



CLUB BULLETIN 162: 09-2007

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: 2007 Foot and Mouth Outbreak

This item continues to be relevant following the further outbreaks this month. For information on the recent outbreak pilots should see the DEFRA website which sets out the latest news, restrictions and includes maps.

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There are likely to be air exclusion zones placed around any new outbreaks as in the case of the Surrey/Hampshire infections. These appear to be up to 3500 feet and 2 nm in radius but local considerations will dictate the actual size of any new restrictions. The relevant DEFRA website address is <<http://www.defra.gov.uk/news/latest/2007/animal-0803.htm>> .

Gordie Oliver has informed us that Bewaldeth has been closed as a precaution pending any further outbreaks. This suggests that despite there being currently hardly any access problems, there could be a lot of farmers wanting to play very cautiously.

BHPA and RAeC awards

Nominations are invited for BHPA Awards of Merit and Royal Aero Club awards. BHPA Awards of Merit, for conspicuous good deeds in the club environment, are presented at the BHPA AGM. RAeC awards, for sporting success or exemplary work, are presented at the annual RAeC Awards ceremony, usually in March. A new RAeC award, started only a couple of years ago, is the Ann Welch Memorial Award in honour of the BHPA's former President. The Award is made for significant contribution in the field of flying instruction but, exceptionally, may include proven aids in associated subjects such as navigation and meteorology, and is open to all BHPA, BMAA and BGA instructors. Ann Welch, who died in 2002, was an instructor and an internationally renowned gliding figure and President of both the BHPA and BMAA. Nominations, consisting of a full side of A4 setting out your reasons and a letter of support from your local club, should be sent to the BHPA Office (jennifer-burdett@bhpa.co.uk) to arrive by November 1st. Details of all RAeC Awards can be obtained from the website www.royalaeroclub.org.

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2: Course Dates

2007 Course Dates

Courses 2007/2008

Coach Courses

Autumn Coach dates.

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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October 20-21 Wessex. Contact Sean Staines Tel 01256 473346 (Eves) 01344 751673

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

January 12-13 2008 Long Mynd Soaring Club. Contact Tim Dunn 01694 723082
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The following dates are still available for Clubs to book:

February 9-10 2008

March 29-30 2008

Senior Instructor

November 6-7 (2007)

Instructor course

Please note that the additional Instructor course proposed for October 6 – 8, 2007 has been cancelled due to lack of interest.

Next course, April 12-14 (2008)

3: EPPSL Course

Date 13/14 October 2007, at the Hucklow Gliding Club, Camphill Farm, Bradwell, Peak District. We are now asking for a payment and application form, which is available from Tony at the BHPA office, to be returned, . Places are still available.

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4 : Sport & Leisure Aviation Show

The Sport & Leisure Aviation Show is to be held on 24th / 25th November 2006 at the National Exhibition Centre (NEC) - Birmingham. Information will go out to traders shortly but in the meantime please note the dates on your planner.

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5: Club Bulletin content

As with the information here concerning Foot and Mouth 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 every month, so material can usually be added at short notice. This makes it a useful form of communication.

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This bulletin is published monthly. If you have any items you wish to be included please send them to Tony Mitchell at the BHPA office by the 1st of the month.