

East Staffs Flying Club



Newsletter

November 2008

Chairman's Report

Anyone who was unable to attend the October club night missed an excellent talk by Flt Lt Dave Harvey on displaying the Hawk for the RAF and also one of the earliest flying jets, the F86a Sabre. It was pleasing to see a good turnout of ESFC members on the night.

We have had a couple of 'hackers' trying to disrupt the ESFC website, however Kevin has introduced a new security process that will hopefully prevent this happening in the future.

Jon Faulkner has started to compile a list of club social events for 2009 which will be published in the near future. There is also a list of proposed Fly-Outs which once finalised will also be published ASAP.

Thanks go to Brian Hall and Pete Furnival who have started to refurbish the kitchen in the club house. We should never underestimate or take for granted the personal time that some of the club members give up to ensure that ESFC continues to thrive.

Finally can I ask everyone who uses the club house in the week to ensure that they switch the heaters off when they leave? There have been a number of occasions when people have turned up to find the heaters on and no-one inside. We are investigating options to minimise this happening AND reduce our heating bills!

Mike Tidmarsh



No, I did not say "I have control"



Recent Achievements

It's not been the nicest of months. Day after day, combinations of low cloud, strong winds, and rain have made things difficult for our trainee pilots. The only option some days has been to operate above the winter gloom. More often than not it's a nice day once you get above 3000 feet. I've included a photograph that I took recently to show how nice it has been to be playing around above the clouds.



A couple of Dave's students have managed major achievements...

Paul Lewcock flew solo for the first time on Friday the 14th of November. Well done.

Duncan Willis passed his PPL Skills Test on Friday the 21st of November (in a real aircraft...not a flight simulator).
Congratulations!

Late news...Paul Armitt (one of my chaps) passed his PPL Skills Test on Monday the 24th of November.

Congratulations.

Martin Handley.



SOCIAL EVENTS

**CLUB EVENT - Saturday 6th
December 7.00pm**

ESFC Xmas Dinner and Dance

Branston Golf & Country Club

The annual ESFC Christmas Dinner and Dance will once again be held at Branston Golf and Country Club. At the time of writing there were only two tickets remaining for this event. To check their availability please contact Liam Darcy at:

liam@bradgatebuilders.com

or

07900 220880

There will be no club night on the last Thursday in December owing to it being Christmas Day. The next club night will be Thursday 29th January. Please keep a look out on the notice board and in your email for further details on the January club night.

OTHER EVENTS

If you have any suggestions for other events or would like to help, please contact Jon Faulkner at esfc2007@hotmail.co.uk

NEWSLETTER

If you have any articles for the newsletter or comments on the format, please contact Alison at alie_todd@yahoo.co.uk

FLYING EVENTS

Fly-outs

Due to a lack of interest in the further a field fly-outs the club is proposing to have two over water/ foreign fly-outs in 2009 and have more regular local fly-outs which will better accommodate those members who wish to fly-out but lack the time, confidence, skills or money to partake in the bigger trips.

If anyone has any suggestions for a place they feel they would particularly like a fly-out to be organised to please make contact with any of the ESFC committee members or contact Mike Dillon as per the details below

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

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