



Newsletter

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Safety

Red Arrows 2010 Programme. The Red Arrows' 2010 display programme, and the resulting temporary airspace restrictions, will soon be under way. The CAA has published details in Aeronautical Information Circular M024/2010, available at http://www.nats-uk.ead-it.com/aip/current/aic/EG_Circ_2010_M_024_en.pdf Every year a number of displays are infringed by other aircraft, leading to disrupted displays, safety hazards to the Red Arrows and the infringing aircraft, and disappointment for thousands of spectators if the show has to be cancelled. Last year the CAA prosecuted one pilot and issued warnings to two others for infringing a temporary restricted area, which had been put in place for a Red Arrows' display.

Queen's Birthday Flypast. A large flypast of Buckingham Palace, comprising the Battle of Britain Memorial Flight and 27 other aircraft, including the Red Arrows, will take place on Saturday 12th June. The main formation will join up near Southwold and then route Colchester-Fairlop-Buckingham Palace-Northolt-Halton-Brize Norton, with the BBMF routing Waterbeach-Stansted-Fairlop-Buckingham Palace-Northolt-Halton. Transit altitudes will be 1,500-3,000 ft amsl. Pilots flying in these areas should ensure they are aware of the restricted airspace in place for this event. The AIC (Mauve 018/2010) detailing this is at http://www.nats-uk.ead-it.com/aip/current/aic/EG_Circ_2010_M_018_en.pdf

Airworthiness Directives. The following ADs affecting gliders have been issued:
Swift S-1. Crack in the area of control column mount. This Emergency AD requires a one-time inspection of the control column before next flight to detect any cracks or damage and follow-up corrective action(s), depending on findings. See http://www.caa.co.uk/docs/33/easa_ad_2010_0094_E.pdf for full details.
Centrair 101 Pegase. Inspection of rudder bar locking adjustment tube to determine type fitted and for damage by 9 July 2010. If a non-reinforced tube is fitted but not damaged it must be replaced with a reinforced type at next annual inspection but no later than 12 months; if damaged, it must be replaced before further flight. See http://ad.easa.europa.eu/blob/easa_ad_2010_0099.pdf/AD_2010-0099_1

GASIL. The latest edition of the CAA General Aviation Safety Information Leaflet, GASIL, is available at http://www.caa.co.uk/docs/33/srg_gasil04of2010.pdf.

GPS Guide. A CD guide to navigating with GPS has just been released for GA pilots. The disc highlights the benefits and the limitations of using GPS technology as a navigational aid. Produced by the CAA through the Airspace & Safety Initiative the CD explains how GPS works and the dangers of over-reliance on it. CDs will be made available to the GA community during the summer at air shows and content

will also shortly be available on the ASI website, www.airspacesafety.com. Pilots unable to wait that long are encouraged to contact the CAA directly for a free copy.

GA Safety Evenings. The Civil Aviation Authority has contracted the General Aviation Safety Council (GASCo) to deliver the General Aviation Safety Evening programme over the winter months of 2010/11. Flying Clubs and Associations wishing to host a Safety Evening in the future should contact GASCo - www.gasco.org.uk

Regulatory

SERA. Eurocontrol has published a draft summary of responses document which indicates a wholesale rejection of the responses submitted by general aviation and air sports bodies across Europe to the Single European Rules of the Air (SERA) consultation. Eurocontrol plans to discuss the outcome of the consultation at a workshop on the 3rd June. UK air sports will be represented by the RAeC representative, John Brady, an airspace expert within the GA Alliance. John, a former glider pilot, recently retired airline pilot and current powered pilot, has received inputs from all air sports including, of course, the BGA. Air sports will be represented at European level by two board members of Europe Air Sports. Eurocontrol plan to update their summary of responses document following the workshop. The BGA is currently reserving judgement until we have been fully briefed after the workshop by the RAeC and EAS representatives, and after we have reviewed the revised summary of responses. Further information will follow.

NPPL Application Forms. New application forms for the National Private Pilots Licence (NPPL) are available at <http://www.nationalprivatepilotslicence.co.uk>

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BGA Forms. Clubs and members are reminded again, before submitting any form to the BGA office, to always download the latest version from the website - <http://www.gliding.co.uk/bgainfo/onlineforms.htm>. Please do not keep stocks of commonly used forms as these do change from time to time. Also, when posting anything to the office, please ensure that you use the correct postage, bearing in mind the size of the envelope. Incorrect postage costs us penalty charges and can delay receipt of your item by anything up to three weeks.

Competitions

Anti-Doping Information. After protracted correspondence with UK Anti-Doping, air sports have now been included on the website which provides information on the status of various medicines and substances for particular sports. The website is Global Drug Reference Online at <http://www.globaldro.com>