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BHPA

1: Courses

Club Coach Course

Individuals wanting to take a course should contact the host club direct to book a place.

2012

November 17/18 Sir George Cayley Sailwing Club
01964 543014 Andy Berzins
berzins1@aol.com

December 01/02 Malvern Aerotow Club
07780 763775 Donald McKenzie
ardlea@talk21.com

2013

January 12/13 Scottish Mountain Paragliding
07748 703515 Cliff Smith
cliff.d.smith@sky.com

February 09/10 Isle of Wight HG & PG Club
07990 520664 Richard Perkes
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2: RAeC Trust Bursaries

Applications are invited for the RAeC Trust bursary scheme for 2013. These are awarded annually, aimed at facilitating young fliers to advance their existing qualifications to the next level. The bursaries include the prestigious Peter Cruddas Foundation Scholarship worth up to £1,000, and several other awards of up to £750.

Applicants must be UK citizens and resident in the UK; training and flying must be conducted at UK clubs, associations or training establishments. Applications, which must arrive at the Trust by March 31st 2013, should be submitted through a sponsoring organisation (eg the BHPA).

Recent winners have included BHPA members Idris Birch and Katie Lawrence, and most recently William Lawrence who is using his award to continue his paraglider training. The scheme covers hang gliding, paragliding, gliding, parachuting and microlight flying, as well as helicopter and fixed-wing aircraft.

Those interested in applying for a bursary for 2013 should go to: www.royalaeroclubtrust.org/bursaries.html.

3: Tow Permits

As the 2012 tow season draws to a close it's now time to start thinking about next year!

All Paragliding and Hang Gliding* tow operations are reminded that in order to comply with CAA regulations they must inform the BHPA Tow Panel of the intended status for their tow sites for the coming year i.e. 2013.

Please contact Russ Hicks confirming on-going usage or cancellation of your site for 2013.

Additionally, as previously published, tow permits are valid for a maximum of 3 years and upon renewal operators will also have to supply a Letter of Agreement (or Email) from their site owners indicating continued permission to operate on their land.

The following Operator(s) will need to include an LoA when replying to this notice to ensure their permits are renewed for 2013:

The Sir George Cayley Club – Driffield

Replies no later than Friday November 2nd 2012 please. Failure to respond will cause your current permit to lapse on 31st December 2012 – whatever the expiry date.

*This does NOT apply to aerotow

For more information contact:

Russ Hicks, russ.hicks@btopenworld.com

4: Admin Issues

1. Mail - The BHPA Office has now been at Merus Court for two years and we can no longer have mail redirected from The Old Schoolroom. Please ensure that if you are sending anything to the office you are sending it to the correct address as inevitably some clubs still have forms etc. with the old address on. Also, please ensure that you pay the correct amount of postage.

2. Membership Application Forms - Please check the forms before sending to the office. In many cases they barely have any of the information required to process the membership and in some cases are totally illegible. Phoning schools to ascertain this information is a waste of our time and yours.

Schools are also reminded that it is their responsibility to send the membership application forms to the BHPA Office. Please do not give the forms to your students to send off.

3. Introductory Membership - Schools should also be aware that once issued, day membership cannot be cancelled.

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