



June 2013

Wednesday Evening Fly-ins

Notification as usual on Tuesday by e-mail from Myron with location details.

Quote of the Month

"A pilot must have a memory developed to absolute perfection. But there are two higher qualities which he also must have. He must have good and quick judgment and decision, and a cool, calm courage that no peril can shake." — *Mark Twain*

Fly-in Reports

8th and 15th May Cancelled due to weather

Eastbach 22nd May

by Myron Burak
Before I went on holiday, I lined up Bruce and Wendy et al at Eastbach to host the fly in on the 22nd May. On my return a phone call yielded that all was ready, grass cut and burgers bought. Over the weekend the weather looked favourable as well, with a light to moderate north easterly. However, as the new week unfolded, the wind turned to north west, not an ideal direction for Eastbach. Do I hold it or do I cancel. Well, the previous two fly ins had been cancelled and the weather was actually forecast to be quite good. I've never taken a relative risk with a fly in before so I thought we'd give it a go.

All looked good at Over when I arrived and several planes were being prepared.

I would fly alone as Stephen was laid up with a stomach bug. A phone call to Bruce confirmed it was right across 06, about 12 mph. This should be interesting. On the way over I flew some 360's to assess wind strength and direction. NW definitely but strength was not bad at all. Reassured I descended for Eastbach. The approach was straight forward with little correction needed for the cross wind. Eastbach's web site warns about sink over the threshold of 06, so I was not totally surprised when this occurred. A slightly more determined flare than I usually do to take into account the upslope and I was safely down.

After taxiing in, I was then greeted with the usual warm welcome from the Eastbach crew. What a lovely bunch they are. So it was with burger in hand that I awaited further arrivals. After a while, Jim, Phil, Bruce and Pat and myself were swapping accounts of the landings we'd had. Basically a bit of extra care prevented any problems. But where were the rest. After a while, a GA type came in, a Maule, owned by Mike Lewis, one time owner of Eastbach. His family were having a birthday party at the field, which added to the fun. A little while later Tony Atwell arrived in his Shadow from Kemys Commander. And that was all, however many people came in by road. So many in fact that the total attendance was on a par with the numbers we normally have. It seems a lot of club members decided to bring their

motorbikes as it was a fine evening. So thanks to all who came by road, you helped make the evening a success.

We usually get a good spread at Eastbach and this evening was no exception. And the hospitality was well up to par as well. Thanks to all at Eastbach for your hard work. Also, I'm very pleased to announce that £120 was raised by the club for the Air Ambulance.

It was good to see that club members made their own decision on the suitability of the conditions. I went out on a limb a bit on this one and I think it showed me that I should return to the more cautious approach when calling a club fly in.'

29th May - Cancelled due to weather

5th June - Defford by Bill Austin

A fine evening but with a fairly strong north easterly wind. However, this did not stop members from flying and resulted in a good attendance of mainly fixed wing aircraft. The opposite ends of the spectrum were represented. At the top end was Adrian Lloyd's Alpi 300 with retractable undercarriage. Not to be outdone, Andrew Bill arrived in his single seat Dragonfly which also featured a retractable undercarriage and electric start. Andrew commented that the flight to Defford had seemed rather long against a headwind but he was anticipating that the return flight would



be much quicker!

The barbeque was provided by Dave and Sue Steade who satisfied the ravenous appetites of the many pilots and

passengers demanding sustenance! At the end of the evening a total of £150 had been raised for Clive Porter's charity Mission Aviation Fellowship. Well done to all who attended.



12th June - Cancelled due to weather

Dates for your Diary

20th – 22nd June 2013 – Round Britain Rally. Contact John Moore 07793 756129 or www.cyberstitch.me.com

6th – 7th July – Broadmeadow's Famous Barbeque and Fly-in, Wormelow, Herefordshire. Contact E-mail
info@broadmeadowflyingclub.co.uk or 07887 564170 or 07748 646082

29 July – 4th August 2013 – EAA Air Venture, Oshcosh, Wisconsin. www.eaa.org

6th – 17th August – FAI European Microlight Championships, Kamenica Nad Cirochou. www.fai.org

30th August – 2nd September – LAA Rally, Sywell Airodrome. Contact www.laa.uk.com or 01604 644917

30th November – 1st December – The Flying Show, NEC Birmingham. www.theflyingshow.co.uk

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