

East Staffs Flying Club



Newsletter

March 2008

Chairman's Report

Apologies for the late publication of this month's newsletter, by the time you receive this the AGM will have happened. Thanks to all those members who attended on the evening (50+) and I am sure that everyone enjoyed the talk given by Flt Lt Charlie Brown (almost as much as the AGM part of the meeting!).

Most of you will now know that the County Air Ambulance have based themselves at Tatenhill and will be operational from 1st April. Please join me in welcoming the crew to the airfield and keep an eye out for the red and yellow helicopter in the circuit.

The 2008 Fly-Out destinations have been published, please see the notice board.

We are now stocking a new style of sweatshirt with the ESFC logo - see Margaret to purchase them.

Instructions for folding you new charts are included in this newsletter.

Can I remind all who have not renewed their annual membership to please do so ASAP, either securely online at www.esfc.org.uk or by making your payment direct to Margaret at the club house?

Finally, unfortunately one of our members passed away recently, see article by Reg Bradbury in this newsletter.

Mike Tidmarsh

Recent Achievements

Dave Butler-Meadows passed his PPL Skills Test on Sunday the 2nd March. Congratulations!

Dave Saker, one of our engineers, passed his PPL Skills Test on Monday 3rd March. Dave completed the majority of his training at both East Midlands and Leicester airports. It didn't take an awful lot of revision before he was ready for test. Well done!

Andy Cockersole flew solo for the first time on Sunday 9th March.

Martin Handley



Aeronautical Chart Folding

Practice on a sheet of A4 first (stuff on one side, blank on the other), this will help you avoid making a mess with the real thing.

Buy a nice shiny new chart. Break the back of all the folds, i.e. make the fold one way and then turn the sheet over and make it the other way, this helps the finished chart to lie flatter.

Be prepared to modify the instructions for charts that are taller than they are wide, Scottish chart for example.

If you never want to look at the key panel across the bottom of the chart, simply fold it back out of the way and treat the remaining area as per the following instructions.

If you get it right you will end up with three horizontal and seven vertical folds.

Right, if you're ready here we go.

Fold 1 With the chart printed side down, fold the two longest edges of the chart together so that you get a nice fold running east west along the middle.

Folds 2 & 3 Open out the chart and fold the lower edge up to the centre fold, repeat for the top edge.

You should now have three horizontal folds running east west across the chart. (If you haven't, give up and go down the pub!)

Folds 4 - 6 Open out the chart and repeat the previous process, only this time make the folds north south.

You should now have three horizontal and three vertical folds dividing the chart up into sixteen little squares. (Fun isn't it) All of the remaining folds will be north south.

Fold 7 Open out the chart printed side down and take the left-hand edge and position it on the first fold in from the right-hand side. Take a soft pencil and write "not this one dummy" along the resulting fold (You'll see why next).

Fold 8 Open out the chart again and repeat step seven again only this time from the other end. By writing along the previous fold it will



hopefully stop you making fold 8 in the wrong place! Remember to fold the edge to the FIRST fold at the other end.

You should now have five vertical and three horizontal folds, if not, the pub option will apply.

Folds 9 & 10 Open out the chart and fold the left-hand edge in to the first fold on the left-hand side. Repeat for the right-hand edge to the first fold on the right-hand side.

You should now have completed all seven vertical and three horizontal folds and all the vertical holds will be the same distance apart. No? Pub!

Final Assy Open the chart out flat on the table printed side down and fold the top and bottom segments into the middle. Turn the chart over with the open edges away from you. Starting with the top fold, make the first fold away from you. Next fold towards you, next away and so on until you have a series of concertina folds.

Open the folds out between the second and third peaks of the concertina, turn it through 90 degrees and fold the top away from you.

The job is now finished (yippee). To use, flip the chart open so that there is an equal number of concertinas each side and page left and right through the concertinas to see the centre portion of the chart. To see the upper and lower portions of the chart, flip it over towards you and page left and right through the concertinas.

Anon

JOHN MIDDLETON who farmed Bears Hey Farm, Fradley for some 50 years, he learned to fly and soloed in a Tiger Moth in the early sixties. As a PFA member he attended Rallies, Aero Exhibitions and every PFA Fly-In at Tatenhill and Baxterley - AS A HELPER! Major heart surgery a few years ago, slowed him down a bit, but he recovered and remained involved. John finally achieved his wish to dispose of the farm and settle just up the lane. He occupied his bungalow for 3 weeks before being taken to hospital and finally losing the battle. The world has lost a real gentleman and many of us have lost a very genuine friend.

Reg Bradbury



FLYING EVENTS

Tatenhill Annual Air Rally - TBC

Test your observation and navigation skills in this year's air rally. A course will be chosen and you will need to plan carefully before you set off and whilst flying the course you must try and spot various landmarks.

The annual spot landing competition will also be held as part of the Rally and a quiz will be held with all participants.

Tatenhill aircraft can be booked in the usual way.

Keep an eye on the clubhouse notice board, the club website and the newsletter for updates on this event.

Tatenhill Fly In

ESFC will be holding the annual Fly-In once more this summer. However, it will be a more modest affair from the fundraising Fly-in of last year held in aid of the County Air Ambulance. Provisional plans are in the off and more details will follow as they develop.

Fly-outs

If anyone has any suggestions for potential destinations for club fly outs, both on the mainland and also 'over sea' to Ireland, the Isle of Wight, France and so forth then please contact a member of the committee or Mike Dillon.

Contact

If you have any other questions relating to any of the proposed events 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

SOCIAL EVENTS

CLUB NIGHT - 27th March 2008

The ESFC Annual General Meeting held at the Albion Hotel, Burton on Trent. The accounts will be presented along with individual committee reports and the election of the 2008 committee.

Come along and have your say. Buffet provided. 7.15pm start.

The AGM will be followed by a presentation from the ever-entertaining Flt Lt **Charlie Brown** entitled "Impressions of Flying The Russian SPitfire".

CLUB NIGHT - 24th April 2008

This event will be a talk on GPS navigation by the Royal Institute of navigation. The event will be at the Albion Hotel, Shobnall Road Burton on Trent. Provisional start time of 7.30pm.

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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