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AirHeads



MINUTES OF THE JULY & AUGUST MEETINGS 1999

July Meeting: Phil Fouracre welcomed two new members to the meeting: Harry Dike fresh from Flying Frenzy (P.G.) who flies an Ignition. Les Lloyd from Crewkerne (experienced P.G.) who flies an Epsilon 2.

The minutes of the June meeting were read. Omission from June Minutes: Simon Murphy suggested that the next few Club meetings from August onwards, should take place on one of our sites so that we can get some evening flying in and encourage members to fly sites with which they are unfamiliar. This was agreed. The site will obviously be weather dependent and will be publicised the night before by way of the Internet, telephone (ring Phil 01823 490724) and telephone mailbox (01460 241379 PIN 1999) if in operation.

Further matters arising:

Mailbox: Phil Tilson assured us that this will be operating by the next meeting.

Safety: We have been issued with samples of the new style air maps by the CAA. Who are seeking comments from user groups. Anyone who is interested can obtain them from yours truly. Otherwise nothing of any significance to report.

Treasurers Report: 70 paid up members and £1273 in the bank. The Bossington lease is now signed. There are two new members David and Fiona Brindley Kerr from Sherborne.

Membership Fees: Those members who haven't renewed are warmly invited to renew as otherwise it makes it very difficult for the Club to function. It remains Club policy that we should encourage visitors to fly our sites, but encourage regulars to join.

Membership stickers: These have not yet been produced, however Phil Tilson has kindly agreed to get onto the case.

Goodwill: John Fielder commented that he is no longer going to contribute his unpaid time and effort to the Club if members don't reciprocate by paying their dues and occasionally contributing to Airheads or in some other way. It is all too often left to the same half dozen to do everything. This workload must be shared so that it becomes a burden to no one. At present there is insufficient information coming in for the "flying diary" and a dearth of articles. It doesn't matter to what level you fly the rest of the club is interested in your experiences and opinions.

Sites: Sandy Bay: This site is now closed until Mid Sept. Apparently the owners have said that this has always been the condition for flying and unless we adhere to it we will not be allowed to fly it at all. **Charmouth:** This remains closed until 1st Sept. **East Hill:** The Sidmouth Psychos are keen to clear the take off. Gerry McCann will liaise with the them and the Warden.

Blorenge Party: The S.E. Wales Club is having a fancy dress fly-in/party on 28/29 August to celebrate the purchase of the Blorenge. As we contributed handsomely to this cause, we have been invited to the party and members are encouraged to go if they can.

Competitions: The S.W. Towing Competition between the Condors, S Devon and Kernow is scheduled for 10/11 July at Smeatharpe.

There being no further business the meeting closed so that Harriet could show the BHPA research video on back protectors and Jocky Sanderson's video "Security in Flight".

August Meeting. The minutes of the July meeting were read and agreed. There was no issue of Airheads as there was insufficient copy.

Matters arising: Hot line: Phil Tilson has now got this in operation and outlined its use. The principle is simple - a voice mailbox into which anyone can dial and leave a message, or listen to all the messages previously left. Two calls are necessary: To listen to the messages dial 01460 241379 then dial in the PIN (1999 - this will change from time to time). To leave a message re-dial 01460 241379 then leave your message after the tone. If you are planning to go somewhere say so. Leave your name and time of message. Update your message (ie if blown out or good conditions). Messages are cleared every evening. Phil Tilson was given a vote of thanks for implementing this system, which has already proved to be very useful (incidentally he has footed the bill).

Safety: Lone Flying. Newly qualified pilots are reminded that they should not fly on their own.

Treasurers Report: N.T.R. as Andy Tew was away in Annecy

Airheads and the Internet: It was proposed that as Bryon Davies was also away he should take over Airheads with immediate effect, this was carried unanimously. John Fielder agreed to meet him at the airport to tell him the good news. Some members felt that a lot of the need for Airheads was being neutralised by the use of E-mails but it was pointed out that still 50% of the membership were not on the Internet. Anybody who does not want their address and phone no on the Club web site should let Harriet know. Phil Tilson suggested a members only section, accessed by password.

Membership stickers: These have now been produced by Phil Tilson (soon to be deified)

Sites: Sandy Bay This site has been flown since the notification of closure for the summer months unless we adhere to it we will not be allowed to fly it at all. **Draycott** Remains closed.

Competitions The Wrinklies versus Smoothies is scheduled for 14/15 August.

Visiting Pilots Phil Fouracre welcomed two fixed wing pilots Paul and Erica Rix from Crewkerne who wish to take up real flying. They had some spurious idea of learning to Hang Glide but soon succumbed to the charms of the paraglider pilots.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.30 p.m. so that Courtenay could show the video "Fly Hard".

John Milner

As the recent Dual Flying Weekend for Devon Air Ambulance was reduced to one day's flying (blown out on the Sunday), some people were left disappointed at missing out on a flight. Therefore we hope to organise one more day on the weekend of October 30/31. Please make a note of this date NOW and be ready to come and help if you can. Dual tow pilots and winch operators especially needed.

**Many thanks.
Harriet.**