, always worth attending (buffet also included).

We have upgraded the PC in the clubhouse which will provide better performance. If there are any other software products that people believe will be useful to members please let the committee know.

Finally, can I remind all who have not renewed their annual membership to please do so? A number of those who pay by S/O need to amend the amount to the current rate or alternatively pay the difference to Margaret if the S/O has already been processed.

Mike Tidmarsh

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## TATENHILL AVIATION PHONE SYSTEM

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Tatenhill Aviation has a new phone system in place. When you ring in you will need to select the Department you wish to speak to. For instance Flight Operations i.e. aircraft hire and bookings is option 1 or you can dial ext 25 to get straight through without listening to all the options. Please bear with us while we fine tune the system. We have made the change due to the inscreasing volumn of incoming calls.

Flight Operations:	Option 1 (ext 25)
Avionics & Design:	Option 2 (ext 28)
Parts & Stores:	Option 3 (ext 24)
Aircraft Maintenance:	Option 4 (ext 27)

A voicemail system is on order so shortly you will be able to leave messages out of hours.



## INSTRUCTORS CORNER

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### Recent Achievements

Spring appears to have come early this year. From the middle of the month onwards we've experienced some really nice weather. This improvement has encouraged several new students/members to join us. Plus, a number of our current students are getting much closer to both first solos and flight tests.

Congratulations go to **Ian Buckley** who successfully passed his skills test on 27<sup>th</sup> January and is now the proud possessor of his shiny new PPL.

**Pete Wood** flew solo for the first time on Saturday the 16th February. Well done.

**Ian Smit** passed his PPL Skills Test on Monday the 25th February. Ian had previously held a South African PPL, but hadn't flown for umpteen gazillion years. Well done.

**Lee Parker**, our Chief Engineer, flew solo for the first time on Wednesday the 27th February. After observing three very well flown circuits I hopped out and left Lee to it. He proceeded to fly a very nice looking circuit and made an excellent landing. Congratulations!

### The Hold

This month Dave's asked me to mention a problem that both of us have picked up on over the past few months. This problem relates to activity at the airfield's various runway holding points. Two things are happening:

- 1) Pilots are carrying out their power and pre-take off checks on the active side of the holding point. This is especially prevalent at the 08 holding point situated close to the windsock. By carrying out checks on the active side of the hold they are in effect blocking the runway. Our students are taught that if an aircraft is either on the runway or still on the active side of the hold when they're coming in to land then they will need to perform a go-around at 300'.
- 2) Pilots are calling "runway vacated" while still on the runway. Another incorrect call is "vacating the runway". Please wait until you've actually cleared the holding point before making the call.

Thank you.



## **Air Ground Operators Certificate of Competence**

On Saturday the 12th April 2008 our CFI, Dave Wood, will be running a ground-school course for those club members who wish to volunteer to operate the radio at weekends, but don't hold the above named certificate. This course will run from 1030 to approximately 1230.

The course is designed to prepare candidates for the both the written/practical examinations and to operate the radio at Tatenhill. Following a period of self-study/ preparation the candidates will then be able to take the examinations at a mutually agreeable time.

Please note that this certificate must be obtained prior to the operation of the air/ground radio.

For more details please contact the office or speak to Dave.

Martin Handley.

## **SOCIAL EVENTS**

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### **ESFC CLUB NIGHT - THURSDAY 28TH FEBRUARY**

#### **STEPHEN OLLIER - "FLYING: THE PASSION AND THE PAIN"**

This promises to be an excellent and entertaining talk and I would encourage you to attend (partners/friends welcome). Stephen is a member of ESFC and is currently flying a twin Baron. He is a previous winner of the prestigious King's Cup in his SAL Bulldog G-BCUS at an average speed of 143.4mph (230km/h).

The talk will be a compilation of Stephen's flying experiences covering a number of his trips, including New Zealand and Courcheval with an abundance of photographic evidence!

At the Albion Hotel, Shobnall Street, Burton on Trent, starting at 7.30pm



## SOCIAL EVENTS Cont.

### ESFC AGM + Charlie Brown - 27th March 2008

The ESFC AGM is being held this year on Thursday 27th March (7.15pm start) at the Albion Hotel in Burton.

Members are urged to come along to provide their comments/suggestions on how the club performs.

At the last committee meeting, and bearing in mind that most committee members have served for over 3 years, it was felt that new blood was required to generate some fresh ideas and enthusiasm on how best to operate the club. To that end some committee members will be standing down at the end of March.

The AGM will be followed by a presentation given by that very well known character Flt Lt Charlie Brown and the talk will be entitled 'Impressions of Fling the Russian Spitfire'.

If you have not been to one of Charlie's talks before make sure you put this in your diary - an event well worth attending!

Flt Lt Charlie Brown has been Historic Aircraft Company's Chief Pilot since 1996. Charlie has displayed many aircraft but is probably best known for his Spitfire and Me 109 displays. When not flying for HAC, Charlie is a flying instructor in the RAF based at Cranwell.

## OTHER EVENTS

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

## NEWSLETTER

If you have any articles for the newsletter or comments on the format, please contact Alison at [alie\\_todd@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:alie_todd@yahoo.co.uk).

### 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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