



Newsletter

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Safety

Revised Danger Area RT Phraseology. The CAA has announced revised phraseology for pilots wishing to access information about the status of danger area activities. The information is contained in CAP493, available at <http://www.caa.co.uk/docs/33/CAP493SupplementaryInstruction200912.pdf>

Mansion House Flypast. A flypast over central London by three Tornados will take place on 14 November. The aircraft will depart RAF Marham and hold over Southwold before proceeding via Clacton to central London. After flying past Mansion House, the formation will turn, returning to RAF Marham via Brookmans Park and Barkway. The transit altitudes will be between 1500ft and 3000ft amsl, with the formation departing the Southwold Hold at 3,000ft amsl. Full details are at <http://www.gliding.co.uk/documents/2009110022ACN10FlypastMansionHouseTornado.pdf>. A chart showing the route is at <http://www.gliding.co.uk/documents/2009110022ACN10FlypastMansionHouseTornadoAnnexA.pdf>

Bogus UK AIP Auctions. The CAA is currently investigating allegations that versions of the UK Aeronautical Information Publication (AIP) and its constituent elements, including Aeronautical Information Circulars, are being offered for sale as a CD via an online auction website. As well as being available online, the genuine UK AIP is available on a CD produced by National Air Traffic Services (NATS). The CDs being offered at auction appear to have been compiled from earlier versions of the UK AIP and are not considered as current. The UK AIP is the prime official source of safety information on UK airspace and airports and is updated every 28 days. The latest official version of the full UK AIP is available free of charge online at www.ais.org.uk

Regulatory

Report on Impact of Proposed IMC Restrictions. The BGA has published its report on the impact that the changes to IMC glider flying proposed in EASA NPA 2008-17b would have. The implications are very significant to UK glider flights. The report is at http://www.gliding.co.uk/bgainfo/documents/imc_survey.pdf and a supplement containing detailed responses to the survey received from member clubs that provided the information for the report is at http://www.gliding.co.uk/bgainfo/documents/imc_responses.pdf. The BGA would like to thank all of the clubs who responded to the survey.

Transition Update. Owners wishing to transition gliders to EASA C of A and ARC after 28th September 2009 should note new procedures, forms and fees. Please visit EASA C of A Transition at www.gliding.co.uk/bgainfo/technical/easa/downloads.htm for the latest details.

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Chairmens Conference. We are still able to take a few last minute bookings for the 2009 Chairmen's Conference and Treasurers' Forum where many aspects of club management will be discussed and you will have a chance to network with other pilots who run gliding clubs. This event is moving back from the spring to its original autumn place in the calendar. We expect it to remain an autumn event for the next few years. Details and booking forms are available from the BGA website at <http://www.gliding.co.uk/bgainfo/documents/cclet09.pdf> and <http://www.gliding.co.uk/bgainfo/documents/ccconf09book.doc> respectively.

2010 BGA Conference. Following on from the success of this year's conference, the 2010 BGA Annual Conference promises to be even more inspirational and aspirational. As ever, this annual event is free to attend and offers something for everyone, from club officers to competition and aerobatic pilots to instructors and club volunteers. Enjoy presentations from some of our leading pilots, see the upgraded BGA simulator, and browse around the many exhibition stands. Come and see some of the latest gliders on display or find a quiet corner to catch up with like-minded friends over coffee. Make a weekend of it and bring your partner, take advantage of the hotel facilities, including new Technogym equipment, an indoor heated swimming pool, sauna, solarium and steam room and a wide selection of beauty massage & beauty treatments. Then finish the day off with a ticket to what has become the highlight of the conference...don the posh gear and join us for the Annual Awards Ceremony and Dinner, a full evening of entertainment with a 3 course dinner and the chance to let your hair down. Details and a booking form will appear shortly on the BGA web site.

FI(SLMG) Course. Places are available on the next BGA FI(SLMG) course. This qualification permits a motor glider instructor to teach for the NPPL, conduct differences training and do the flight with an instructor now required for licence revalidation. Details are in Laws & Rules and on the BGA web site at <http://www.gliding.co.uk/bgainfo/instructors/motorgliding.htm> The format will be the same as in previous years: a 4 day ground school 22nd to 25th Jan (probably at Hus Bos) followed by 5hrs flying arranged with individual candidates. Details are available from Andy Miller, BGA SRE(Motor Gliders) 01249 821 031 or andy@asmiller.freeserve.co.uk

Chief Engineer / ARC Signatory Training Seminar. A seminar has been arranged for Sunday 13th December 2009 at Lasham for inspectors who wish to become ARC signatories and where there is a genuine geographical need. The minimum requirements: you must have held a BGA Inspector authorisation for at least 3 years and have another 4 years experience in aircraft continued airworthiness (7 years total). Space is limited and this will probably be the last seminar for some time. Please apply to the BGA CTO - cto@gliding.co.uk indicating where the requirement for an ARC signatory is located.

Child Protection Awareness Training. Four BGA Child Protection Awareness seminars, offering free training, will be held on the following dates: 22 November (Husbands Bosworth), 10 January (Bristol area), 28 February (Newcastle area), 14 March (High Wycombe area). Sessions run from 1000-1300 and will be given by the BGA Child Protection Lead, Philip Burton. The training is ideal for club Child Protection leads and deputies as well as club committee members and CFIs. 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 your free place, please email debbie@gliding.co.uk The deadline for bookings is 8 days before each event. More details, including venue information and alternative sources of training will follow soon.

General

VGC Rally 2010. Information about the 2010 International Vintage Glider Club Rally which is being held at the Norfolk Gliding Club, Tibenham can be found at <http://vgc2010.norfolkglidingclub.com/>

GAAC Workshop on Wind Turbines. The General Aviation Awareness Council (GAAC) is holding a workshop at the Royal Aeronautical Society at 11am on 12 November to explore the potential impact of the Government's stated intention to install 6,000 wind-turbines on the safe operation of airfields. The BGA will be represented at the event. Those interested in protecting their airfield are invited to attend the workshop where there will be presentations by planning experts, policy makers and those involved in wind-turbine developments. Briefing-packs will be provided to guide aircraft owners and airfield operators interested in establishing sound arguments to ensure that the development of unsafe installations is prevented. You may apply for a place at the workshop by e-mailing your name, association and/or personal involvement in General Aviation to info@gaac.org.uk or by phoning GAAC on 020 7670 4501.

RAeS Conference. The Royal Aeronautical Society is holding a one day conference, entitled Design Methods and Tools for Light Aircraft, on Tuesday 24 November. The event is designed to be of interest to amateur and professional aircraft designers, university students and lecturers, as well as those with an interest in the technical development of light aircraft. More details and a booking form are on the RAeS web site at <http://www.raes.org.uk/conference/indexconf.html>

Met Course. Lasham is running its Advanced Met for Glider Pilots course again in 2010. The two day practical course is designed to meet the specific needs of glider pilots who want to take their understanding of soaring weather further. The cost is £100 and dates for 2010 are 23/24 January and 20/21 February. For more details please contact the Lasham Office on 01256 384900 or office@lasham.org.uk. Please note that this course assumes a reasonable level of meteorological knowledge, and is unsuitable for anyone who has not yet passed the bronze theory paper or equivalent.

Future Airspace Policy. The CAA has published a document entitled Airspace for Tomorrow which describes the background to and the objectives of its Future Airspace Strategy (FAS). FAS, which will address airspace needs up to 2030, is being developed as a programme over the next 12 to 18 months and will, the CAA claims, allow a more joined up and proactive approach to the development of airspace arrangements. The document is available at <http://www.caa.co.uk/docs/7/20091103%20Airspace%20for%20Tomorrow%20final%20version.pdf>