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## TOO MANY BAR MAIDENS

Too busy chatting to serve the thirsty members standing at the bar. All because they forgot which shift they were supposed to cover.



## THE THIRSTY CUSTOMERS

Holding up their empty glasses, their gasping plea's are ignored



## BUGLE COPIES AT THE BAR

A printed file copy is kept at the bar in a folder – some extra are brought in on the 1<sup>st</sup> of each month and placed around the bar. These copies are for reading within the bar – the editor was somewhat disturbed to see two copies disappear not so discreetly out the door within half an hour. Play the game, give others a chance to read it. **PLEASE READ AND LEAVE**

Most people have computers these days. It can be read on the web, and even printed off should you require a hard copy. Even better, it is possible to copy these written gems to a CD or DVD, thereby

## compiling your own library MALAYSIAN GP BREAKFAST

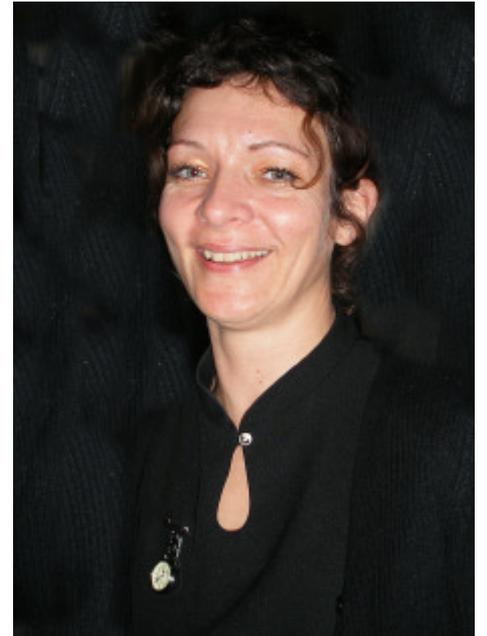
An enthusiast's breakfast was held at the club on the morning of the Malaysian Grand Prix, at 0700 hours, attended by 18 Grand Prix supporters. Breakfast consisted of, sausages, bacon, scrambled egg, tomatoes, gammon, mushrooms, baked beans and hash browns. Courtesy of Steve Danahar, who provided this wonderful breakfast. The pre-race commentary was somewhat over shadowed by the fact that the main TV aerial wasn't plugged in until just before the beginning of the race. This was rectified within seconds to spare. *Before, there was a riot.* We are truly sorry for those who didn't make it, as the race was absolutely brilliant with the new star of F1 Lewis Hamilton, claiming second place from the start

## ANOTHER BUILDING GONE

Another historic building is demolished at Biggin Hill. Once a derelict building, it was renovated and became Biggin Hill Flying Club in 1966, with the editor as CFI until 1972. We had many a good fancy dress party in this building, during those happy years. Now it is a heap of rubble, next to our one and only social club the 'Pilots Pals Bar'.



## WOMEN IN BLACK SERIES



Continues, with Jane. A quiet, talented lady, with a professional delicate, midas touch.

## OVERHEARD AT THE BAR

Where is Joe ? Why doesn't he come to the bar ? Joe has been under pressure recently watching the surrounding buildings being destroyed. All the effort he has put into the bar and the airfield over the years, became a little soul destroying. Not only for Joe, but some members as well expressed concern over our future on the airfield. Sometimes though, progress, can have a daunting view on things around you, and paints a gloomy outlook. However the club is more united now under the new membership rules, and hopefully this will secure our tenure on the airfield. Although the size of the forecast premises looks rather small, it is early days. In the meantime we will continue. We are at last encouraging Pilot Members back to the airfield.

The demise of various clubs over the years, and, the airfields policy, not to allow new clubs to be established once a club had collapsed. This meant that a lot of these pilot members found themselves without a club, and also without a bar. In the old days most of these flying clubs had their own bars (or Tea and Coffee facilities) which created a nucleus for these people. Where did they all go? Well some went to Redhill, Rochester, Headcorn and the like. Gradually, even Pilots Pals Bar become void of Pilot Members and a valuable communication point for those interested in flying and being able to socialise with like people. The structure of Pilots Pals Bar is quite sound. If you have any grievances, please put them in writing to the committee and they will be dealt with much better than trying to have an open discussion around the bar which ends with a slanted view, and, completely missing the point being made.

#### EVENING DRESS CODE

Once again may we remind members that evening dress from 19.00 pm should be smart casual, a shabby appearance is not acceptable, nor conducive to the image of a members only club. Looking smart, doesn't attract bad publicity, particularly as we are trying to establish our right to remain on the airfield as a Pilots Bar for aviators and their friends.

OVERHEARD IN THAILAND  
**Aircraft** on approach to Ko Samui.

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bloard pliz. He taxi waking!

#### CATALUNYA GRAND PRIX 13<sup>th</sup> May 2007 – Luncheon date.

Following a decline in promised viewing attendances with the associated, Grand Prix luncheons last year. We have a new plan for 2007. A list is published on the Notice Board at the Club for those interested in a lunch whilst viewing. *Payment will be up front at a fixed charge of £4 no refund for non attendance.* The list will close on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> May. You may phone in to put your name on the list, if you unable to get to the club, *subject to accepting the £4 charge.* We are only catering for those that have pre-booked. This will enable us to cater economically, leaving no scraps. **DON'T FORGET** the Monaco Grand Prix on the 27<sup>th</sup> May. *Your luncheon list for this race will close on the 13<sup>th</sup> May – Book early.*

**BAR STAFF BRIEFING**  
All bar staff have now been thoroughly briefed on dealing with non members, as there was some confusion previously with regards to challenging anyone who happened to walk in claiming they were a long standing member. *They will try it on, as it is their divine right to take advantage of our facilities.* However these people can apply for membership under the new terms / rules of the club. **If any current member feels that someone is not a member, you the member, are within your rights, to challenge them,** thereby helping the staff during a busy period of serving drinks. It is also good to see that members are signing in their guests on arrival. This is quite important because we are subject to, spot inspections, from the local council at anytime.

#### AIR FAIR SECURITY AT BAR

Due to some ambiguity over the planned building of the hangars in front of the bar (*which may or may not happen*). May effect the amount of viewing space we have previously enjoyed – **could be severely restricted** – by a builders fence, which could be erected, right

up to the edge of the building. Even the concrete outside the door is not part of the club! The fence could be a solid fence up to 8ft high restricting our view across the airfield. Therefore, we are having to employ *independent security* at the entrance to the bar during the Air Show. This is to control the 'hangers on', that appear only on an annual basis and also to protect the privileges of our current 'paid up members'. **Remember to carry your club photo ID card.** You won't get into the bar without it & *it's also your free air show entry ticket (only for the holder, of course!).* This alone, may reduce over crowding in the bar, for periods of time giving customers a chance to buy a drink in relative peace. We are anticipating a lot of people in the bar during the air fair.

#### LEARNING TO FLY SAFELY



Actually, it is the sign which is upside down. Furthermore at this airfield they have erected catch fencing to stop aircraft from inadvertently careering into any person who may be innocently enquiring about learning to fly. This aircraft had been fitted with an experimental, powerful nose wheel emergency braking system. Conclusions were, it worked fine.

#### FINAL MEMBERSHIP NOTE

Full membership for one is £10, adding your wife or partner (couple) is an extra £5. Family membership a further £5 including your little kiddywinks. This way they receive the full benefits of the club (excluding buying alcohol under 18). However they should be accompanied by an adult member over the age of 18 who will be responsible for them during their time at the club