



Newsletter

British Gliding Association

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Carriage of Mode S Transponders. Please respond to the current CAA consultation on this subject. It is clear that the impact of the CAA proposals, if passed, will be greater than we were originally advised and the costs will be higher than we imagined - all for no tangible safety or other benefit to glider pilots. More information about what the CAA proposals really mean to you, full details of how to respond, including suggestions for your responses, and links to various background documents are at <http://www.gliding.co.uk/bgainfo/airspace/transponders.htm>. Responses must be received by the CAA no later than 29th August.

Temporary Restricted Airspace. The list of TRAs most likely to affect gliding operations over the next few months has been updated and can be found at <http://www.gliding.co.uk/bgainfo/airspace/introduction.htm#AICS>. New notices include a list of jet formation display sites, including the Red Arrows, for August to October. Pilots should remember that the BGA web site list is not definitive and that they should check the AIS web site (<http://www.ais.org.uk>) or the AIS Information Line 0500 354802 regularly to ensure that they are aware of air space changes that might affect them, in addition to checking NOTAMs before every flight. Another Red Arrows display had to be abandoned last month because of a glider incursion – this must stop.

G Registrations. A final reminder that exemption from CAA registration for gliders that first flew in the UK between 28/9/2003 and 28/9/2005 ends on 28 September. Owners of these must obtain and display a CAA registration by then – it will be illegal to fly them after 26 Sept otherwise. The CAA has a list of all non-registered gliders in this category. Details of how to register are in BGA AMP Manual leaflet 3-7 (<http://www.gliding.co.uk/bgainfo/technical/ampmanual.htm>).

S England & Wales Chart. The CAA has announced that a new version (Edition 32a) of the 1:500,000 Southern England and Wales chart will be published on 31 August 2006. This is to coincide with the significant changes being brought about by the introduction of the new Bristol/ Cardiff Class D airspace which comes into effect at the same time. Charts are available from the usual stockists.

Child Protection Training. A child protection training, awareness and CRB seminar will be held at Aston Down on Saturday 23rd September (0930 until 1300). The event is ideal for nominated Child Protection leads and deputies as well as club committee members. Two free places per club, thereafter £10 per person. The session is certificated and looks at the issues within gliding for Child protection and the wider society covering legislation, best practice, making a referral and the CRB system. To book, email Phil Burton (pjbconsultancy@aol.com) or telephone 07799 831504 / 01986 895314. Further sessions will be held at Kent GC on 14th October (same times) and Cambridge (date TBA).

2007 Nationals. Dates and venues for next year's nationals have been announced and are on the BGA web site at <http://www.gliding.co.uk/competitions>

Volunteers Wanted. Alison Randle, the BGA Development Officer, is looking for volunteers to join an advisory panel (mainly to provide her with a reality check!) to help her develop the BGA Club Accreditation Scheme. Consultation will mainly be by email and phone, and there may be one or two gatherings for a group consultation. Qualifications - current or recent experience on a gliding club management committee. Please contact Alison by email: alison@gliding.co.uk

National Coach. Simon Adlard has informed us that he intends to step down in November this year. BGA instructor coaching plans for 2007 are currently under review but, in the meantime, Simon remains active as the senior National Coach and has kindly chosen his 'retirement' date to cause minimum disruption.

Ann Welch Memorial Award. A closing date for nominations from BGA member clubs has now been set - 31st October. An application form and further details are at <http://www.gliding.co.uk/bgainfo/documents/annwelchawardf.pdf>. The award is open to those whose activity has made a significant contribution to education and training in Gliding, Hang-gliding and Paragliding and Microlight aviation. This activity will normally be in flying instruction but, exceptionally, may include proven aids in associated subjects such as navigation and meteorology.

World Club Class Championships. Final results from the World Club Class Gliding Championships at Vinon-sur-Verdon are: 1. Sebastian Kawa (POL) - 9129 points, 2. Benjamin Neglais (FRA) – 8733, 3. Petr Krejcirik (CZE) – 8720, 4. Jay Rebbeck (GBR) - 8611, 11. Richard Hood (GBR) – 8389, 28. Luke Rebbeck (GBR) – 6582. More details on the official championship site at <http://www.wgc2006.fr> and on the British team web site at <http://www.glidingteam.co.uk>.

CAA Review Documents. The CAA has published its Strategic Review and its Regulatory Review of General Aviation in the UK. Both documents are available at <http://www.caa.co.uk/default.aspx?categoryid=224&pagetype=87>

Manton & Finmere Microlight Airfields. We have received requests from P&M Aviation at Manton, near Marlborough and from Microflights at Finmere, near Buckingham asking if gliders would try to avoid landing on their strips. P&M's planning permission for the field does not extend to glider movements and they have some neighbours complaining, resulting in the local council serving enforcement. As the airstrip is vital to P&M's business, your assistance would be appreciated. Microflight claim that their permission from the landowner to use their strip does not extend to gliders – they say they will impound any future gliders landing until a release fee of £30 in cash is paid.

GPS Seminar. The Royal Institute of Navigation is holding a seminar at Oxford Airport on Saturday 30 September, entitled GPS: Where is GA Going? Topics will include basic GPS theory and techniques, choosing a GPS set, databases and GPS charting, and GPS let downs. The seminar is aimed at the GA pilot. AFE will be demonstrating a range of equipment. The cost is £30, including lunch. Bookings and details via Colin Hatton (admin@rin.org.uk) or 020 7591 3130.

Winston Churchill Fellowships. The Winston Churchill Memorial Trust seeks applications for their travelling fellowships. Sport is one of the eligible categories for 2007, and applications are sought from those wishing to carry out projects overseas relating to any sports related topic, including the provision of facilities, training, coaching or club organisation. Fellowships are available to UK nationals of all ages. More details from <http://www.wcmt.org.uk>