



Wednesday evening Fly-ins

The regular fly-ins will be announced by e-mail as in previous years a day or so before the event. Watch your Inbox for details of the venue and any special instructions. If in doubt contact Andy on 07852 606606 or Alan on 07906 072902

Quote of the Month

"It is hard enough for anyone to map out a course of action and stick to it, particularly in the face of the desires of one's friends; but it is doubly hard for an aviator to stay on the ground waiting for just the right moment to go into the air."
— Glenn Curtiss

Internet

We often hear about the volume of air traffic and the "one a minute" take offs and landings at places like Heathrow but do we really appreciate what it looks like when seen on a map? Adrian Peatman sent in a link which tracks all aircraft movements in the world and it does make you realise how crowded the skies are. Another feature is that by clicking on individual aircraft you can see details of their altitude, speed and track as well as the aircraft type. Go to this link to see what is happening in real time.
<http://www.flightradar24.com/53.06,-5.82/7>

Safety

As this newsletter is being put together the weather is very summer-like and the forecast is for some more of the same in the weeks to come. Hopefully all pilots will have given their aircraft a good pre-season "once over" and done any essential maintenance. However, think about your flying skills and whether they might have got a bit rusty in the past months. Don't be too ambitious in the first few flights and have safety in mind. Over confidence is just as lethal as low confidence. Have fun but do it responsibly.

Fly-in Reports

7th May - Cancelled as the weather was uncooperative!

14th May - Colliers Elm (Bulley)

My First Fly In by Dave Hineson

Despite having my licence for nearly 3 years I am still very much a novice pilot. I had duly purchased a Pegasus Q soon after passing my GST and although I am fortunate to have free hangarage and landing fees, the down side is that I am the only microlight at my airfield (Colerne). Consequently I had no one to guide me and nurture my fledgling flying experience. Nor did I have help with the few minor problems I had with my aircraft. This all added up to my becoming less and less

confident in my abilities and also a lack of faith in my machine. My flying for the first 2 years had been pretty restricted to circuits and the local area within approx 5 miles of the airfield.

One day I happened to pop into the Flying Shack where I met a fellow flex pilot and owner of a nice shiny Quik R. I decided to befriend the chap in the hope that he may take me flying with him. His name is Alan Coulon. However, soon after Alan and I became friends he promptly sold his Quik! So my cunning plan had failed at the first hurdle!

I decided to invite Alan to fly with me with my ulterior motive being - if something happened in flight then hopefully at least one of us would be able to get help!

Alan then encouraged me to attend the SVMC meetings and join the Club.

He has accompanied me quite a few times over the last few months and my confidence has grown steadily to the point where I now find flying exciting again.

The pinnacle of this was yesterday evening when I attended my first ever Club fly in. I had the confidence to take off from Colerne and navigate to Bulley and land safely (Although I did 2 go arounds!)

My route included talking on the radio to Colerne Tower, Bristol Radar, Gloucester



Approach and blind calls on Safety Com. This was something Alan encouraged as I had never really spoken to anyone on previous flights (I have passed my RT but never used it)

Thank you to SVMC and Alan Coulon!



(Editor's comment:- The above two photos appear to show a new way of getting a field ploughed free of charge - just organise a fly-in!!)

28th May - Jet Age Museum, Gloucestershire Airport This is **advance notice** and details will be confirmed nearer the date weather permitting.

Dates for your Diary

24th - 25th May Halfpenny Green (EGBO), **Wings & Wheels Fly-in.** Second World War re-enactors, encampments, displays, vehicles. Evening dance. For information call

01384 221378, for hangar dance tickets
call 01384 221350

30th May – 1st June Sywell - **Aero-EROExpo**. More information at www.expo.aero/uk

1st – 6th April USA - **Sun 'n Fun**, Lakeland, Florida. Information at www.sun-n-fun.org

20th – 29th June [Somewhere in the Midlands](#), **Fly UK**. Will visit Land's End and John O'Groats. Raising funds for Children with Cancer. Register at www.fly-uk.org.

28th July – 3rd August USA - **Airventure**, Oshkosh, Wisconsin. More information at www.airventure.org

2nd – 3rd August Lundy Island, **Anglo Welsh Fly-in**. Tug o' War between the two nations on the island. Contact Pete White 01752 406660 or 07805 805679 or pete@aeronca.co.uk

9th – 16th August Hungary - World Microlight Championships, Dunaújvaros. More information at www.fai.org/microlight-and-paramotor

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Sad News

Just as Airscrew was going to press news was received that Jim Taylor died on 16th May. As a long standing member of the Club he was known to many members and built a number of aircraft. Further details of funeral arrangements will be circulated in due course. He will be sadly missed.

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