



## August 2012

### This Month's Meeting

This month will see the last of the regular Wednesday evening fly-ins as the evenings draw in. Given the chance it may be possible to fit one more in at the beginning of September if the weather is favourable.

### Quote of the Month

"If you're faced with a forced landing, fly the thing as far into the crash as possible".— *Bob Hoover*

### Fly-in Reports

**25th July - Over Farm** - by Dick Osler

The weather has finally relented and allowed us a fly-in. This was one of those impromptu ones that was arranged at the last minute, because we had become conditioned to expect the weather to remain unflyable!



*Not a Pilot in sight - they're all BBQing!*

A return to Over Farm was the venue, and due to Over probably being the "hub" of the majority of our flying club members it was not expected to have a large number of visiting aircraft. We

ended up with 14, which though sounding a bit disappointing, if you add the drive-in members who turned up and resident members at Over it was a very successful evening. John and Monica put on the buffet, and as usual, it was the cordon bleu spread that we associate with John and Monica's hospitality. Needless to say, it was polished off with great gusto by club members.



*A busy Steve Sykes!*

Busiest pilot of the night was Steve Sykes who tirelessly flew club members and their relatives around the block for several sorties – thanks Steve. He actually managed to fly Sarah at the end of the evening just as the sun was starting to go down! Another great club evening. Once again, thanks to John, Monica and Steve. Looking forward to the next one!

**1st August** - Cancelled! Yet another Wednesday evening goes by without a chance of flying. The British weather is living up to its reputation.

**8th August - Oxlease, Hawling** - by Dick Osler

Hopefully, this will not be the last fly-in of this season. If this turns out to be the case however, it would be a fantastic note on which to end the fly-in season. We had 19 aircraft turn up at Chris Ball's strip at Oxlease, and although this is far short of the maximum we have had this year, it was a fabulous evening.



Thinking back to the long dark nights of winter and (when the summer did eventually arrive) it was dismal with repetitive showers interspersed with the odd bit of sunshine. This was one of those old fashioned summer evenings when the winds were light and the evening was clear and warm.

Once again, Chris did us proud with a lovely BBQ and waist-expanding goodies. The view around the area is simply breathtaking. We had a visitor from Upper Heyford (G-POOH) an immaculate Piper J-3C-65 Cub, complete with bear!



**Piper Cub G-POOH**

We were obviously an item of interest from the military, after being overflown by a Merlin helicopter. We thought that the occupants would set down and come

across for a burger. However, perhaps they thought we may have been the Cotswold chapter of al Qaeda planning a terrorist attack! Several impromptu fly-by's followed the dispersal after the BBQ. Excitement, especially when (mentioning no names) a certain Eurostar disappeared from view behind the trees on the approach after running through the centre-line. Hey ho! No harm done! Thanks Chris for your generous hospitality. Very much appreciated.

Fingers crossed, see you at the next one.

*(Editor's Note:- Bruce Morgan should, perhaps, assume the role of Club archivist since he regularly takes a group photo at every fly-in. Below are his photos of attendees at the Over Farm and Oxlease fly-Ins.)*



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