

BGA Newsletter

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EASA. An update, written by Terry Slater and Jim Hammerton, detailing the impact that the establishment of EASA will have on the UK glider fleet is available on the BGA web site. This information potentially impacts every glider owner in the UK and, if you have not already done so, you should read the documents now. Visit <http://www.gliding.co.uk/bgainfo/newsarchives/easareport.pdf>

Child Protection Awareness Training. The Child Protection Awareness Training for May will be held at Lasham on Sat May 22nd starting at 0930 for 1000 and finishing by 1300. There are only 30 places available on this session so please book early and in any case no later than 1st May. THE TRAINING BOOKED FOR YORK ON APRIL 17TH HAS BEEN CANCELLED due to a poor take up of places. We hope to visit York later in the year. Bookings to Phil Burton on 01986 895314 or email PhilBurtonD100@aol.com

Royal Aero Club Awards. Glider pilots took the top awards at this year's Royal Aero Club Awards ceremony. HRH the Duke of York presented Andy Davis with the society's Britannia Trophy for the British aviator accomplishing the most meritorious performance in aviation during the previous year. The British Gliding Teams won the Prince of Wales Cup for the most meritorious performance, feat or event by a team or group during the preceding year for their outstanding results at the 2003 FAI World and World Junior Championships. Jez Hood, who became World Junior Gliding Champion in 2003, was also awarded the Club's Silver Medal. Derek Piggott was awarded the Old & Bold Trophy and Max Bacon who has served British gliding for many years, as an instructor, club chairman and as chairman of the BGA Development Committee was presented with the Club's Certificate of Merit.

Tissandier Diploma for Barry. At the same ceremony, the FAI's Paul Tissandier Diploma for 2003 was presented to Barry Rolfe. Barry retires next month after serving the BGA as Secretary for 33 years.

Community Amateur Sports Clubs Applications. The CCPR reports that some applications for registration as Community Amateur Sports Clubs are being rejected because they are using out-dated and inaccurate material about club constitutions. It is recommended that all applications being developed now should use the model club constitution and advice provided on the CCPR website, and discard previous guidance materials which may have been issued in the past. Registering as a CASC can benefit clubs through tax relief and rate relief, so making sure that applications are successful can be very important - and save clubs thousands of pounds. The CCPR web site is at <http://www.ccpr.org.uk>

National Gliding Week. The dedicated web site for National Gliding Week is now up and running. Please visit <http://nationalglidingweek.co.uk> to see the site, view what events are taking place throughout the country, and add details of your club's events.

1:500,000 Charts. The new half million chart covering S England and Wales became available on 17 March. An updated chart for N England and N Ireland will be available from 13 May. A list of approved stockists can be found at <http://www.caa.co.uk/dap/dapcharts>.

NotamCheck. Another program that displays NOTAM data in a graphical format is available. NotamCheck works with PIB data taken from the NATS web site and shows NOTAMs in their true shape. It also shows active Danger Zones and radio nav aids and the next release will show TAF and METAR data in plain English. No subscriptions are required to run the program and pilots can download a 30 day free trial - a one off £10 registration fee is required for unlimited use after that. More information is available at <http://www.notamcheck.com>

GASCO Flight Safety Forum. GASCO are holding a safety briefing, entitled "Staying in Control" on Saturday 15 May at the Aviator Hotel, Sywell, Northants. The keynote speaker will be Eric (Winkle) Brown RN who will talk about stalling and spinning German World War 2 aircraft. Other speakers will cover stall/spin avoidance, instrument flying, and gliding & microlight aspects. The cost of the day is £29, which includes hot and cold buffet lunch, coffees etc. More information from and bookings to penny.gould@gen-av-safety.demon.co.uk

Stolen Goods. The following were stolen from an LS8 after its trailer was broken into at Shobden: Cambridge logger, serial no 384; L-Nav, serial no 484; Microair760 radio, serial no 760-003798; GQ Shadow parachute, serial no 693926. If you are offered these, please contact West Mercia police on 08457 444888 (PC3850 - Rebecca Colcombe, Crime No. 43-E-130304)

DG Takes Over LS. It appears that the long running saga over the rescue of Rolladen-Schneider by Glaser-Dirks is now over. According to the DG web site (<http://www.dg-flugzeugbau.de/index-e.html>), DG will build the LS8 and will continue the flight testing and certification of the LS10. They will provide service and spares for the LS1,3,4,6, and 7 models.

LASORS. The 2004 edition of LASORS (Licensing; Administration; Standardisation; Operating Requirements and Safety) is now available from the UK Civil Aviation Authority (CAA). It features essential educational safety information aimed specifically at the General Aviation community. LASORS 2004 includes information from authoritative source documents such as the Air Navigation Order and JAR-FCL; details of pilot licensing requirements (including NPPL); a full set of CAA Safety Sense Leaflets; and, new for 2004, guidance on differences training. LASORS 2004 costs £8.50 plus £2.55 postage and packing. It can be ordered from Documedia, 37 Windsor Street, Cheltenham, Glos GL52 2DG. Telephone 01242 235151. e-mail sales@documedia.co.uk More details are on the CAA web site at <http://www.caa.co.uk/caanews/caanews.asp?nid=850>

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