

# IBM Flying Club Newsletter November 1997

## Clear Prop! - Jon Butts

Rather than wait for more of your contributions this month, Novembers newsletter is rushing off the press to advertise two upcoming events. First is a presentation by the Air Accident Investigation Board on November 18th, at 1900 (not 1930 as informed last month). I would certainly have gone to previous AAIB pitches if I'd had the chance, so I've booked in already, and would encourage anyone else who can to go along too - its not often the opportunity arises. To book in you must be quick - book in with Danny Elliott - by Wed 12 Nov; details below.

Second, is BM Aviations Christmas Bash, again full details follow. Both Danny and Brian would appreciate it if you would advise your intentions to attend in good time please!

The CAA Safety evening went well, with 96 people attending. Over half were visting student pilots, pilots, engineers, ATC, refueller, instructors and strip flyers. Everyone seemed to thoroughly enjoy the presentations, especially the dry sense of humour of the CAA Doctor, Paul - even if he didn't manage to make our volunteer for the rotating chair recreate the Botley night scene for us. Thanks to Mike and Chris at the Clubhouse for their help, and Andrew Clark of Johnsons Controls for the professional audio-visuals - much appreciated by presenters and attendees alike.

John Thorpe of the CAA relayed an invitation to visit NERC at Swanwick. Our club visited earlier this year, but some of our newer members, and anyone who couldnt make it last time, might like to see the centre? Whose going to set up this visit then? Give me a call!

Finally, Well done James Hull on passing his microlight instructor course, no mean feat I'm sure!

## BM Aviation Christmas Bash - Brian Mellor

BM Aviation Christmas Bash, IBM Hursley Clubhouse, Saturday 13th December 1997, at 2000.

It's that time of year again! Well, the format for the BMA Christmas Bash is going to be changed slightly this year, in two ways. The first thing is that it will be held one week later than the usual date, due to the Hursley clubhouse being booked on that date. The second thing is that I will be giving a bit of a presentation (video, plus chat) of "The Trip" (that is, the transatlantic one, ferrying my "new" Cessna 172, from Bangor, Maine, to Southampton), with a few stories and snaps of what Chris and I did, and saw, on the journey. I realise this might not be everyone's cup of tea, so it won't go on for ages.

For anyone who hasn't been to the bash before, this is an opportunity for members of the IBM Flying Club to come along, with their partners, and join up for a pre-Christmas drink or two, have a bite to eat, and a good natter with other flying friends, some of whom we don't get chance to see too often. The formula has always worked well in the past.

BM Aviation will provide the food, generally a selection of sandwiches, nuts, crisps, sausage rolls, that sort of thing. There is no charge, but the only thing I really need to know is - how many people do we need to cater for?

\*\*\*\*So, could you please let me know as soon as possible,\*\*\*\* Are you coming? How many of you (i.e. with partner?)

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answering machine) or mail Brian Mellor, 117, Olivers Battery Road South, Winchester, SO22 4HA

### **RAES Lecture - Air Accident Investigation - Danny Elliott.**

Tuesday 18th November. RAES Society Lecture, by the Air Accident Investigation Board (AAIB). At HMS Sultan, Gosport. Car registrations required in advance: to Danny Elliot please on 01705 799148, by Wed 12th Nov Latest.

### **Hixon - Peter Short**

Can anybody help Peter find out the airfield info for Hixon (Midlands)? Its not in Pooleys etc, but would be a very handy place for Peter to use as a future destination. If you can help, please call Peter on 01962 883368.

### **Budget Spend Suggestions - Dave Sawdon, Danny Elliot.**

The committee has had a couple of suggestions for our budget spend put forward by members, which are always welcome. We will talk them through in due course. If anyone has any view, or additional suggestions then please pass them on to me, ed. BTW as the 1997 budget was smaller than in previous years we are pretty well spent up this year, and we may have to wait until the 1998 budget comes in on Jan 1 to make any purchases.

The later version of IFTPRO now supports Europe. An upgrade costs 79.95 from Transair (possibly less if we get a discount) and gives much improved graphics and better map displays. I suggest we buy it, let me know if the committee agree and I'll sort it out - Dave.

'Pinch-hitter Videoa - Danny Elliott. Sportys Pilot Shop offer a new video about the basics of flying for people who regularly fly as a passenger in light aircraft. This sounds like a useful addition to the Club video library, should we get it - Danny.

### **Ref your scurrilous attack - PDaauvle ESaatwhdoornne**

Dear Sir,

We are instructed by one (or possibly both) of our client(s) (without prejudice) to contact you about your recent scurrilous comments about him/them in what you laughingly refer to as your "clear prop".

He/They wish it to be understood that the laws of determinist physics dictate that he/they are forbidden to occupy the same curve in the space-time continuum and that were he/they to attempt to elude this fundamental restriction the future of humanity could not be guaranteed. You will I'm sure appreciate that the laws of Quantum physics effectively limit the total mass of intellect and adorableness that can be present at any one place-time, and that this places an a priori responsibility on the bearers of the more extreme of these attributes.

On behalf of our client (or possibly both of them, not necessarily confirming nor denying that there is or are in fact more than one) we repudiate your procrustean and scurrilous comments and insist that they be not repeated. We suggest also that unless you spend less time referring to your "clear prop" in future editions we may be compelled to bring an action under the obscene publications act unless you publically confess to your rumoured adventures "upside down with a Bulldog".

Yours Deterministically,

I P Knightly & partners,

On behalf of our client: Mr PDaauvle ESaatwhdoornne

(ed: I dont think so! Not as it was one, or both, of your clients who would have aided and abetted the alleged act, even wishing to experience greater perversities, which I might add were declined!)

(Dear Reader, in no way was any animal caused to suffer harm or injury in the aforementioned incident. The delights of the Bulldog in question can be sampled at Old Sarum).

### **Free Gliding Magazines - Dave Sawdon**

Following the closure of the Hursley gliding club there is a large pile of 1970s "Sailplane and Gliding" and "Soaring" magazines to dispose of. Give me a call if you would like them. Dave 246120 (01962 816120).

### **Rutan LongEze For Sale (OR, preferably, a quarter share) - Irv Lee**

Nik Shaylor has been trying to sell his share in the Rutan LongEze for some time now, but being permanently out of the country doesn't help. He can now put the plane up for sale, and if anyone meets the 'agreed value' (18000) it goes. We would rather of course sell the share, (Thruyton based) as the rest of us have no reason to want to give it up. Presumably though, that is a good selling point! If anyone wants his share in a fun well maintained hangared aeroplane within a well run group, there is probably a great bargain to be had. Esp as there is money in the bank that would be inherited with the share!