

Bodmin Flyer



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Our New C172-M!

After an extremely long and difficult process, we are now the registered owners of a Cessna 172-M, G-EGLA!

The re-assembly is underway and the estimated time to completion is between 6 and 8 weeks.

AT Aviation have arranged a loan aircraft (G-ICOM) whilst we wait for our own to be completed. The club thanks Steve Windle and Dave Hobson for helping us out by allowing us to use their aircraft during this time



AERoclub March 15th Gate Guards II

Dave Hobson and Martin Pengelly are providing an update to the Gate Guards story. The Lysander project and the F35



construction are just two of the interesting tales from one of Cornwall's own aviation specialists.

A demonstration of the virtual reality work being developed for flight simulation will also be on offer.

The talk starts at 7:30, after another excellent meal produced by Diner 3 1.

Please contact Michelle or Carol if you wish to dine with us ... book early!
01208 821419 or admin@cornwallflyingclub.com

AEROCLUB February 22nd @19:30



To a packed house, Sqn Ldr Graham Laurie gave a splendid talk about the early days of Royal Flying, the formation of The King's Flight and The Queen's Flight, up to the present day.

Graham joined the Royal Air Force as a pilot in 1964, flying for 36 years and amassing a total of 13500 hours. For 20 years he flew members of the Royal Family and Senior government Ministers.

In 1981 he was selected for The Queen's Flight and in 1995, after that unit's disbandment, he moved to No 32 (The Royal) Squadron at RAF Northolt, completing in all, over 2200 Royal Flights. He retired in Dec 2000.

Sqn Ldr Graham Laurie MVO RAF (Ret'd)
THE HISTORY OF ROYAL FLYING

Graham has kindly offered to return next year to give us a talk on Road Dahl's War.

In Carol's absence, Steve produced a fantastic curry, and a good time was had by all!



BAe 146-300 G-ZE786 'A' Flight
BAe 146-300 G-ZE786 'C' Flight
BAe 146-300 G-ZE786 'B' Flight
BAe 146-300 G-ZE786 'D' Flight



Chairman's Report

Darren Fern



The end is in sight...!

After the gloom and darkness that has overwhelmed our club over the past few months, I am delighted to report that we are making excellent progress towards acquiring our new Cessna 172.

The team at No 1 Aircraft Management Ltd and I are now in regular contact and have established a good working relationship. We agreed a new contract for the purchase of the 172 as a kit of component parts, and with title to the engine and new propellor. Both parties have a fully signed copy in their possession, and we have a VAT invoice for the agreed sum.

I went to the CAA at Gatwick this week and the aircraft is now registered with the CAA in our name as G-EGLA.

The engine is currently at Airtime Ltd (Bournemouth) and we have decided to go ahead with the option to increase the power from 150hp to 160hp during the reassembly. The reassembly will start by 1st March and the engine will be delivered to No 1 a week later.

We had a long discussion about the avionics installation, and concluded that the demand for a full IFR equipped aircraft is low, and the cost of a full IFR refit would almost double the cost of the aircraft as it is now. We have therefore chosen to install a Garmin 340 Audio Panel (to ensure good 4-place comms and future upgrades), a Garmin GNC255A Nav/com unit, and a Garmin GTX330 Mode-S transponder.

An iPad mount will be installed so that we can use SkyDemon for navigation purposes (clearly just to support our planned route on paper charts!). Brian Cook from Bournemouth Avionics is in charge of the installation, and will offer long term support for us here at Bodmin. The installation will include new antennae and cables rather than rely on the 40 year old ones currently installed. Hopefully we can get the work done quickly and then claim the 20% rebate from EASA

We advertised a club open meeting after this month's Board Meeting so that we could discuss the 172 issues to date, and to decide on our next actions; no-one attended, other than the full Committee.

We debated the Pros and Cons of rebuilding the 172 at Little Grandson, Branscombe, or locally. At the meeting, I felt we had a clear remit to ask No 1 to agree an assembly programme with us.

Subsequently Rod suggested that we should have recorded a vote on the outcome, and I therefore conducted an email ballot to ascertain the preferred location site for the rebuild. The vote was Little Gransden 7, Abstention 2, No vote cast 1.

We have now agreed a schedule of works for the reassembly at Little Gransden, with staged payments on completion of the four key elements of the work.

I am in regular communication with the team at Little Gransden, and we need to concentrate on moving forwards and maintaining our new relationship.

Now that we are making progress on the aircraft front, we should take some time to reflect on how we can rebuild the 'family atmosphere' that most of us cherish at the club. Our friend, Instructor and Examiner, Terry Earl, resigned from the club as a consequence of the bad behaviour exhibited during the Extra-Ordinary Meetings and Open Meetings held last month.

I appreciate that there was justifiable frustration regarding the process of acquiring our new aircraft, but everyone on the Board, both past and present, gives an awful lot of their own time to ensure that we survive and grow as a club. Each Board makes the best use of the skills available to it, and sometimes, in hindsight, things could have been done better. I hope future Board members are not deterred by the actions of the few...

It's good to see aircraft in the Trago Hangar at last, but please be cautious when using the new doors... they need a bit of 'fettling' at the moment; we don't want anyone getting hurt because they are unfamiliar with the safe way to operate them.

I would like to thank Pete White for efforts over the past months; he will be handing the business development role over to Michelle and Jay from the end of February. Pete's role in masterminding the social programme and charity events is vitally important and close liaison with the Committee is crucial.

The Board voted unanimously to co-opt Pete to the Board in the role of Events Director until the next AGM, at which point he will hopefully be re-elected by club members for the next two years.

I look forward to my next update with more optimism than usual!

Darren

Board Matters

Airfield Notes

By Sandy Wilkinson

Last week we tried to open the Trago hangar doors as one of the microlight pilots wanted to put his aircraft in. On sliding the doors one section came out of the runners it was lucky no one was hurt. Carol's husband Steve and myself tried to fix the door runners but we really needed a scaffold so Steve spoke to his boss and they will do the repairs needed. Richard has done great job with regards to the trench excavation and the new pipe is ready to go in

Flying Bulletin

By Matt Culverhouse

Flying activity for January was steady with a total of **27** hours compared to 3.8 the previous year. Total for the year so far **36** hours.

Another new student joined us this month.

I Attended the first stage of the flight examiners course at Wellesbourne, but was unable to complete the first flying stage due to poor weather. Planning to go back for the second stage in April. Attended the GASCO Flight safety meeting at Newquay. It was good to see Bodmin pilots making up the biggest contingent!

We have Charlie Appleton, Kevin Jones, and Jacob Knight(Introductory flights only), providing cover on the flight program while I'm away. Rod Bellamy is also available as a standby on weekdays.

The runways are in reasonable condition, but whilst the grass is short, why not practice landing off the runway in preparation for a PFL off-field?

CAS News

By Rod Bellamy

CAS is still busy with Annuals and routine maintenance, with 3 or 4 aircraft in the hangar undergoing inspections. At present we have money in the bank and money owing. Now we have Debbie on the accounts we have a much better

picture of our costings and think she will be a great asset in getting us running on a firm footing.

If we run as a separate company with CFC as our landlord we request as landlords you consider installing a staff toilet on site, and also repair the hangar doors

Ongoing we have the Robin rebuild to fall back on and have been told the wing should be completed in about a month's time, but radio upgrade is also being carried out when the engineers have available time. We also have to get replacement parts from the manufacture CEAPR in France.

We have also been asked if we would take a French student for a period of about 6 weeks, this is the same as when Leo was here a couple of years ago. Still getting further detail on this so will have more info at the next meeting.

Debbie is on leave 13/3/2016 for 10 days, and I am on leave as of 1/04/2017 for the same period.

Admin report

By Michelle Culverhouse

Reciprocal membership with Perranporth resulted in significant lost income therefore I recommend that we don't renew the agreement this year. 4 new members have joined the club this month, as well as seeing the return of 2 members from Perranporth.

We still have a bit of space in the hangar, but we need to leave room for club aircraft if possible. Corrosion in the 152s has cost a lot to repair this year... more than lost hangarage charges. they are our most valuable asset and we need to look after them.

Diner 3 1 was closed for a short time this month due to an unexpected family bereavement. Hopefully Carol will be back soon, Steve did a great job filling in whenever he could,

Finance News

CAS and CFC both continue to make a profit in the past year to date, with lots of work available for CAS at the moment.

Outstanding debts have been collected and cash flow is good at present.

The 172 is progressing well and we have sufficient funds to pay for it.

As a 'fall-back' position we are getting quotes for a short term loan of around £25k in case we need a cash buffer later in the year. We have no need for it if we continue as expected, but its better to have the information available in advance rather than rush into an agreement at a later date.

Business Development News

By Pete White

The Tiger Moths and Stearman Wing Walking are still planned for later on in the year, and interest remains high, particularly for the Tigers.

We have planned ahead for local village events as part of our efforts to involve our local communities in our activities. I had a very worthwhile meeting with one of our neighbours who has been vocal in opposition to our operations. After a tour of the airfield and a chat with Matt and I, they left feeling better informed and happier about our activities.

The trench for the pipe work is now finished and hopefully we can place the pipes/cables and backfill it in the next week or so,

The Drone Course was a success, and the next one is booked and filling up nicely.

We have arranged for formal plans to be drawn up for the new fuel installation now that we have got a full understanding of the requirements. I will hand the information on the projects to Jay and Michelle at the end of the month

Social Media News

By Jacob Knight

Website:

Corrections made to a few pages that had been brought to my attention. Hoping to have the updated 'learning to fly' pages finished by the end of the month.

Facebook stats for the last 28 days:

New page likes: 13 (New users that have liked the page)

Post reach: 6,165 people (Total number of users that saw our posts)

Post Engagements: 6,056 people (Total users that interacted with the posts via liking, commenting and sharing)

A post was made to promote flying for valentine's day and has so far reached over 3500 people.

£8.00 spent on promoting posts so far this month

Safety Report

by Richard Saw

Nothing to say on safety issues this month except perhaps to encourage members to land off the runways to preserve their good condition whilst the off-runway grass is still short. Take-off may be a different matter after reference to the current advice on soft field operations.

I was rather alarmed today by discovering a mains electricity cable buried 8" under the grass where the scouts hammer their tent pegs in! Harmless enough, if housed in conduit; this one was in a soft plastic pipe labelled "water". Luckily our water expert, Phil Rowe spotted it whilst only half way through cutting it. We all do quick jobs on the cheap but I will try to make sure everything is logged for future generations, just to stop the "cheese holes" all lining up

N5174R transformation to G-EGLA



FLYING CLUB EVENTS 2016-2017

AEROCLUB

Wednesday March 15th "Gate Guards 2"

Dave Hobson and Martin Pengelly discuss the latest projects to come out of Gate Guards at Newquay

Wednesday April 19th Matt Culverhouse/Kevin Riley

Flight-plans, GAR, Sea survival. A must for all pilots, a pre season refresh of the all important details required before flying on any journey



March 25th FOG team attend YES meeting at Brooklands

April 22nd FOG fly CHSW

June 2nd-4th Devon Aerocamp

June 23rd-25th Cornwall Aerocamp

September 16th Bader Braves

SPECIAL EVENTS

May 6th (Sat) RINTOP NAV Competition

May 27th (Sat) LADIES DAY FLY-IN & HANGAR DANCE

July 23rd (Sun) SUNDAY ON LUNDY

September 9th (Sat) ACTION STATIONS



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

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Ladies Day Fly-in & Hangar Dance at Bodmin Airfield on Saturday 27th May 2017



Food all day from the
DINER 31 Cafe

- Visiting aircraft –half price landing fees!
- Vintage and Classic vehicles
- All are welcome to attend the **1940's themed Hangar Dance** in the evening.



PPR & Hangar Dance tickets 01208 821419

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THE TIGER MOTHS

RETURN IN SPRING 2017



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.

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Top Nav 2017



TOPNAV is a VFR navigation competition for private pilots, organised by GANG, and held every year in May.

This year it is to be held on Saturday 6 May at 3 venues, with a weather reserve on 13 May; Bodmin will run one week later.

It is for a 2-person crew - pilot and navigator. Your aircraft will be fitted with a GPS tracker to check where you 'actually' flew.

We start with a briefing (at 1100) at which the route - which is about 1.5 hours - is handed out. You'll have enough time to plan it in detail. You'll be marked for timing and accuracy of tracking and finding the waypoints (usually about 8). You will be asked to take photographs to prove that you were there.

POOLEY'S
FLIGHT EQUIPMENT

Winners will be invited to the RIN Annual Meeting and Reception to receive their prizes.

Pete White and John Colgate will be hosting our event this year!

Wing Walking At Bodmin!



Wing Walking is not a sight regularly seen in Cornwall since the mid 1920's and 30's when Percival Phillips and his flying circus toured the region.

After several enquires we are now offering this opportunity at Bodmin Airfield and the first date available is **Tuesday 11th July** (reserve day 12th July).

The actual Boeing Stearman we are using for this special event is owned and flown by an extremely experienced wing walking stunt pilot, Mike Dentith.

Both the aircraft and pilot featured on television recently when it was used to take Phillip Schofield aloft for the Duke of Edinburgh Awards Challenge programme. Charity sponsored flights are welcome.

For more details please contact;

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LUNDY SUNDAY

Sunday 23rd July 2017 Fly-in



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