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BHPA

1: Mode S - BHPA Response

The BHPA Airspace Panel's draft response to the CAA Mode S Phase 2 Transponder Consultation is published on the BHPA website. Please use this to aid you when responding to the CAA.

You are reminded:

- That we already have a summary document on the website which you should use to refresh your memory as to what this is all about
- That there are three methods of responding to the consultation document: online, by email, by post. The online response document only allows answers to specific questions. So any "off topic" response will have to be by post or email.
- That the deadline is 17:00 31 May 2008.
- The e-mail address modesconsultation@caa.co.uk
- The web-based consultation response mechanism – www.caa.co.uk. Click on "Mode S" and follow the links.
- The post address: Mr Andy Knill, Head of Surveillance & Spectrum Management, Directorate of Airspace Policy, CAA House K6 G6, 45-59 Kingsway, London, WC2B 6TE.
- Please respond using your own words. Multiple copies of exactly the same response tend to get counted as a single response - so it is best if members read the two documents and then respond to the CAA with their own points. We do not expect all of our members to produce seventeen page response documents! Choose the point that you feel most strongly about and respond on that topic. Choose a couple if you have the time.

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2: FAI Competition Licence Requirement

The FAI are collating licence information, and at the end of the year will require all their competition licence holders to supply minimum data, which we will extract from our database. However, we require your permission to do so. A letter will be sent to all those involved requesting a signature to that effect. Failing this, holders can send in a new application form which contains the necessary declaration and is on the BHPA website.

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3: Courses

Coach Courses 2008

November 1-2 Avon HGPG
Chris Jones chris@hgpg.co.uk 07966 170014

November 15-16 Ulster HG PG
Phil Baron philBarron6@aol.com 0770 6033951

December 13-14 Southern Club

Coach Courses 2009

Bookings still available for Clubs to host a course:

January 10-11
January 31-1st Feb
February 14-15

Powered Paraglider Instructor Course

This is a new course offered by the FSC which offers experienced paramotorists a route to become instructors who can operate their own schools. The exact format depends on who applies, but is expected to be five to nine days long non residential and based in the midlands or south of England. Candidates will need to hold a PPG Pilot rating (unrestricted) at least 100 hrs ppg time logged and a valid first aid certificate. Interest should be registered as soon as possible.

Instructor Course

The next instructor course is planned for 2009 from March 28 – 30. Details will be published as they become available.

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