

Severn Valley Microlight Club



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This month's meeting – Wednesday 21st September

We return to the Farmers' Club this month for the series of winter meetings until the flying season starts again next year.

We are starting with a talk by Steve Slade and the following should be enough to tempt you to attend. In Steve's own words "My presentation was originally put together for a "Learning at work" day when I was at the MoD Abbeywood and charts microlight development from the viewpoint of my involvement in the sport. I called the presentation "microlight adventures" as it shows how microlight capability has increased over the years from a personal perspective. I cover:-

- * Microlights available at the time I became aware of them in the early 1980's
 - * What influenced my first purchase with Eddie Clapham (single-seat tri-flyer)
 - * Two-seat tri-flyer
 - * Prototype MW6
 - * Rans S6 with 503
 - * G-MIKI
 - Plus
 - * Round Britain Rally's
 - * Kiev to Odessa Rally
 - * Competition flying
 - * Flight to Spain
 - * Flight back from Hungary
 - * Spamfield
 - * Haggisfield
 - * Teddyfield
 - * Landings Record
 - * Plus Orkney this year"
- Miss this one at your peril!

Andrew John

You will all have heard that Andrew John had a flying accident at the end of August. In his own words "Recovery seems positive and is progressing well"

He is very appreciative of all the good wishes and support from the Club. He hopes to be present at the October meeting or at least the November meeting. He's working on it!

Quote of the Month

"More than anything else the sensation is one of perfect peace mingled with an excitement that strains every nerve to the utmost, if you can conceive of such a combination." — *Wilbur Wright*

Safety

For that "heart stopping" moment none of us hope to experience here is something that will definitely help. If you happen to be on your own and get a pain in your chest which also goes up your arm and into your jaw you are probably having a heart attack!

You can help yourself by coughing vigorously and repeatedly. A deep breath should be taken before each cough and must be repeated about every two seconds without let up until help arrives or until the heart is felt to be beating regularly again. Deep breaths get oxygen into the lungs and coughing squeezes the heart to keep it pumping. It could save your life and if you pass this tip on to others it might save their lives as well.

International Bognor Birdman

You may have heard of this annual event in which people attached to a bizarre collection of personally built “aerial machines” jump off a 15 feet long, 35 feet high platform into the sea. It was started in 1971 as a fund raising event by George Abel but soon expanded. Although it is mainly a fun event there is a serious purpose to it.

There are three classes of entries but the premier one is the “Magnificent Flight” class. In this event there is a prize of £25,000 for the first person to fly 100 metres. The regulations state that machines must have a wingspan of less than 30 feet and be powered only by human effort. The present record stands at 89metres.

Why, you may ask, is this of any relevance to us? Well, this year our own Dr Billy Brooks of P & M fame took part in a modified hang glider powered by a seven foot folding propeller. How he fared is not reported – perhaps someone at P & M reading this might like to let the Editor know so that we can congratulate or commiserate!

Fly-ins

It's been a mixed bag of weather but we have been lucky and have had a number of



fly-ins. Much earlier in the year a member sent me a photo of one of these events which I publish here. I assume that this is a typical Club fly-in with not an aircraft in sight and all the glasses are filled with soft fizzy drinks!

Dates for your Diary

1st Oct The Hangbolt Fly-In and BBQ The Control Tower, Long Marston Airfield. This event has been registered on the BMAA web site – no further details available at present

For Sale

Magellan GPS 2000 in perfect working order (rugged, durable, waterproof and build tough!). Complete with the original box, instruction manual and carry case. Also a swivel mount for the same unit for dash mounting in your boat, snowmobile microlight etc.

Takes 4 x AA batteries. It's not a rolling map but it does the job and its full of all the local (and some not so local) landing spots to save you adding them in.

Sensible offers to - Ed Wells on Club Night or 01452 830951 evenings

Kolb Twinstar Mk III G-MYKB 582 Rotax low hours, serious STOL superb visibility, fixed wing, enclosed. Heavy landing now repaired but needs reassembly of perspex, recover of cockpit fabric, respray front cockpit, engine checkover and all rubber eg engine hoses, tyres. All complete with tailor made trailer fully enclosed for transport and hangerage (wings fold and push/winch in) c/w radio, headsets, full build drawings & plans. Cost new £14,000 – Offers to Doug Young Tel 01594 810410

Title Photo

This month's featured aircraft is the immaculately finished Sky Ranger of Jim Taylor.

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