

Club Bulletin 171

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BHPA

1: Courses

Coach Courses 2008

November 1-2 Avon HGPG
Chris Jones chris@hgpg.co.uk 0796 617 0014

November 15-16 Ulster HG PG
Phil Baron philBarron6@aol.com 0751 868 0389

December 13-14 Southern Club
John Lancaster info@sghc.org.uk 0795 150 0769

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

The first part of this course is running this week and due to the level of response is aimed at existing instructors. There will be a further course next year for those who have not previously been instructors. Those who have expressed interest will be kept informed - if you have not yet done so and are interested please contact Tony.

Instructor Course

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

For more information contact:

Tony Mitchell, 0116 261 1322, tony-mitchell@bhpa.co.uk

2: Training Membership

Would schools please remember that students can only take out Training Membership once, thereafter they must upgrade to Annual Flying Membership. It would be appreciated if you could check that your membership books are completed correctly before sending them to the BHPA office as dealing with errors delays the processing of memberships.

For more information contact:

Stephanie Blankley, 0116 261 1322, events@bhpa.co.uk

3: Sport & Leisure Aviation Show

The dates for the show are 29/30 November and the venue will once again be the NEC, Birmingham.

See www.theflyingshow.co.uk for details and updates.

3: Membership Cards

It is apparent that there are BHPA members who believe that they have ratings but in fact do not, and therefore may not be insured. Although errors are infrequent, it is clearly most important that the qualifications members believe that they have, and what is recorded at the BHPA office, coincide. Members should always check their card when they receive a new one and this is particularly important for licence holders.

For more information contact:

Ruth Holyoak, 0116 261 1322, office@bhpa.co.uk

4: Transferring Foreign Ratings

Please note that processing memberships which involve overseas ratings will take at least two weeks. As a minimum, applicants need to take a Club Pilot examination which needs setting up with a Coach. We cannot help people who ring the office on a Friday afternoon and wish to fly at the weekend! For details read the Bulletin 158 (May 2007) available on our web site.

For more information contact:

Elaine Lane, 0116 261 1322, elaine-lane@bhpa.co.uk

5: Royal Aero Club Trust Bursaries 09

The Royal Aero Club Trust has opened its bursary scheme for young people for the 2009 season. Each bursary, of up to £500, is available to anyone between 16 and 21 years of age wishing to progress their interest in either air sports or aviation. The closing date for applications is 31 March 2009.

The Royal Aero Club Trust has been running the programme for nine years and a wide range of bursaries has been awarded. Activities available in the programme include gliding, ballooning, paragliding, hang gliding, parachuting, flying microlights, motor gliders, fixed wing or light aeroplanes and helicopters, building and flying model aircraft. Bursaries are also available for Personal Computer or Flight Simulator pilots wishing to have their first experience of an air sport.

Applicants must be UK citizens, resident in the UK, and training and flying can only be conducted at Clubs, Associations or training establishments in the UK. Applications, which must arrive at the Trust by 31 March 2009, are to be submitted through a Sponsoring Organisation, Club or Association.

Full details, rules and an application form are available on the Royal Aero Club Trust web site, www.royalaeroclubtrust.org