

Bodmin Flyer



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THE ROYAL AERO CLUB
OF THE UNITED KINGDOM

Royal Air Force Club, London

Pete White was awarded a bronze medal for his outstanding achievement over many years of promoting recreational flying in the South West by RAeC on 18th May 2017. Congratulations, Pete!

Devon Aerocamp
2nd-4th June

Cornwall Aerocamp
23rd-25th June



Volunteers needed for our next FOG events!



Top Nav Bodmin 2017

After a weather driven postponement on Saturday 6th May we decided to go for Sunday (7th), the planned 'rain off' weekend was not possible as the organisers, John Colgate and myself, would be away.

Our line up of three aircraft entries had sadly shrunk to one and this machine was delayed arriving from Perranporth due to FOG! The two missing aircraft from our line up had both 'gone tech' despite the pilot's efforts to cure the problems.

As Cornwall Flying Club members arrived in anticipation of the superb Sunday Roast, offered by our Carol at *Diner 3 1*, we started a sales campaign and managed to press gang firstly a navigator, Corinne Dennis and not long after this we were able to crew

match with an appropriate pilot and aircraft for our eager navigator. Corinne owns and flies, in fact she built her own Pitts Special and this was not suitable for purpose so we were overjoyed that John Watts would be happy to use his Cessna 172 as long as he could have his Sunday lunch first.



The fog eased sufficiently to allow Gary Prisk and Mick Dobson to join us with their flex wing micro light from Perranporth and we were now ready to proceed... once John had finished his Sunday lunch, of course.

Once briefed and sufficiently nourished our two crews were ready for the scramble bell and we were only about 60 minutes behind schedule but this did allow time for the weather to become more user friendly.

Both John C and I were quite envious of the crews as they disappeared into the busyness of their forthcoming Navex and we both vowed to take part again next year, having entered in both the 2015 and 2016 Bodmin competitions Our wanderers returned, firstly the Cessna from route A and then the Microlight from route B, designed for the aircraft with the slower cruise speed. If there marks given for landings both aircraft, or should I say pilots, would have had top scores and now onto the event de-brief. All four souls were beaming with delight and declared how much they enjoyed it and could they take part next year!



After a well deserved coffee and cake (the cake is very good at Bodmin), the NAV logs were tidied up and presented to us with their trackers. Then we all reflected on what a wonderful day it had been, doing none other than the most basic of flying tasks that we had all been taught when we first learnt to fly.

Navigation is such an important and integral part of our flying life yet the basic skills seem to have been almost forgotten since the development of modern electronic navigation aids. It is so important to refresh these skills and stay current with the ability to use your eyes, a watch and chart to navigate the skies. What better way to stay on top than to enter the TOP NAV competition.



In addition to this we at Bodmin are now contemplating holding a local NAV comp, at a time that does not conflict with TOP NAV. This would both bolster our thoughts of navigation currency and also recruit crews for the main event in May.

So look out for details of the Kernow KNAV Kompetion (KKK) when you can hone your skills in preparation for the 2018 RIN TOP NAV Competition.



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June 30, 1 & 2 July 2017 - Sanicole Airfield

EFLEVA Days 2017

48

DAYS

3

HOURS

50

MINUTES

5

SECONDS

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Europe's Oshkosh!

We have fantastic news for all visitors requiring a Schengen entry! There will be no fees for visitors via Ostend Airport (EBOS)!

Thanks to a partnership with Andair, precision aircraft components, and Ostend airport, an international airport located at the Belgian coast, we are very pleased to offer a free transit in and out of Belgium for all visitors of EFLEVA Days 2017!

Three years ago we started with offering a free permit to fly for all our visitors in kind cooperation of Lambert Aircraft. This year we continue this path with offering a free transit in and out of Belgium! This is how aviation is meant to be, hassle free and without charges! We hope to welcome you in great numbers.

What does it require to benefit from this superb offer? It is very easy: book a slot on our website – www.efleva-days.eu. That is really all there is to do! Don't wait too long

Who's up for a fly-out from Bodmin?

Chairman's Report

Darren Fern



The new 172 is making good progress, with the avionics installed and signed off, the engine is now installed, although we are still awaiting the STC paperwork for the engine upgrade. The interior is complete, and the airframe/rigging done and signed off. The graphics company will be installing the graphics in the first week of July, so we are almost done... bar the paperwork...

After a long and difficult process, we are on the home straight at last. The photos look great, and the avionics fitter tells me that the aircraft is looking superb, with a top class restoration.

G-ICOM has now been purchased by a new club member who has kindly offered to keep it available to the club for the time being.

The weather has had an impact on the last two club events, but thankfully people keep turning up to support them. The Sunday Lunches provided by Carol and Co. are increasingly well supported, and demand remains high. Having Diner 31 running every day will only add to the attraction of our clubhouse. There are lots of comments on social media, and in person, reflecting the improvement in the ambience of our club now that we have high quality catering on site. Our social media presence is growing thanks to regular updates from Jay and Jacob.

There has been a lot of activity from volunteers this month, tackling the jobs that have made our club environment more appealing; thank you to all involved.

You may have noticed the increasingly regular presence of Harry and Jacob, who are taking on more duties as volunteers in the tower and around the clubhouse and grounds. Harry and Jacob are also providing help with Air Experience Flight duties, in line with the changes in regulations in respect of such flights.

I believe that there have been some queries about the legalities of non-commercial pilots taking paying customers on such flights. The Board, and our CFI have reviewed the new regulations, and are satisfied that the club is complying with the regulations as laid down by the CAA. The pilots have received additional training and have reached a standard that our CFI is happy with. A copy of the club Policy document with regard to these flights is available on request, should anyone wish to peruse the document.

I'm off to the Alps at the start of June for a bit more mountain flying; if you have any issues that you wish to raise, the staff and other Board members are happy to discuss them with you

Jay's Jottings



A programme of light airfield maintenance was conducted over three weekends in May. Pete Chapman coordinated the programme and included clearing of the hangar workshop and storage areas, painting of the aerodrome boundary markers, painting the 31/13 Runway centreline, painting of the clubhouse back corridor and rear entrance and preparation of the signal square for painting.

Thanks are to go to the valuable contributions made over the weekends by CFC volunteers Pete Chapman, Corinne Dennis, Roger Davis, Graham Newby, Pat Malone, Philip Hester, Chris Burton and Ed Quarmby in getting involved and completing all of the tasks that were assigned to them.

A special mention should be made of Sam Quarmby, Ed's 13 year old son (who will be 14 years old by the time of this report) who worked for us over all 3 weekends as part of the voluntary work he is logging in pursuit of his Duke of Edinburgh Scheme 'Bronze' Award. Well done, Sam!!

Also to young Matthew Getson, also 13 years old, who was here on the recent CHSW FOG day and liked what he saw so much that he contacted us to ask if he could volunteer at the airfield. His Mum, Sharon, brought him along on one Sunday where he assisted Pete Chapman in hangar activities. He enjoyed it so much that he said he will be back at least once a month to help out where needed. Good Man!!

The airfield itself is now looking especially good, especially after good prudent surface management over the recent wet weather period has allowed the grass to produce a good even surface. Recently Matt, Harry James and Jacob Knight have spent many hours with the Topper and Mowing Gangs to provide a magnificent

taxiway and runway surface layout. Additionally, all three of them have spent time painting the 21/03 Runway Threshold and Runway Identifiers. The repainting of the 31/13 Runway markers will follow in short order. Pilots are reporting that the airfield is looking superb from the air, and the runways are now very clearly visible whilst on approach.

As the weather improves we have started getting more and more visitors flying in to Bodmin Airfield to enjoy a snack and refreshment from Carol's 'Diner 31' and to relax prior to returning home the same day. As well as visitors flying in from the usual Cornwall and Devon airfields and airstrips, we have seen a number of arrivals from more exotic, far flung, airfield locations such as Coal Aston in Derbyshire, Fimere in Buckinghamshire, Lasham in Hampshire, Fair Oaks in Surrey, Darlton in Nottinghamshire and Rush Green in Hertfordshire. We continue to push our profile on Social Media, especially on the specialist aviation group pages on Facebook, which allows Bodmin Airfield to reach a much wider audience and the outcome of all this activity is that we expect to see more first time visitors as the Spring runs into Summer and the days get longer.

Recent NATO activity has seen a lot of military exercises taking place around the Cornish Peninsula, and especially over the nearby Military Range areas of Bodmin Moor and Davidstow Moor. The outcome of this activity has seen a lot of low level helicopter flying around, into, out of and directly through Bodmin Airfield, which included RAF Chinook HC.2s of 18 Squadron from RAF Odiham, Army Air Corps Wildcat AH.1s of 661 Squadron from AAC Yeovilton, RN Merlin HM.2s of 814 Naval Air Squadron from RNAS Culdrose and RN Seaking ASaC.7s of 849 Naval Air Squadron, also from RNAS Culdrose. The RN helicopters made later repeat visits to undertake local circuit training.

The airfield management team will continue to improve the airfield as the year progresses.



Board Matters

Site News

By Sandy Wilkinson

We have been busy between flights and after hours... cutting grass, strimming, painting Runway numbers, end markers etc. Still trying to find someone to sort out the hangar doors and gutters. Pete Chapman doing a great job in sorting out the maintenance programme.

Flying Bulletin

By Matt Culverhouse

Flying activity is catching up to previous years, passing the 250 hour mark.

We've had the usual collection of revalidation's and check outs etc. and Tristan Gilham has passed his final RT exam

It's been busy on the ground school side, with new club member Nick Yeoman passing 3 ground exams and Purchasing G-ICOM within a week.

Charlie, Jacob and Harry have been trained and tested for the Radio Operators licence. A big thanks to Ben Ellis for kindly volunteering his valuable time for this.

Also congratulations to Harry James for successfully completing all the ATPL Exams.

G-BHDX is no longer available for club use. The engine is now time expired.

Jay and Harry and myself have put in place a procedures manual for the Introductory Flights. This compliments the training records that are already undertaken.

Admin report

By Michelle Culverhouse

I have contacted Kier once again to ask if there is any way they could help with out tarmac and concrete for the fuel bay. I've been given a direct name this time so fingers crossed.

I've also applied for "pre application" for the planning of the new club house.

Paula the lady helping with the funding needs confirmation that there will be no objections from planning. They seem quite confident that we could get "leader funding" to help with club house and the cost of the brown signs to go on the A30. (I have requested the forms for this)

The next step is to present a formal business plan. Once again we are being given support to prepare these forms. They are difficult forms to complete so very thankful for the help.

Two aeroplanes have given up there hangar spaces (one sold and one moved as it was not suitable for Bodmin) but we have two more to take there place. We still have spaces if anyone knows anyone.

Thank you to the volunteers who gave up their time over the last 3 weekends.

Also a special thank you to Richard, Roger, Pete, Harry and Jacob, who seem to be helping more and more each week.

I have weeded and replanted the flowers outside clubhouse with help from Jane.

I went for a flight Friday eve and the airfield is looking amazing. Very proud to be part of it.

I have a meeting with the accountant on Friday morning for any last minute adjustments before they finish the end of year accounts.

Events News

By Pete White

The autumn AEROCLUB programme is coming together, and an updated list of events is attached later in the newsletter.

Darren has suggested that we host a STOL/Spot Landing competition and we've pencilled it in for the middle of August. More info in the next couple of weeks!

Pete Chapman has arranged for us to have a stand at a number of events in Cornwall over the summer; if anyone is available to man the store, please can you let him know?

Social Media News

By Jacob Knight

The last few weeks I have spent time constructing a new website for the Airfield. The new website has a cleaner design with a more comprehensive payment system for flight experiences and new software for managing events. I hope to have the new website live in 1-2 weeks!

Myself and Jay have continued to grow the social media pages which can be seen from the stats. Post engagement has risen 120% from the previous month and over 13,000 people have seen our posts over the last 28 days!

CAS News

By Rod Bellamy

We have still got work on and over the last month have cleared most of the outstanding work that was mentioned in last month's report. G-VTAL annual completed, G-MATT completed and while here was sold to a new owner. The works involved required the flap motor to be removed, necessitating removal of fuel tank for access. This being quite a time consuming task. The electric motor was given to Frank Bundy a long term club member who took it to his little cave in Plymouth waived his wand worked his magic and returned a serviceable item which was duly fitted checked and returned to service. So CAS would like on record, our thanks to Frank for his unpaid help in this matter.

We still have monies outstanding from a number of customers.

Mark Stott's Robin suffered the dreaded wood-rot while being left outside in Newquay. The wing went to Mike King at Branscombe Devon who stripped repaired, recovered and repainted the wing to original scheme, making an excellent job and thanks also go to Dave at Gateguards for the loan of his excellent extremely long trailer, which fitted the wing perfectly.



Other work in hand is to sort out the unfortunate damage to one of our member's canopy which needs replacement. We also have a Stearman coming in from Goodwood for an annual and ARC renewal.

Debbie and I have also have been spending time on investigation into the new maintenance programme requirements that have to be in place for all EASA controlled but expect there will be a rush, and the campaign against aviation will not be able to cope and date will be extended.

Aviation Politics

By Graham Newby

AOG meeting at Popham 6th June at 11:30 will be attended by Graham and hopefully Jay. The new proposals for Airspace allocation will be discussed and our views put forward. If anyone would like to add a comment, please let Jay or Graham know.

Cessna 172 Update May 26th



FLYING CLUB EVENTS 2016-2017

AEROCLUB

October 18th *The story of a 'Self Improver'.*

Ex airline pilot and now an instructor with the Cornwall Flying Club, Kevin relates his journey from flying light aircraft tugging gliders to bush flying in Africa before he retired from the airlines with the Exeter based FLYBE.

November 15th *My Grannie flew Spitfires... the ATA in WW2 by John Webster-*

December 6th *Christmas Dine Out...*



June 2nd-4th **Devon Aerocamp**

June 23rd-25th **Cornwall Aerocamp**

September 16th **Bader Braves**

SPECIAL EVENTS

June 17th & 18th **Tiger Moth Flights**

July 8th & 9th **Tiger Moth Flights**

July 11th & 12th **Wing Walking**

July 23rd (Sun) **Sunday on Lundy**

August 12th & 13th **'Val Dreckly' STOL Competition**

August 26th (Sat) **Action Stations and Hangar Dance**

September 9th & 10th **Vintage Aeroclub visit and Tiger Moths**



FOG Events are held specifically for the named organisations, but other visitors are welcome to attend any of our events.

Contact Pete White 01752 406660 07805 805679 pete@aeronca.co.uk

Flying Tigers are coming back! June 17th-18th and July 8th-9th



After a successful 2016 launch of our CFC Nostalgic Flight we will have two wartime Tiger Moths returning to Bodmin Airfield to offer you the chance to...

Live the dream and experience the joys of flying in an open cockpit wartime training aircraft over the beautiful picturesque Cornish landscape. The aircraft you fly in has been lovingly restored to an extremely accurate standard and is flown by a very experienced pilot. On your flight you will wear a sheepskin flying jacket, leather flying helmet and goggles to help transport you back to those halcyon days of real flying. The sensational hour long aviation experience will include a walk round the aircraft with a talk on the WW2 training programme and half-an-hour in the air, when you can actually take the controls. Formation flying is also available so you can fly next to your friend or partner in another similar Tiger Moth. On your return to the airfield you will have the chance to take photos for your memory box and a cream tea will be waiting for you in the Club house.

All this for only £250 each, plus you will take away memories for a life time!

The planned dates will be announced on our website www.bodminairfield.com, on Facebook and in the Bodmin Flyer newsletter.

For more details please contact:

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LUNDY SUNDAY

Sunday 23rd July 2017 Fly-in



**PPR
(Essential)**

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Wing Walking At Bodmin Airfield!



Percival Phillips and his flying circus thrilled crowds in our region in the mid 1920's and 30's.

This unique Wing Walking Experience is now available at Bodmin Airfield on Tuesday 11th July (reserve day 12th July).

The Boeing Stearman used for this special event is owned and flown by an extremely experienced wing walking pilot, Mike Dentith.

They featured on television recently when Phillip Schofield walked aloft for the Duke of Edinburgh Awards Challenge programme.

Charity sponsored flights are welcome.

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'Val Dreckly'

Cornwall Flying Club STOL Challenge

Saturday 12 August 2017

Briefing at 10am, first flight at 11:30am



The Alaska Valdez STOL 2017 competition set new records this year with a Cessna 172 performing an 83' landing and a 161' take-off and the experimental class 'Lil Cub' landing in 10 feet! Let's see what we can do in Cornwall!



Do you land exactly where you planned to, or do you 'float and land dreckly' ?

This is a Fun Day, adding new challenges in our flying; the emphasis is on accurate 'Spot Landing' and then stopping safely.

Find out what you and your aircraft can do, in a safe environment.

If you ever need to do a forced landing... you will know what is possible!

**Contact Bodmin Airfield on 01208 821419 or
email admin@cornwallflyingclub.com for more information**



EGLA Bodmin Airfield

BODMIN AIRFIELD

Saturday 26th August 2017

ACTION! STATIONS

Military Wings & Wheels Event



Hangar Dance

featuring the Liberty Sisters



Join us for a Military Wings and Wheels event with a Hangar Dance as our evening entertainment. Among our Fly-in guests will be members of Help for Heroes (H4H) who will be flying with pilots from FOG.

No landing fees for military marked aircraft.

Food all day
from



Diner 31
FRESHLY COOKED CUISINE

PPR & Hangar Dance tickets 01208 821419

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