



CLUB BULLETIN 163: 10/11-2007

This monthly bulletin is aimed mainly at club contacts/secretaries. It usually covers administrative topics and news from the Executive Council. General interest items are repeated in Skywings magazine for the information of all members.

If you require further information on these items please contact:

1: CAA Tow Permissions

Clubs and schools are reminded for the need to advise the CAA annually if tow permissions are required for the following season. The closing date for 2008 Tow Permits is Friday 16th November 2007.

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The renewal procedure has been revised to make the process easier for established sites. If a site is required for continued usage with no changes then it is now sufficient to send only an email notification to the FSC Tow Panel via russ.hicks@btopenworld.com

In order to expedite the removal of unused sites from the CAA database, non-receipt of renewal applications will result in the termination of a site permit on 31st December 2007.

New applications and renewals with changes should be submitted in the usual format on paper to the BHPA office.

Russ Hicks
FSC Tow Panel

2: Sport & Leisure Aviation Show 24th / 25th November 2007

Don't forget this important event in Hall 5 of the NEC on November 24th and 25th. Free flight traders definitely present include Airborne, Airways Airsports, Bailey Aviation, Johnny Carr Hang Gliding, UK Airsports Limited and Northern Paragliding, Axis PG. There will be many more, lots of stands from across the sport aviation spectrum, and paramotors galore!

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Seminars are not to be missed with talks by Bruce Kavanagh and Gary Wirdnam (World Champion hang gliding team), Bruce Goldsmith (World Paragliding Champion) and Aidan Toase (Red Bull X-Alps top finisher) and others (timings and other info are at www.theflyingshow.co.uk). Come and catch up on the sport - and your flying friends.

The BHPA AGM will take place on the Sunday in the nearby Toute Suite at 11am. Please come along to see how the sport is being run and make your voice heard.

www.theflyingshow.co.uk

It costs just £5 to get into the show if you are carrying your BHPA (or BMAA/ BMFA/PFA) card; £10 otherwise. Under 16s are free. Opening times are 10 - 5 (Saturday) and 10 - 14 (Sunday).

Getting to the NEC by public transport is very easy and it's central location just off the motorway network is good for road access.

The Festive Gift Fair and the International Motorcycle & Scooter Show are also being held at the NEC that weekend, so it should be a good weekend!

For further information about the show, please visit the 2007 Sport & Leisure Aviation Show web site. <www.theflyingshow.co.uk>

3: Assessment Forms available on BHPA web site

Assessment forms for Operator, Tow Coach, Dual and AEI licences are now available as downloads from our web site. They can be found under members/forms. They have been updated and replace previous versions, although fees are unchanged!

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4: New Student Names on Forms

Could all schools/clubs make sure that students use their full birth name on all documents coming in to the BHPA office, and that the writing is clearly legible. For insurance and other purposes nicknames and aliases are not acceptable. and can lead to confusion!

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5: Course Dates

Courses 2007/2008

Coach Courses

Organisers please note that there are two changes; club coach course fee is now £30 per participant, £20 for a retake.

Also all organisers MUST speak to Dave Thompson before a date can be allocated. (0179 2469 244).

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November 17-18 Steve Millson SE Wales steve@paraglide.co.uk

January 12-13 2008 Long Mynd Soaring Club Tim Dunn 01694 723082 tim@computassist.co.uk

April 26/27 and September 27/28 2008 Joint Services, Crickhowell SE Wales Maggie 01873 810386, info@jshpc.fsnet.co.uk

February 9-10 2998 Provisionally booked to Kernow Hg Club.

March 29/30 This date has been withdrawn.

Senior Instructor

November 6-7 (2007) Cancelled due to lack of interest, rescheduled to 6/7 February 2008.

Instructor course

Next course April 12-14 2008.

6: FAI Young Artist Contest

This year the FAI Young Artist Contest is to "Design an Aviation Stamp". The first part of the competition will be a UK National competition. Age Groups. Entries will be judged in 3 classes :

Group I (Date of birth between January 1st 1998 and December 31st 2001).

Group II (Date of birth between January 1st 1994 and December 31st 1997).

Group III (Date of birth between January 1st 1990 and December 31st 1993).

This April I was privileged to represent the Royal Aero Club at the FAI education forum (CIEA) and take part in the Young Artist Contest judging. Entries from all over the world were of an extremely high standard. I have been invited to next year's forum and would dearly love to take a group of UK winners' paintings to be judged. Of all the young people we reach, ATC, Scouts, Schools and general aviation events. Please encourage your young people to take part; there will be prizes for the national competition, with the top paintings of each group going forward for international judging.

Format. The required format is A3 (297 x 420 mm or 11 3/4 X 16 inches). Artwork must not be framed or outlined with borders.

Rules and conditions can be read on the FAI CIEA web pages.

<http://www.fai.org/education/contests/artists/>

Good Luck and get painting

Alan Twigg RAeC CIEA representative.

*Entries by 31st Jan
2008, to:*

*Young Artist Contest,
Light Aircraft
Association
Turweston Aerodrome
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7: Stolen Equipment Alert.

Paul Sioffi has suffered the theft of a dark grey Niviuk rucksack containing his equipment from the luggage of a National Express coach travelling from Heathrow to Totnes, Friday 26th October. Included were a brand new medium Niviuk Artik (ser no C350534), a distinctive bright red in colour with a small white section. The harness was a black and red Supair Evo XC with reserve fitted on the back (has 2 large distinctive tears on the underside) Also a black Supair flying suit (tears on leg), a flight deck with Flytech vario in it and a white open faced Lazer helmet. He is presuming the culprit would either want to sell it or fly it himself so if anyone is approached to buy the wing or seen with it please could you exercise discretion in trying to find out their identity so that they might be prosecuted if caught. This is a DHV 2 glider and not suitable for beginners!. Andy Tallbott of Niviuk UK is personally offering a reward which Paul will add to for information leading to the safe return of this equipment.

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8: Club Bulletin content

This bulletin contains important information for Clubs and Schools. It is circulated monthly to all BHPA Clubs and Schools, and added to our web site for reference. Please make use of it! Any items you wish to add will be considered. There is no set copy date as it is sent out as needed approximately every month, so material can usually be added at short notice.

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