



January 2017

A Happy New Year to All our Readers

This Month's Meeting - Wednesday 18th January - Club AGM

Your chance to make a difference and inject some new enthusiasm into the Club. The agenda is as follows:-

- 1) Apologies
- 2) Chair's report
- 3) Treasurer's Report (usually including recommendation on subs for the coming year)
- 4) Approval of Accounts
- 5) Election of Officers - a) Winter Events Officer and b) Airscrew Editor
- 6) Awards - Chair's and Spitfire

Quote of the Month

"You will begin to touch heaven, Jonathan, in the moment you touch the perfect speed. And that isn't flying a thousand miles an hour, or a million, of flying at the speed of light. Because any number is a limit, and perfect speed, my son, is being there." — Richard Bach, 'Jonathan Livingston Seagull,' 1970.

Club membership renewal for 2017

The Treasurer has asked members to check the information below. If you have paid and your name is not on the list please contact the Treasurer urgently.

"I have now updated the bank book and crossed checked names with the emails. I can confirm the following members have now paid their membership fee for 2017:

Cash

C Hopkins
Rob Keene
John Caffull
Paul Collins
Ken Bircher

BACS (Online)

J Hunt
D Steade
S Slade
B Towers
M Maddock
M Batchelor
A Bill

There is one unidentified payment (02/01/17) made online with a Reference of: MR DG & MRS JV

Would the member please let me know who they are ASAP so I can update the record.

It would be a great help if everyone could pay their fee ASAP at the AGM, online or by post. The fee for 2017 is the same as last year - £20

For all members, whether paying by cash, cheque or by BACS online, please complete the form attached to this newsletter (see page 5) and return it to the Treasurer as below. This will enable the Club's database to be updated".

Cheques made out to SVMC and the completed form should be sent to:-
D Hineson, 9 Plock Court, Longford, Gloucester, GL2 9DW otherwise you can email the form to:-
dhineson@hotmail.com



XMAS PARTY

Well after much emailing, texting and phoning we managed to get a commitment on the night for just over 70 members and friends to

attend. There was no way we could ever compete with the catering that Monica and John have produced in the past so we did something different – a winter BBQ! It all went OK on the night and I counted between 65 and 70 which was just about right by the time people were distributed around the bar, the BBQ and the tables.



Huge thanks to members Andy Virgo for volunteering to barbeque on the night, Pete Smith and his band for providing us with live music and to Rees Keene for the venue which luckily for us was still decked out ready for xmas. Photo comp results were Steve Slade (air to ground, ground to air) and Jon Ingram (air to air). Well done guys. Thanks also for Bruce Drake and his performing Santa's who was doing the rounds entertaining the tables with some animated festive foolery...



And a happy new year to you all!

Well, 2016 ended well with the possibility of flying for many as stable cold air and ground frost seemed to be holding back the usual torrential rain.

The AGM is the sole event scheduled for the January meeting which is again at the TA Centre Eastern Avenue. Come along for the social, to pay your subs and to make your voices heard. As things stand we have a couple of Committee slots to fill which need volunteers. If you want to talk about the role prior to the AGM don't hesitate to give me or one of the committee a call. The posts are:

Editor Airscrew – the monthly club news mag needs a new editor. After 17 years Bill will be sorely missed but it's time for someone new to step in. Bill will of course help with the hand over, desk top publishing instruction and the security of distribution.

Winter talks – Jon Ingram has decided to step down. Now that we have scheduled 2 less meetings over the winter months

this role isn't as onerous as it was and excluding the Xmas party and AGM the actual requirement is for four talks (or films) for the whole year. Again give us a call to discuss if, by chance, you are interested.

THE HOST WITH THE MOST

There is a new club trophy 'The Host With The Most'. This has been built via contributions from members in terms of both time and materials and the result is looking good. The award will be presented along with the others and is aimed at the summer season where the host with the most charity contributions and visiting aircraft will be awarded the trophy. A simple calculation decides the winner - total charity contributions divided by total aircraft flying in.

8.33Khz Radio Equipment – Say Again!

Whilst at the Flying Show Pete and I tried to lift the lid on radio rules and legislation changes. Transair had a few show deals on to tempt us into 8.33 kHz radio capability (*which I believe will become mandatory after the end of 2017 if you wish to enter controlled airspace*). With that prospect in view, we decided to take the plunge on a new ICOM IC-A6E 8.33kHz VHF Air band Transceiver. Partly because of the show discount, but mainly because the CAA having secured some EU funding are allegedly going to refund 20% of the purchase price. Having done the deal we wandered along to the CAA stand and discussed how this refund administration would work. The funding will be there but the process for claiming the refund will not be there until January 2017 – first come first served (see next article). Having asked what the requirements of the process are - we think that you need to produce a valid receipt for the 8.33 kHz approved radio purchase, a valid radio licence for the radio to be registered to your aircraft and we think they may ask for your radio operators licence. Sorry if this all sounds a tad vague but we ended up with two different stories at the show and more

unclear guidance from the CAA when I couldn't submit the radio license application due to a lack of an available documented Approval number. Considerable confusion resulted.

However, the BMAA came to the rescue with an "English" translation of the CAA legal jargon. Put very simply, **if you intend flying in controlled airspace i.e. on a Special VFR in Class A airspace or in Class D airspace you need an 8.33Khz approved radio. If you only fly in Class G airspace you can continue to use your 25Khz radio**

Radio Funding

The CAA have published CAP 1501 which details the eligibility criteria for funding 8.33Khz radio equipment. Funding will be available over three specific periods. Members are advised to download and read the publication and - most importantly - get their claim in early as they will be dealt with on a first come first come first served basis.

Night and IFR Approval for Permit Aircraft - Extract from GASCO Safety Bulletin

Hitherto Night and IFR flight has been available in the UK only to certified aircraft with a prescribed fit of equipment. After many years of discussion between the CAA and the Light Aircraft Association the Authority has now announced the approval in principle of permit (as opposed to certified) aircraft for Night and IFR. To qualify, aircraft will demonstrate an 'Acceptable Means of Compliance' and be maintained to this standard.

To fly such an aircraft IFR the pilot will need to hold at least a Class 2 EASA medical and an Instrument Rating (Restricted), i.e. the old IMC Rating.

Your editor commends the skill of being able to control an aircraft in IMC as an important step towards safer flying for any GA pilot. The VFR only pilot can

easily be caught out and reduced to dangerous scud running while the instrument equipped and qualified pilot can climb out of trouble to above the Minimum Safety Altitude, quite possibly emerging into sunshine. Statistically, the cases of IMC rated pilots getting into trouble in IMC are very rare and there is not one known case throughout the history of UK aviation of a mid air collision involving a GA aeroplane in IMC.

Controllers seem far more likely to grant crossing clearance of controlled airspace to a light aircraft being flown under IFR rather than VFR. Flying IFR does not necessarily involve flying in IMC, just being willing if asked to accept a clearance or a direction that will take the aircraft into IMC; the ambition of most GA pilots flying IFR is to get above the cloud tops in the sunshine rather than groping along beneath.

Wellesborne Airfield under threat

The owners of the airfield want to convert it into housing. Further information on the web at <http://ukga.com/news/view?contentId=39609>

Dates for your Diary

11th February 2017 - Aviation film show, Powered Flight. Jet Age Museum. See page 6 for details.

Acknowledgements

Jon Ingram for drawing attention to the CAA Radio Funding document. Trevor Jackson for the Wellesborne information

Editor's valediction

Having sat in the hot seat for 17 years this will be my last newsletter as Editor. The time has come to retire and let someone (younger?) take over. I have enjoyed producing *Airscrew* each month although, at times, it has come close to sending out blank sheets of paper! The newsletter is the glue that holds the Club together - a "back office" job but none the less important.

The key to success has been the contributions from members telling us of their successes, achievements, failures and, importantly, their failings from which we all can learn. May I say a big "thank you" to everyone who has contributed articles and photographs over the years making my job easier and a pleasure.

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Severn Valley Microlight Club

Membership Application/Renewal Form 2017

Surname First Name

Email address

This will be used to inform you of meetings and events. (Please write clearly and indicate any capital letters, etc, if any)

Telephone Number:-

Data protection

I agree to the Seven Valley Microlight Club keeping my personal information on their database. I understand that this information will not be passed to third parties or used for any other purpose than communicating Club information to members.

Subscriptions – 2017 = £20.00

The Treasurer has made arrangements with the bank to enable members to pay their Club subscription directly into the Club's account. Using this facility would greatly help the Treasurer and the Club and cut out some of the admin work. Details for paying in this way are below on the tear off :-

Signed:- Date:-/...../.....

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Sort Code:- 40-63-01

Account No:- 76597964

Reference:- Severn Valley Microlight Club

Tear off receipt if cash payment handed to Treasurer or Committee member.

Surname First Name

Has paid £..... cash on/...../.... signed



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11TH 2017
AT 7,00PM**

AVIATION FILM SHOW

PRESENTED BY ROB FOXON OF AVIATION FILM ARCHIVE

POWERED FLIGHT

STORY OF THE FIRST FIFTY YEARS * WORLD'S LARGEST TRANSPORT PLANE
GPO MAIL DELIVERY BY AIR * FIRST TEST FLIGHT OF RB211 ENGINE
1960 SBAC FARNBOROUGH AIR SHOW * THE SILVER ARROW STORY

AT

**GL3 COMMUNITY HUB, CHELTENHAM ROAD EAST
CHURCHDOWN, GL3 1HX (OPPOSITE TESCO)**

LICENSED BAR

**TICKETS FROM JET AGE MUSEUM, METEOR BUSINESS PARK, CHELTENHAM ROAD EAST,
GLOUCESTER GL2 9QL - CHEQUES PAYABLE TO JET AGE MUSEUM**

TICKETS : £7 - CURRY OPTIONAL @ £7