

Hi everyone

Welcome to the December 2011 Biggin Hill Users Database Newsletter.

The December edition of the Biggin Hill Airport "BUGLE" by John Bryan is available online on the Social Club's website at www.bigginhillclub.co.uk ...

As always, please keep those stories coming in for inclusion in future issues. (JB's direct email address is johnbryan13@sky.com, or you can send items directly to me to pass on).

EMAIL ADDRESS UPDATES AND ADDITIONS

Thanks to those who have sent amended email addresses, and suggested new members, and of course, welcome also to those that have recently added their names to the database.... For current member names see www.bigginhillreunited.co.uk and go to the link to the database membership..

GEORGE DOBSON

Following the item in the Special Mid-Month Newsletter – an update

Many of us have now been able to visit George who is very seriously ill. Everyone remarks that, whilst clearly unwell, he continues to be in good spirits. He has now been moved from the Princess Royal University Hospital (PRU) at Farnborough.

If anyone would like to send him their best wishes, he is now at Glebe Court Nursing Home, Glebe Way, West Wickham, Kent, BR4 0RZ. He is in Room 215.

It is good to hear from the Nursing Home that George has had a steady stream of visitors, which of course they welcome, but they do stress he can get very tired and needs rest too. They have no fixed visiting hours at the home. (I went to see him today, but he was clearly resting, so I sat with him for a while, and then I left him in peace. That can be quite a common situation, I am informed, so if you visit him please be prepared for that to happen)

Our best wishes go to our friend...

FLIGHT SAFETY & PILOT FATIGUE

Those idiots in EASA are at it again – not satisfied with trying to legislate aviation out of business, they now want to make sure that, if that doesn't work, then they will make sure they take aircraft out of the sky another way – If it aint broke – don't fix it!!!!

There is a petition Supported by AOPA on the UK Government's e-petition site to protest about EASA's attempt to change the Flight Time Limitations that have worked for years to help to keep British (and European) commercial air transport safe.. The petition reads:

"We believe the UK Government has a duty to promote flight safety and protect the British public from unsafe rules and practices in aviation. We believe that the EU's current proposals on pilots' Flight Time Limitations, which are supposed to guard against pilot fatigue, are commercially-driven and scientifically-unsound. Under the EU proposals, tiredness could impair pilots' abilities to the same extent as flying with several times the legal blood alcohol limit. We note that the US FAA, will be publishing its own fatigue rules soon which will strengthen flight safety regulations, not relax

them as the EU proposals do. We call on the UK Government to stand up for flight safety and publicly announce it will oppose EASA's current proposals (NPA 2010-14), use its influence to persuade other Member States of that position and work to bring EU flight safety regulations up to the 'gold standard' of aviation safety we have here in the UK."

If you have yet to sign the petition (which has just under 12,000 signatures as at the time of writing), please go to the site and register your support and stop these unelected Bureaucrats from jeopardising air safety – it can be found at: www.flightsafetypetition.co.uk

Everyone involved in aviation will understand the importance of Flight Time Limitations on air safety and will want to support this – but in fact, anyone who ever travels by air should actually be worried about this attempt to jeopardise their safety...

2011 AVIATOR'S BALL

Congratulations to Jon Windover and his team at Aerobility for the wonderful Aviator's Ball that was held on 26th November at the Sofitel Hotel at Heathrow. A great night and a good cause..

For information about the work the charity does, have a look at their website at www.aerobility.com

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARIES

February 4th 2012 at 3pm is the date set aside by a group of Biggin Hill'ites for what they describe as an "Airfield Gathering" at the Crown pub just down the hill from the airport in Leaves Green. No details yet, but hope to have more next month..

NOVEMBER AT BIGGIN HILL - FROM THE OFFICE OF JENNY MUNRO

Over the last month, aviation and airports have stayed in the forefront in the media. Not always for the best reasons of course, but it is good that the public are so aware of the importance and (in some ways) fragility of our main gateways. The debate around the options of a new hub airport; linking of existing airports; or additional runway provision in some shape or form is generally interesting and we are both monitoring and taking part in the debates. As well as being a leisure and business airport to the current users, Biggin Hill is one of only three commercial airports inside the M25, and it is important that we are aware of the discussions.

The Border Agency has been on the media radar over this last month - both in relation to the apparent relaxation of checks at the ports of entry, and more recently in relation to the public sector industrial action today. It has been good news for Biggin Hill that our border remains as secure as ever, and UKBA confirmed last week that we would have full coverage today. The anticipated impact of such action is as damaging as any actual impact, and thankfully we came through unscathed on both fronts. We appreciated the volunteer coverage from UKBA today.

Thank you to everyone who attended the GASCO Safety Road Show on 14th November. I hope it was useful and the feedback received through our SATCO was very positive. Any suggestions or comments will be well received. I understand that the Olympics prompted a significant amount of discussion, and we are looking at ways to keep you, our customers, well informed, well in advance.

We continue to look at options for the Hotel site, as we would like to see this in place as soon as possible - something which I hear often from residents and users of Biggin Hill.

She realizes that virtually all of her customers are unemployed alcoholics and, as such, can no longer afford to patronize her bar.

To solve this problem, she comes up with a new marketing plan that allows her customers to drink now, but pay later.

Helga keeps track of the drinks consumed on a ledger (thereby granting the customers' loans).

Word gets around about Helga's "drink now, pay later" marketing strategy and, as a result, increasing numbers of customers flood into Helga's bar. Soon she has the largest sales volume for any bar in town.

By providing her customers freedom from immediate payment demands, Helga gets no resistance when, at regular intervals, she substantially increases her prices for wine and beer, the most consumed beverages. Consequently, Helga's gross sales volume increases massively.

A young and dynamic vice-president at the local bank recognizes that these customer debts constitute valuable future assets and increases Helga's borrowing limit. He sees no reason for any undue concern, since he has the debts of the unemployed alcoholics as collateral!!!

At the bank's corporate headquarters, expert traders figure a way to make huge commissions, and transform these customer loans into DRINKBONDS. These "securities" then are bundled and traded on international securities markets.

Naive investors don't really understand that the securities being sold to them as "AA" "Secured Bonds" really are debts of unemployed alcoholics.

Nevertheless, the bond prices continuously climb!!!, and the securities soon become the hottest-selling items for some of the nation's leading brokerage houses.

One day, even though the bond prices still are climbing, a risk manager at the original local bank decides that the time has come to demand payment on the debts incurred by the drinkers at Helga's bar. He so informs Helga.

Helga then demands payment from her alcoholic patrons, but being unemployed alcoholics they cannot pay back their drinking debts.

Since Helga cannot fulfil her loan obligations she is forced into bankruptcy. The bar closes and Helga's 11 employees lose their jobs.

Overnight, DRINKBOND prices drop by 90%. The collapsed bond asset value destroys the bank's liquidity and prevents it from issuing new loans, thus freezing credit and economic activity in the community.

The suppliers of Helga's bar had granted her generous payment extensions and had invested their firms' pension funds in the BOND securities. They find they are now faced with having to write off her bad debt and with losing over 90% of the presumed value of the bonds.

Her wine supplier also claims bankruptcy, closing the doors on a family business that had endured for three generations, her beer supplier is taken over by a competitor, who immediately closes the local plant and lays off 150 workers. Fortunately though, the bank, the brokerage houses and their respective executives are saved and bailed out by a multibillion dollar no-strings attached cash infusion from the government.

The funds required for this bailout are obtained by new taxes levied on employed, middle-class, non-drinkers who've never been in Helga's bar.

Now do you understand?

2) An Italian Mama

Mrs. Ravioli comes to visit her son Anthony for dinner. He lives with a female roommate, Maria.

During the course of the meal, his mother couldn't help but notice how pretty Anthony's roommate was.

Over the course of the evening, while watching the two interact, she started to wonder if there was more between Anthony and his roommate than met the eye.

Reading his mom's thoughts, Anthony volunteered, "I know what you must be thinking, but I assure you, Maria and I are just roommates."

About a week later, Maria came to Anthony saying, "Ever since your mother came to dinner, I've been unable to find the silver sugar bowl. You don't suppose she took it, do you?"

"Well, I doubt it, but I'll email her, just to be sure." So he sat down and wrote an email:

Dear Mama,
I'm not saying that you "did" take the sugar bowl from my house; I'm not saying that you "did not" take it. But the fact remains that it has been missing ever since you were here for dinner.
Your Loving Son
Anthony

Several days later, Anthony received a response email from his Mama which read:

Dear Son,
I'm not saying that you "do" sleep with Maria, and I'm not saying that you "do not" sleep with her. But the fact remains that if she was sleeping in her OWN bed, she would have found the sugar bowl by now.
Your loving Mama

Moral: Never Bulla Shita your Mama

.....UNQUOTE

If anyone else has good examples of, for example: - Governmental stupidity and removal of the population's right to live a normal life, or simply any unusual and interesting stories or anecdotes that you feel may interest our readers, please email them to me as a possible inclusion in a monthly "and Finally"...)