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CLUB BULLETIN 154: 01-2007

This monthly bulletin is aimed mainly at club contacts/secretaries. It usually covers administrative topics and news from the Executive Council. General interest items are repeated in Skywings magazine for the information of all members.

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1: CAA Tow Site Permits

As a result of the annual CAA Tow Permission renewal cycle only 14 sites were requested for 2007:

Darley Moor, Aerodrome, Derby. Airways

North Cliffs, Camborne. Cornwall HGPS
Hells Mouth, Camborne. Cornwall HGPS
Deadman's Cove, Camborne. Cornwall HGPS
Kennel Farm, Warlingham. Green Dragons
Thorney Island Aerodrome, Sussex. Icarus Wings

Great Fransham, Norfolk. Lejair

Mendip Forest, Somerset. Mendip Tow Group Cockle Park, Northumberland. Northumbria Airsports

North Luffenham Aerodrome, Leics. Skylincs

Mendlesham, Suffolk.

Metfield, Suffolk.

Upottery, Devon.

Suffolk Coastal Floaters
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Upottery Towing Club

Roel Gate, Cravens Gorse. XClent PGC

As this renewal process happens every year and every year at least two reminders are placed in the Club Bulletin it can only be assumed that there is no other towing activity taking place in the UK. Unless

If your Club is towing to greater than 60 metres agl at anywhere other than one of these listed sites you may well be operating both illegally and dangerously. If you are operating from another site, or your Club's name does not appear against a site listed above, then please contact the BHPA Office for a CAA Tow Site Permit application form, complete it and return it A.S.A.P.

2: Instructor Competence Report

All TI & Instructor renewal forms MUST be returned with a completed Instructor Competence Report.

Instructor renewals will be returned to sender if not sent with a completed assessment form. Where a form is signed by a senior Instructor this must then be countersigned by the CFI of that school

Forms are available from the BHPA website;

Members/Schools Admin/Forms:

1.Inst_competence_Rep.pdf - Instructor Competence Form

The guidance sheet to complete this form is also available on the BHPA website as above 2.Inst_Skill_levels.pdf

3: Brown Field Sites

Aviators remember the problem of airfields being classed as Brown Field Sites? It was thought this problem had been resolved. However apparently not, go to http://petitions.pm.gov.uk/Airfields and consider adding your name to the campaign. Please sign the petition and send it to every aviator you know.

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4: Scrapheap Challenge

Are you up for a challenge?
Are you creative, enthusiastic and mechanically minded?
Could you lead a team to victory?

RDF television are looking for teams of three, who are confident with cutting, grinding and wielding equipment.

If you are interested or simply want to find out more contact Kayleigh on 0207 013 4410 or visit www.meontv.co.uk and fill out an online application form.

5: Course Dates

EPPSL

The course for the reserve packers licence is run by demand. If you wish to work towards this licence, please contact the BHPA office and register your interest. As a course has recently run, it is likely the next one will be sometime during 2007.

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2007 Dates

Coach Courses

The Spring dates have now been booked:

January 20th / 21st - George Cayley.

Contact: Andy Berzins Tel: 01964 535 436, E-Mail: berzins1@aol.com

The following dates are available to Clubs for booking:

February 17th / 18 th - Cancelled

March 10th / 11th - Suffolk Coastal Floaters Hang Gliding Club(paras welcome to course)

Contact: Phil Chettleburgh Tel: 01603 483 895 / 07747 885 677

E-mail: admin@eacomms.co.uk

March 24th / 25th - Lanarkshire and Lothian Soaring Club. Contact: Sean Figgitt: Tel 01294 551 403 / 07765 884 225

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Instructor Courses - 2007

24th- 26th February - Lilleshall. Contact: Tony Mitchell - this will be the only course in 2007, and is almost fully.

Enclosed: GASCo Flight safety magazine - Volume 42. No4. Winter 2006

Distribution: Club Contacts/Secretaries, Executive Council and Sub-committee members, BHPA Officers.

Copy: This bulletin is published monthly. If you have any items you wish to be included please send

them to Stephanie Blankley at the BHPA office by the 1st of the month.