

Club Bulletin 172

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BHPA

1: Courses

Coach Courses 2008

November 1-2 Avon HGPG
Chris Jones chris@hgpg.co.uk 0796 617 0014

November 15-16 Ulster HG PG
Phil Baron philBarron6@aol.com 0751 868 0389

December 13-14 Southern Club
John Lancaster info@shgc.org.uk 0795 150 0769

Coach Courses 2009

Bookings still available for Clubs to host a course:
January 10-11

January 31-1st Feb Thames Valley HGC
Richard Bungay richard@cloudbase.me.uk 07778 966887

February 14-15

Clubs please note that bookings need to be made soon for the remaining dates, or they will be withdrawn.

Instructor Course

The next instructor course is planned for 2009 from March 28 – 30. Details will be published as they become available.

For more information contact:
Tony Mitchell, 0116 261 1322, tony-mitchell@bhpa.co.uk

2: CAA Tow Permits

As the 2008 tow season is drawing to a close, it is already time to plan ahead for the 2009 season! After a successful trial last year, upon renewal all CAA tow permits are now being issued for a duration of 3-5 years. However clubs / schools must still update the FSC Tow Panel annually confirming the status of their tow sites for the following 12 months. This process has been simplified and can now be done "on line".

Tow club officials are therefore requested to contact Russ Hicks by 31st October 2008 to clarify their tow site status for the 2009 season.

For more information contact:
Russ Hicks russ.hicks@btopenworld.com

3: BHPA & RAeC Awards

Nominations are invited for BHPA Awards of Merit and Royal Aero Club Awards. BHPA Awards of Merit, for conspicuous good deeds in the club environment, are presented at the BHPA AGM and RAeC Awards, for sporting success or exemplary work, are presented at the annual RAeC Awards Ceremony.

Nominations for a BHPA Award of Merit, consisting of a full side of A4 setting out your reasons and a letter of support from your local club, should be sent to the BHPA Office to arrive by 3rd November. Details of all RAeC Awards can be obtained from the website - www.royalaeroclub.org

For more information contact:
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4: Introductory Membership Books

There have been a number of problems with the completion of Introductory Membership Books recently and schools should note the following:

When a name has been entered onto an Introductory Membership Book, the student is a member of the BHPA, either as an annual, training or day member and is covered by BHPA insurance. This cannot be changed, even if the weather changes and the student cannot fly. Once entered on the book, payment must be taken and sent to the BHPA. **NO CROSSING OUT ALLOWED.**

There are ten spaces on each book so a maximum of ten students should be entered. Please do not add extra names on to the bottom of the page.

Students' Credit / Debit Card payments are only to be taken for Flying or Training membership, we cannot accept individual card payments for introductory membership.

Your co-operation in completing the books correctly would be appreciated.

For more information contact:
Stephanie Blankley, 0116 261 1322,
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5: Sport and Leisure Aviation Show

Don't forget this important event in Hall 5 at the NEC on November 29th / 30th 2008.

Not to be missed seminars, with talks by Jocky Sanderson, Michel Carnet, Nigel Page and others. Timings and other information available at www.theflyingshow.co.uk.

The BHPA AGM will take place on Saturday at 11.00am in the Tote Suite. Please come along to see how the sport is being run and make your voice heard.

It costs just £5 to get into the show with a current BHPA card; £10 otherwise. Under 16's are FREE.

Opening times are: 10.00 – 5.00 Saturday, 10.00 – 4.00 Sunday

The Carol Nash International Motorcycle and Scooter Show and the BBC Good Food Show are also being held over that weekend.

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