



Newsletter

March 2011

Safety

Red Arrows Dates. The first set of dates and the associated restricted airspace for 2011 Red Arrows displays has been published. March events are scheduled for Kirton-in-Lindsey, Waddington, Barkston Heath, Linton-on-Ouse and Valley. As always, it is imperative that pilots familiarise themselves with airspace arrangements and make certain that they do not penetrate this airspace. Full details are in AIC 009/2011 (Mauve) at http://www.nats-uk.ead-it.com/aip/current/aic/EG_Circ_2011_M_009_en.pdf

Birmingham, E Midlands and Daventry Control Area Altimeter Setting Changes. From 10 March, the Transition Altitude applicable within these three CTAs will become 6000ft amsl. In addition, although no new controlled airspace will be created, the Daventry CTA will be redefined to include the airways either side of the extant Daventry CTA. As a consequence of these changes, airspace bases in the affected regions currently defined as Flight Levels at or below FL60 will in future be defined as the corresponding altitude (e.g. FL60 becomes 6000ft). This may reduce our operating band on high pressure, soaring days. Full details are in AIC 004/2011 (Yellow) available at http://www.nats-uk.ead-it.com/aip/current/aic/EG_Circ_2011_Y_004_en.pdf

New LOA. A new letter of agreement covering crossing a section of P18 near Newcastle airport has been added to the BGA web site. The letter is at <http://www.gliding.co.uk/bgainfo/airspace/loas/p18.pdf>

GASIL. The latest edition of the CAA General Aviation Safety Information Leaflet (GASIL) is available at <http://www.caa.co.uk/docs/33/20110211GASIL201101.pdf>

Anemometer Masts. We understand that anemometer masts have been erected in a number of areas proposed for use as future windfarms. Others have been erected adjacent to but outside current windfarm boundaries. These masts are relatively thin, and can be difficult to pick out from the air. Being less than 300 feet high, they are not required to be lit, or marked on CAA charts, nor to be subject to NOTAM. Be vigilant in unfamiliar areas if you are less than 500ft above ground level.

BGA

BGA Course For The CAA FI(SLMG) Rating. Details have now been finalised for the 2011 ground school element of this course which will be held at the BGA HQ (Leicester) from midday Friday 1st April until 4pm Monday 4th. Details from Andy Miller, SRE(Motor Gliders) 01249 821 031

Assistant Instructor Courses. There are just 8 places left on 2011 Assistant Instructor courses. Details of availability are at <http://www.gliding.co.uk/bgainfo/bgacourses.htm>

Club Management Training. Another club management training course is scheduled at Nympsfield on Saturday 12th March (0930-1330). The training is designed for current club committee members or people who may become committee members in the future. The training is grant funded from Sport England. More details are at <http://www.gliding.co.uk/bgainfo/clubmanagement/documents/2011trg.pdf> and a booking form is at <http://www.gliding.co.uk/bgainfo/clubmanagement/documents/2011trgbkfrm.doc>

Competitions

Nationals Entries. The Nationals Entry Lists are now available. Entrants are reminded that the new payment regulations allow the organising club to charge an additional £15 for late deposit payers and £25 for balances paid later than the required 8 weeks prior to the event. Details are at www.glidering.co.uk/bgashop/applications/competitions/notes.htm A current FAI Sporting Licence is required to compete; this may be applied for at www.glidering.co.uk/failicence Places are currently available in each of the Nationals. Enter at www.glidering.co.uk/nationalsentry

Female Sponsorship. Shenington GC and Melissa Jenkins of Onglide are collaborating to offer free entry to the Shenington Regionals (6-14 August) for one female pilot early in her competition career. The sponsorship will cover the entry fee to the competition only (worth £195). All other costs will be the responsibility of the competitor. Prospective candidates should Email Alan Langlands (adlanglands@virgin.net) giving a brief outline of their gliding career to date along with any other information they feel is relevant in support of their candidacy. Anyone with questions about this initiative can also contact Alan. Applications should be sent no later than March 31st. More details are at <http://www.glidering.co.uk/bgainfo/womensgliding.htm>

Airsports TV. This web TV channel is currently featuring an interesting feature on the Szeged world championships last year (flapped classes). You can watch at <http://www.airports.tv/index.asp?bcpid=4552242001&bckey=AQ~~,AAAAAE58wYM~,iFswegpAUvoMHLTWqp-ssg4F69dkjmhV&bclid=1338935516&bctid=761812716001>

Juniors

Junior Championships. The dates of the Junior Championships have changed and will now take place at Aston Down on 23-31 July. If you will be under 26 on 31 Dec 2011, you are eligible to enter. You must have a silver badge and FAI Sporting Licence to fly in the competition; however, you don't need to have them at the time of entry, as long as you complete them before the competition (should you be offered a place). More details at <http://www.glidering.co.uk/bgainfo/competitions/news.htm>

Reduced Entry Fees. Following the announcement of reduced entry fees for juniors at the Husbands Bosworth and Bicester regionals, Dunstable are also offering reduced fees (£90) for their regionals at the end of August. Links to all the competition sites are on the BGA competition calendar at <http://www.glidering.co.uk/bgainfo/competitions/calendar.htm>

Royal Aero Club Trust Bursaries. The deadline is fast approaching for glider pilots between 16 and 21 looking to advance their air sport qualifications to apply for bursaries worth up to £1000 from the Royal Aero Club Trust. Applications for the bursaries by the RAeC Trust must be received by the BGA no later than 24 March 2011. Applicants must be UK citizens, resident in the UK. Full details, terms & conditions and an application form are available on the Royal Aero Club Trust web site, <http://www.royalaeroclubtrust.org>

General

VFR Chart Publication. The latest 1:500,000 VFR chart covering S England and Wales will be published on 10 March. The chart will be available from the usual stockists.