

East Staffs Flying Club



Newsletter

December 2008

Chairman's Report

A very happy Christmas and best wishes for an excellent 2009.

Looking back over the year it was evident that it was a mixed year for flying. The weather played a significant part in disrupting our planned Fly Outs and the Annual Fly-In, but there were also a lot of excellent days when flying was a pleasure; let's hope for an improved year of flying in 2009.

The improvements have now been completed in the club house kitchen, so a big thank you to all concerned. Unfortunately there are still a significant number of times when the heating has been left on in the club house during the week (probably over night) when no one is there. Can I ask once again that anyone using the club house during the week remembers to **TURN THE HEATING OFF** when they leave? We have had some large electricity bills as a result of this and it is definitely not a good use of members' subscriptions!

We will be publishing our 2009 calendar of Flying and Social events early in the New Year so get these dates in you diaries. Don't forget the club AGM that will be held in March - keep an eye out for the date.

Finally, a big thank you to all the members who have supported the club events during 2008, we look forward to seeing you again and hopefully some new faces in 2009.

Mike Tidmarsh

CHANGES TO MEDICAL REQUIREMENTS - UPDATE

It seems that the original perception that something had changed is incorrect. The information spotted by Martin Handley some months ago actually relates to the NPPL and nothing else. You still cannot get a JAA medical certificate through anybody else but an official AME.

I think that some of the confusion related to the instructions for the NPPL being on the CAA website, which the CAA does not actually want - but I really cannot tell anything else at present. Suffice it to say that the rules for a JAA Class 2 medical are staying as they were until the EASA rules come in - sometime in 2012 I think.

Dr David Hill



RECENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Tom Callender flew solo for the first time on Sunday the 7th of December. Tom, who is sixteen years old, achieved this after thirteen hours of training. Congratulations.

CHANGES IN 2009

- 1) The French equivalent of the CAA (DGAC) have recently issued an AIC regarding the use of Electronic Locator Transmitters (ELT) and Personal Locator Beacons (PLB). In a nutshell this AIC says that from the 1st January 2009 light aircraft that are flying in French airspace will need to have one of the above SAR devices. Note that the PLBs need to be registered to an aircraft/ person. How they will enforce this is anyone's guess. The only exceptions appear to be for homebuilt aircraft, ultra-lights, etc.

http://www.sia.aviation-civile.gouv.fr/html/frameset_aip_uk.htm

Route via AIC (left-hand of the page) French A/A 2008 10.

I managed to find it fairly quickly, and I've never looked at the French site before.

- 2) On the 12th of March 2009 the rules for using Air Traffic Services Outside Controlled Airspace are going to change. No doubt all of the information that you will need will be in the various flying magazines. In a nutshell you will no longer be asking for a FIS, RIS or RAS. Instead you will need to ask for a Basic Service, Traffic Service, Deconfliction Service or a Procedural Service. Any questions? Please ask either one of the other instructors or myself for more details.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

JOKE OF THE MONTH

Some pilots are much better at handling their aircraft than making their passengers feel at ease.

One time an aeroplane blew a tyre upon landing, scattering chunks of rubber across the runway. The pilot of the next aeroplane to land was asked to hold whilst the tyre debris was being cleared away.

His announcement to his passengers was "Ladies and gentlemen, I'm afraid there will be a short delay in our arrival. They have closed the airport whilst they clean up what is left of the last aeroplane that landed there".



CHRISTMAS WORDSEARCH

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 HOLLY
 NATIVITY
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 WARRIOR
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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 - 29 January 2009

LITHUANIA TO UGANDA BY AN-2

This evening's talk will be by ESFC members John Calverley and John Deaville about their epic flight from Lithuania to Uganda in an AN-2. The talk will be held upstairs at the Albion Hotel, Shobnall Road, Burton on Trent, commencing at 7.30pm.

CLUB NIGHT - 26 February 2009

No details for this club event at present. Please keep an eye on the website, the clubhouse notice board or the next newsletter for an update on this event.

CLUB NIGHT - March 2009

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 Jon Faulkner on 07790 773917.

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