



Scottish Airsports Club

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Forthcoming Events

Sunday 12th September - Aerotow Club meeting

Meet at 4pm at the airfield, meeting to be held in the Lion & Unicorn pub, Thornhill. Unlike the last meeting, this one WILL go ahead! Microlight members welcome.

February 5th - 12th 2005 - Annual Lanzarote Hanggliding trip

Get your payment to Andy a.s.a.p!

912 Tug Update

Our new 912 tug was rather poorly recently, with the engine running unevenly and a flat battery after the instrument panel was accidentally left switched on. However all is now well again. The battery has been charged up, and we should have a brand new one very shortly. Also, Allan Huntly in his role of Tugmaster gave the engine a service with a new set of spark plugs and an oil change and it's now running smoothly and better than ever.

Senior Aerotow Coach Vacancy

After Donald's resignation, we need to appoint a new Senior Aerotow Coach or two or three. The good news is we hope to get Allan Huntly, Bob Dunthorn and Andy McLaughlin through the 2-day course which will allow them all to become Senior Aerotow Coaches. We have contacted Mark Dale of the B.H.P.A. hope to get our first qualification signed off before the end of September.

Grass Cutting

Grass cutting is a regular chore for us at the airfield, and previously a lot of the cutting was done by Donald. However, Allan Huntly's new microlighting partner Peter has a big tractor with an even bigger rotary grass cutter and has offered to take over some of the work cutting the grass for us. Thanks, Peter! In addition, Andy kindly game me some basic tractor tuition recently, so hopefully I can help out a bit too on the Thornhill tractor.

Hang Gliding Instruction

Andy has recently spoken to Stuart Bond, an experienced hang gliding instructor from England, and we are hoping to get him up to Thornhill to run some hang gliding instruction courses using our facilities. So if any of you microlight pilots want to learn to hang glide and find out how to have a good time, watch this space!

Tug Pilots Wanted!

If any of you microlight pilots don't quite have the bottle to learn to hang glide, but do fancy being able to fly the 912 tug for free (with a hang glider attached!), speak to Allan Huntly, Andy or myself. Being a tug pilot is fun and not too difficult to learn. It won't cost you anything to learn, and it may just be the new challenge you've been looking for.

Glider For Sale

I spotted the following advert on www.skyads.co.uk:

Icaro Laminar MR700. Low airtime approx 50hrs. 2002 model. Superb handling topless glider with performance in excellent condition. Clip in weight 75-110kgs. Comes with xc and heavy duty bag, manual, batten pro, 2 spare uprights. Email for more info. Midlands area.

After checking the e-mail address I realised that my old glider is back on the market again and at only £1900 it's an absolute bargain! I'm surprised it's back up for sale because the new owner e-mailed me to say how pleased he was. However I did tell him it was too big for me before he bought it, and given that he weighs about the same as I do, I guess he maybe decided that it was too big for him. So if you clip in at over 90kg and want a really lovely glider, snap it up now before it's too late!

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