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Forthcoming Events

Italian Open Hang Gliding Championship 2008 Palazzago, Bergamo - 30th April - 4th May

This year the usual Bergamo Hang gliding Trophy (Trofeo Internazionale dell'Isola) has become the Italian Open Hang Gliding Championship. The Championship is open to foreign pilots. The event will take place on 30th April through 4th May in Palazzago, near Bergamo. Launch points will be Monte Linzone (1400 mt) and Monte Farno (1250 m) in Val Gandino. The landing place will be the usual landing field in Palazzago, near Bergamo.

Pilots who have never had the chance to fly over the Orobic Prealps could try this nice fly area. Landscape varies from plains to mountains, from alpine valleys to milder hills. You can easily fly over Lecco Lake to the West and try to reach Brescia towards east. In summer 2007 our pilots Fabrizio Giustranti and Marco Cereda took off from Monte Farno, flew 210 and 180 kms and reached Austria. At last, the competition will be an occasion to share five pleasant days with pilots and friends. We hope you'll join us at the Italian Open Hang Gliding Championship 2008!!

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Summer Solstice Microlight Fly-in at Strathaven Airfield - 7th and 8th June.

From Sue: "I've just received notice of an invitation from the Scottish Flying Club to everyone to fly-in to their 'Summer Solstice Microlight Fly-in' at Strathaven Airfield on the 7th and 8th June. There will be no landing fees, a BBQ and bar, camping, fuel run to local garage, fly-out to Bute, and spot landing competition. Please use Safetycom 135.47, and watch for non-radio traffic and paramotors. For more information, tel. Colin MacKinnon on 07979 971301."

Triple X Free Flying Festival - 20th - 22nd June

Website: <http://www.leavesleyaviation.com/>
Info on the venue: <http://www.walcothall.com/>
Where: Walcott Hall, Lydbury North, close to the Long Mynd

Thermalling - easier than you thought

The following advice comes from the Oz Report:

"If you are in a turn and you hit some lift your nose naturally rises up if you are not holding on hard to the base tube. The high performance gliders are for the most part tuned to wrap in when you push out or increase your angle of attack. The glider will automatically turn more in the direction that you are turning already (wrap up) as its nose is pushed up by rising air. It turns when it encounters lift. Oleg Bondarchuk once told Kevin Carter, 'just let the glider find the core.'"

So now I know my mistake - I was trying to apply some skill. No wonder it didn't work.



Thermalling - no brain required

Scottish Hanggliding and Paragliding Federation

The SHPF is simply the "getting together" of all the Scottish Clubs to form a National Federation. This provides a number of advantages, not least that we get grant funding from SportScotland to subsidise training of Coaches, and Pilot development, and Safety Initiatives. The SHPF is also represented (when required) via the Scottish Sports Association, in lobbying Government on issues which involves flying (eg - We got Hang gliding and Paragliding specifically included in the Access Code of the Land Reform Bill - while it was excluded in England)

Members of the Aerotow Club have benefited from training as Club Coaches, have thrown their reserves at the Ratho Repack day, and one is about to sit their AP Rating - all at SHPF subsidised events. The SHPF membership costs £5 per member which each Club pays at the beginning of the year.

The Scottish Aerotow Club was previously a member of the SHPF, but for some unknown reason our membership lapsed a few years ago. We have therefore decided to rejoin this year. Colin Harrison recently went to the AGM, but missed it when he couldn't find the hotel. However he brought back the following news:

1. If anyone wants to organise a First Aid course then SHPF will pay for it probably.
2. The gigantic Scottish HG Open trophy (too big to carry) can be awarded if someone wants to organise a HG competition. This is for hill flying rather than aerotowing.

Flying and Cooking - a natural combination

It seems that someone at ITV reckon that pilots make good cooks (no wonder their ratings are going down the pan), so they sent me the following:

"Hello, my name is Mark and I work for ITV. I'm looking for amateur cooks for my programme Britain's Best Dish and thought that someone at the club would be interested in taking part. We are making a new series of the programme and are looking for people interested in cookery to take part.

'Britain's Best Dish' is a contest to find Britain's very own best starter, main course and dessert. We are looking for ordinary people (i.e. people who aren't head chefs with years of experience behind them) to cook their signature dishes and enter them into the mix. The overall winner receives the ultimate accolade of 'Britain's Best Dish' and receives a £10,000 cash prize. I'm looking for people from all over the UK but especially in Scotland.

Thank you in advance for your help; and do let me know if you would like to put any family, friends or colleagues forward for the programme.

Many Thanks

Mark Butcher"

Auditions for Scotland are on 18th May at the Assembly Rooms in Edinburgh, and you can phone Mark on 0207 157 4804

BRITAIN'S BEST DISH



2008 AUDITIONS

What's YOUR signature dish?
Do you cook an original, mouth-watering **STARTER, MAIN-COURSE**
or **PUDDING** which you believe is a recipe for success?

**Come and "pitch your dish" to a panel of top chefs
and food critics at one of ITV's nationwide auditions for
Britain's Best Dish 2008**
The television talent show for Britain's best
amateur chefs with **BIG CASH PRIZES FOR WINNERS.**

NATIONWIDE AUDITIONS

<p>COVENTRY Sunday 20th April NEWCASTLE Saturday 26th April NORWICH Saturday 3rd May LONDON Saturday 10th May EDINBURGH Sunday 18th May BRISTOL Saturday 24th May LIVERPOOL Saturday 31st May LONDON Saturday 7th June</p>	<p>St. Mary's Guildhall, Bayley Lane, Coventry, CV1 5RR Newcastle United FC, St James' Park, Newcastle Upon Tyne, NE1 4ST Epic TV, 112-114 Magdalen Street, Norwich, NR3 1JD Glaziers Hall, 9 Montague Close, London Bridge, London, SE1 9DD The Assembly Rooms, 54 George Street, Edinburgh, EH2 2LR Watershed, 1 Canon's Road, Harbourside, Bristol, BS1 5TX St George's Hall, William Brown street, Liverpool, L1 1JJ Glaziers Hall, 9 Montague Close, London Bridge, London, SE1 9DD</p>	
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All auditions will be filmed

Please register your details on our phone line 09011 22 33 11
Or email bestdish@itv.com

Calls cost 25p from a BT landline. Calls from other networks and mobile operators may be higher.
Lines close on the 7th June 2008 at midday. ITV cannot guarantee that all applicants will be called back.
Terms and conditions available at itv.com/terms.

Airfield news

The perfo is all laid, so many thanks to all those who helped. Hopefully it will mean the runways are almost always useable.



Sue has also asked members to ensure that all gliders and FLPAs are clearly labelled with the owner's name and to help tidy up and throw away any unwanted items from the hangar.

Mode S Consultation

Bob recently went to the CAA Mode S Consultation meeting at Portmoak and sent the following report:

"So I went to the CAA Transponder meeting yesterday. Present were myself for the Hangies, 3 Paras including a rogue para from Tayside, plus a lot of sailplane pilots. Having completed Mode S consultation phase 1, last night's presentation was to discuss the phase 2 proposals. The BHPA is already well represented by the likes of Tom Hardie, but what came out of last night's effort was the need for individual pilots of all disciplines to respond directly to the CAA consultation process, so here are some web sites to look at: www.caa.co.uk/consultations and www.caa.co.uk/modes.

It should be noted that 1 proposal is to limit free flight to flight level 100. That might not be too draconian for us, but the Glider pilots would be unhappy. At present there is no hardware available to fit a transponder to a H.G. or a Para, even if you could afford the estimated £2000 to £60000 cost. The units will likely be transferable to another aircraft; which will appeal to the Paras since their wings seem to change by the season?

Remember, if you have an opinion about the regulation of free airspace, then read the CAA bumff and let them know what YOU think."

The BHPA have also asked the CAA to send CD presentations to clubs, and I've got 8 CDs which I'll put in the hangar when I'm next passing. I've also put the main consultation document in the Downloads section of the Scottish Airsports Website. In this 28-page document, the CAA propose 4 possible options, of which any number could be implemented. These are:

- 1) Mandatory transponder carriage within all controlled (A-E) airspace.
- 2) Implement a formal process to establish transponder mandatory zones
- 3) Include gliders in all SSR transponder carriage regulations
- 4) Meet international obligations on SSR transponder carriage

To find out more about these options and how to give your views to the CAA, see the document on the website. Consultation ends on 31st May 2008, so don't hang about!

YouTube Favourites

How to end an argument

Nothing to do with flying, but amusing none the less

http://cts.vresp.com/c/?CrossCountry/1def6c0c74/e18cec01c8/d35e948e7f/v=J9KPR_YpuN0&feature=related

Bad Sunday afternoon

Flying a paraglider is a bad idea at the best of times...

<http://cts.vresp.com/c/?CrossCountry/1def6c0c74/e18cec01c8/c51e229753/v=6MgoY1zO5wg&feature=related>

Bluetooth fun

Again, nothing to do with flying

<http://cts.vresp.com/c/?CrossCountry/1def6c0c74/e18cec01c8/f0c7c18088/v=2QawYoignHI&feature=related>

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