

Bodmin Flyer



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AEROCLUB January 18th

The EGLA Quiz and our Quizmaster is Peter Chapman who will entertain us with an aviation based evening purely for our enjoyment and to help us to get the grey matter moving again after the Christmas Holidays.

The questions are varied and suitable for all so please come and join the fun. If you wish to enter do let us know to ensure we have enough quiz sheets.

Remember it is Open to All and the Quiz will start at 19.30.



Chris Kingshott retires on New Year's Eve!

Join us for drinks at the club on New year's Eve as we wave goodbye to Chris. Many thanks for your hard work and support of the club from all of us

Please contact Michelle or Carol if you wish to dine with us ... book early!
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Recent Events

Aeroclub Xmas Dine Out



The Christmas Aeroclub dine-out took place at the St. Mabyn Inn on 7th December. A select gathering were treated to a delightful meal, served by lovely staff and with swift and efficient service; a far cry from the disappointing event held last year. The venue was warm and cosy, and we could accommodate many more people for next year's event, as we are going to use the same venue in 2017.

A different crowd attended the event, as many were still recovering from the festivities earlier in the week!

The food was magnificent, and the whole clubhouse was warm and vibrant, setting a festive tone to the event.



Christmas Lunch Part II!

We held our own Christmas lunch at the airfield on 11th December, hosted by Carol and Steve. Carol was afflicted by the lesser form of 'man flu' but Matt, Michelle and Wendy stepped in to help, assisted by our barman, Dave Hobson, and waiter, Graham Newby.

Christmas Delights!

Carol also hosted a 'Christmas Fun Day' on 18th December, providing a huge selection of cakes, sweets and other Christmas treats for our members.

Help For Heroes

visited the airfield on 17th November and they had a great time. They plan to make regular visits next year

Chairman's Report

Darren Fern



Another interesting month at the club!

Work on the fuel bay installation and Drone flying has progressed; our first Drone school is fully booked and the second one has been organised. The drone ground school will provide useful additional income, and help keep the cafe busy during the week.

A site visit from the local planners and fuel installation teams have given strong support to the plan to site the new fuel bay to the north of the 'New Hangar', where the helicopters usually land. For safety and logistical reasons, our other suggested sites were felt to be less appropriate. The team felt that constructing a roadway to the new site could be done 'in-house'.

Michelle has continued to pursue business development support and funding to help with the major developments that will protect the long-term future of the club.

A meeting with CAS has resolved the issues surrounding the 'historic loan' between CFC and CAS, and we have reset the financial baseline. CAS will need to develop its business strategy in order to remain as an independent business, supported by the Board.

We hope to start moving aircraft into the Trago hangar in January, so expect to see more activity at the club.

The club had a stall at the Padstow Xmas Fair, where we managed to sell a lot of trial lesson vouchers. The success of the event, despite a fairly low key presence was encouraging; we need to plan for future events and ensure that our marketing aids are prepared.

The Cafe has been re-branded at Diner 3 1, with significant cosmetic changes and re-decoration of the clubhouse; it looks great! Our two Christmas events went well, and hopefully will receive even more support next year.

We participated in the Padstow Xmas Fair, and generated a lot of interest and sold a significant number of Trial Lesson vouchers. We will definitely be repeating the exercise, and hope to participate in more events throughout Devon and Cornwall. We will need to develop a better 'presence' through various promotional aids in future.

We received 10 applications for the new Airfield Manager post, and have shortlisted the best five candidates (and a 'reserve'). We will be holding a meeting to discuss these, and the interview process on Wednesday 4th January at 6:00pm at the club. We welcome input from all members; this is your appointment too. Interviews will be held on 11th January. The inclusion of a club 'lay member' on the interview panel has proved to be a welcome event by members, and we have three proposals so far.

I wrote to club members to update them all on the C172 situation and expect further updates soon. Our solicitor has contacted the relevant parties twice, and both Number 1 Aviation and AT Aviation have stated that we are an innocent party in the current dispute, and are making some positive suggestions on how to resolve the issue. For the time being, we have to let the legal process work its way through to a resolution. I'll keep you informed of progress.

All in all, a great month with significant progress on many fronts.

Darren

Outstanding Contribution to Aviation



Vintage Aircraft Club

This is to certify that

Peter White

has been awarded the

George Davidson Cup

For

His outstanding contribution to
Vintage Aviation

5th March 2016

Signed
Chairman

It's been a good year for our venerable member and events organiser, Pete White. Pete was recently presented with the George Davidson Cup in recognition of his outstanding contribution to Vintage Aviation. Pete assures us that this relates to vintage aircraft, rather than vintage pilots!



Pete was also awarded the Roderick Turner Trophy for services to light aviation.

We too would like to express our appreciation for the work that Pete does in supporting our club, and the charitable events that are held throughout the year here at Bodmin Airfield.



Board Matters

Airfield Notes

By Sandy Wilkinso

Lower portacabin end wall repaired with wooden uprights. Window frame repaired and window's reinstated.

- Clubhouse interior repainted.
- The runway condition is soft but useable with care.

Hoping for one last cut of the runways before we store the tractor away for the winter.

Repair work on the hangar door and roof gutter should start in next 2 weeks

Walked around site with Pete Chapman and agreed the maintenance jobs that need doing. We are sorting them in order of priority and sorting out a budget for the work. We'll be looking for volunteers to help soon...

Flying Bulletin

By Matt Culverhouse

Flying activity for November was steady with a total of 66 hours compared to 22.9 the previous year.

Total for the year so far 1048 hours.

The path on the graph still shows a steady climb and if we can keep a positive rate throughout the shorter winter months we will be getting close to previous years.

This month we have flown 10.3 hrs so far.

I Represented Bodmin at the Flight Safety Committee meeting on 24th November hosted by Andy Ormshaw NQY Satco.

Incident reports and Safety Management System logs discussed.

Short brief from each of the attendees on activities for the future months and reports from the past months.

Paper Trail stuff, Opinion 11/2016 from EASA concerning training outside Approved training organisations still ongoing, the publication date of the decision is due next year.

Attended Michelle's second with Andrew Baxter from Oxford Innovation concerning European funding.

CAS News

By Rod Bellamy

Engineering is still on a busy period with work waiting to come in, at present have G-BSDW, G- GAOH, G-BHZH, on Annual, G-BACN, and G-GAOM waiting to come in. Some of the jobs are quite big as is G-GAOM which has rot in the wing requiring wing removal and repair.

We are reviewing our contract for Hangar hire and our Insurance; The CAA are not happy about non-aviation work being done on site, nor about us storing the old C152 wings so we'll have to move them. There are insurance and health and safety reasons to comply with the CAA guidance, as we are not insured in the event of a fire or accident involving non-aviation work being performed at any time. I know that this has been overlooked before, but our legislative environment is changing and we need to adapt. This might cause some upset to staff, but we have little choice.

Admin Report

By Michelle Culverhouse

Attended second meeting with Andrew Baxter from Oxford Innovation concerning European funding for some of our projects; All encouraging so far.

Pirate FM doing radio and video work at airfield on 16th November as part of the advertising campaign.

Carol has re-branded the Cafe, and it is now called "Diner 3 1". Lots of events scheduled for xmas and new year already.

We are advising owners that the Trago hangar is now ready for us to use, and hope to fill it in the next few weeks.

Safety Bulletin

By Richard Saw

No incidents or accidents to report this month. I will be working with Rod to develop a new Health and Safety Policy for activities in the CAS hangar. With immediate effect, 'solo' work involving lifting or 'hot work' must cease. If an accident happens, there has to be someone available to assist immediately.

Finance News

By Graham Newby

As reported last month there were a few historic transactions between CAS and CFC to be resolved prior to writing off the intercompany loan.

Darren, Bob and I met with Rod and Debbie. We have now sorted out all these differences and the intercompany loan can disappear. At long last we have a clean sheet to start from!

The Solicitors have sent the letter to No 1 aircraft asking for either the aircraft to be supplied as per the contract, or that they return the £33500 back to us.

It also leaves the door open for us to claim damages. This was sent on the 6th Dec and they have responded; our solicitor has replied and we await further action. It was encouraging to note a conciliatory tone to their correspondence.

I have been looking at aircraft utilisation data and although our 'Total Hours Flown' this year is lower than last year, we've done very well with just two aircraft, rather than three. Our profitability per aircraft seems to be improving, and there is still significant capacity for more training/air experience and self-fly hire with our current fleet. Keeping our hours up despite losing an aircraft has required considerable juggling by our admin and flying team, so well done!

Business Development News

By Pete White

There is a lot to report, and it will be published in the minutes available next month. Highlights included:

Drone Flying course booked up in January, and almost full in February. I was on Radio Cornwall this month to talk about our drone school, and we developed new business leads as a result. This is a significant source of income for the club, and we can develop it further.

The Fuel bay project is coming on apace, with a site supported by planners, and fuel installation

and delivery companies. As soon as we have fully developed the plan, we'll have a club meeting to go through it.

The water supply work is progressing and we'll soon be able to lay new broadband cables to allow a better internet access.

Aeroclub events for the spring are organised, as are our charitable and social events... see more at the end of the newsletter!

We have arranged a few more events for our local neighbours, and confirmed that the Tiger Moths are visiting next year, and probably a Harvard and Stearman for wing-walking!

Social Media News

By Jacob Knight

Most of my time this month has been spent updating pages on the website to make them clearer and more inviting. The price list page has been completely redone. A page has been created to archive and view previous issues of the Bodmin Flyer. I am currently working on redoing the pages on various licences that are available.

Some Facebook stats for the last 28 days:
New page likes: 8 (New users that have liked the page)
Post reach: 6,337 people (Total number of users that saw our posts)
Post Engagements: 3,262 people (Total users that interacted with the posts via liking, commenting and sharing)

I have installed an analytics tool for the website and hope to provide similar data for the website as well.

Our New Manager Position



Open Meeting To Discuss Candidates 4th January 2017 at 6pm

The Committee reviewed the applications and have compiled a shortlist of five candidates, with a sixth in reserve. We are meeting to discuss the candidates on the above date.

We would also like to nominate a 'Lay Member' to sit on the committee and he/she will be chosen at the meeting.

This is an important decision for our club, and we welcome your input into the selection of the right person for the job.

Please come along and share your views

FLYING CLUB EVENTS 2016-2017

AEROCLUB

Wednesday January 18th EGLA Quiz

Hosted by Pete Chapman

Wednesday February 22nd The Royal Squadron

Graham Laurie A story by an experienced RAF pilot who spent time flying our Royal Family around the world

Wednesday March 15th 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

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

May 6th (Sat)

RINTOP NAV

May 27th (Sat)

LADIES DAY FLY-IN & HANGAR DANCE

July 30th (Sun)

SUNDAY ON LUNDY

September 9th (Sat)

ACTION STATIONS



SPECIAL EVENTS



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

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