



CLUB BULLETIN 135 : 08/2004

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.

If you require further information on these items please contact:

1: Course Dates

Instructor and Senior Instructor Courses.

We require a deposit to secure a place on all instructor courses. If you'd like a place, send a deposit. We will cancel courses which do not have sufficient applicants to cover costs, and we need to be sure of sufficient numbers WELL IN ADVANCE to avoid cancellation charges. Only a deposit secures a place.

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Instructor

25/27 September - Lilleshall, near Telford. This course is a change from the usual format, in the hope that it will make it easier for some TI's to attend. It will run from Saturday 9:30 to Monday 13:00. £50 deposit asap.

12 / 14 October - Bisham Abbey. Cancelled due to lack of bookings.

Coach Courses.

Bookings and payments are administered by host Clubs.

Autumn 2004 dates are:

October 2 / 3 - Manx HG PG Club, contact Dan Wood Tel 07624 471 51, dwood@inbis.com. This course will be free of charge to all applicants, to encourage travel from the mainland!

October 30 / 31 - Airways, contact Andrew Rastell, Tel 01335 344 308, office @airways-airports.com

November 20 / 21 - Xcleny PG Club, Brad Bayliss, Tel 0771 510 7448, Brad.Bayliss@pofm.com

2: CAA Tow Site Permits

The time has come again for the renewal requests for the annual CAA Tow Site Permits to be collated and submitted. The Association has to gather them into one submission and get it to the CAA in October for the new ones to be issued by 01st January 2004, therefore the information from the Clubs is required ASAP. In order to keep things simple please complete one of the enclosed "Application for a CAA Tow Site Permit" forms for EVERY site that you want to use in 2004. Please remember to include the copy of a 1:50,000 scale map for each site showing the lateral limits of the towing operations and to use this form for all your Club's future applications. It is in all our interests to follow this centralised approach so as to minimise the CAA's work load (they are under pressure to charge for all work done, a guess of £75.00 per Permit is probably about right).

IN ORDER TO MAKE BEST USE OF THE MONEY THAT YOU PAY IN SUBSCRIPTIONS, NO FORM RETURNED WILL MEAN NO CAA PERMISSION FOR 2004.

If you no longer use a site, or will only use it for a week or so and a temporary Permit will do, please let Tom Hardie (01309 673912 answerphone +fax, tom@primarysolution.co.uk e-mail) know. To have sites marked on the map that are not used can lead to pilots from the powered world (military and civil) placing a low priority on the symbol and so degrading safety for all the other sites, also it does not do the Sport's credibility any good.

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3: Ann Welsh Oil Painting

The British Microlight Aircraft Association has been very fortunate to receive an oil painting of Ann Welch commissioned by an individual benefactor, from among our membership, who wishes to remain anonymous. The BMAA own the copyright and would respectfully request that addressees do not use it to print images themselves.

They intend to offer these prints for sale at a price intended to cover costs and to make a modest donation to the Ann Welch Memorial Bursary Fund. It is anticipated that the cost of prints measuring 29 x 35 cm will be in the order of £20 each, although smaller prints of 20 x 24cm may be made at a lower cost.

They are also considering making a limited edition print to be signed by the artist; these would, of course, be sold at a slightly higher price. We have been advised to "print to order", rather than to pay for a print run of a specified number of prints to be held as a stock.

If anyone is interested in purchasing a print as a memento of an extraordinary lady who did so much to further the cause of recreational aviation in this country, please contact:

Chris Finnigan
Chief Executive
British Microlight Aircraft Association
Tel 01869 338 888

4: Examinations - Pilots and Advance Pilot Papers

Please check when returning these exam papers for marking that the Application for P/AP Rating is attached and signed off, either by a CFI/Chief Coach or Senior Coach as required. The exam paper and application form should be mailed to the BHPA office with a £10 fee to avoid a delay in processing.

5: New Memberships

Could all schools please ensure that the information entered onto the Introductory membership books and certificates is accurate and legible, including school name / number. When payment is made by debit card please ensure that the expiry date and issue number are also included as this saves time in processing the students application.

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Enclosed: The National and International Accuracy Competition - Team Application Form
Application for a CAA Tow Site Permit
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 1st of the month.