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BHPA

1: Courses

Coach Courses 2009

January 31-1st Feb TVHGC Richard Bungay
0777 896 6887 richard@cloudbase.me.uk

February 14-15 Aberdeen HGPG Club, Simon Lucas
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Instructor Course

The next instructor course is planned for 2009 from March 28 – 30 at Lilleshall, near Telford. We already have sufficient names to fill the course and are making a standby list.

Powered Paraglider Instructor Course

This is a new course offered by the FSC which offers experienced paramotorists a route to become instructors who can operate their own schools. It follows a course run for existing instructors in other disciplines recently. The exact format is expected to be about nine days long non-residential. Candidates will need to hold a PPG Pilot rating (unrestricted) at least 100 hrs ppg time logged and a valid First Aid Certificate. Interest should be registered as soon as possible. It is expected to run in Spring 2009.

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

2: Safety Notice

Safety Notice No.31, 'Paragliders: 360 Degree Turns and Nose Down Spiral Dives', has recently been issued. If you have not already seen it, it is available on the BHPA website.

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3: BHPA Office Holidays Christmas and New Year

We wish you all the merriest Christmas possible and a prosperous New Year, and thank everyone who has sent us cards to brighten up the office. Please bear in mind that the office will be closed from and including Wednesday 24th December and reopen on Monday 5th January.

2: Royal Aero Club Bursaries still available

A large number of bursaries are still available.

The Royal Aero Club Trust has opened its bursary scheme for young people for the 2009 season. Each bursary, of up to £500, is available to anyone between 16 and 21 years of age wishing to progress their interest in either air sports or aviation. The closing date for applications is 31 March 2009.

The Royal Aero Club Trust has been running the programme for nine years and a wide range of bursaries has been awarded. Activities available in the programme include gliding, ballooning, paragliding, hang gliding, parachuting, flying microlights, motor gliders, fixed wing or light aeroplanes and helicopters, building and flying model aircraft. Bursaries are also available for Personal Computer or Flight Simulator pilots wishing to have their first experience of an air sport.

Applicants must be UK citizens, resident in the UK, and training and flying can only be conducted at Clubs, Associations or training establishments in the UK. Applications, which must arrive at the Trust by 31 March 2009, are to be submitted through a Sponsoring Organisation, Club or Association.

Full details, rules and an application form are available on the Royal Aero Club Trust web site,
www.royalaeroclubtrust.org