

Hi everyone

Welcome to the July 2008 Database Newsletter.....

The July edition of the new Biggin Hill Airport "BUGLE" by John Bryan is available for viewing/downloading on the Social Club's website at <http://www.bigginhillclub.co.uk>

Please remember to send JB any stories of interest, and photos, for inclusion in future issues. It's your newsletter so please help JB to keep it coming.... (his direct email address is johnbryan@jbplstdemon.co.uk, or you can send items directly to me to pass on)

Email address updates and additions

Please keep those email address updates and suggested new database members details coming.

2008 Air Fair

Once again, congratulations to Colin Hitchins and his team for an excellent air show as always. Thanks also to him for the Club members entry arrangements for the show.

In spite of poor forecasts and pretty unstable weather right up til the week of the show, Biggin Hill was blessed with fantastic weather - especially on the Sunday, which was hot and sunny all day. The crowds were certainly there in their thousands, and after a massive Saturday turnout, Sunday was clearly a record crowd, with the gates having to be closed halfway through the afternoon as the airport reached capacity - the first time in 43 years this has happened..

Shame we had no bar in which to enjoy the post show sessions, but the Old Jail certainly did us proud, particularly on the Sunday evening when it was warm enough to spend the whole evening in the gardens. Good to see so many there over the weekend.

South East Camp development

Following some apparent changes of the company who was originally planning to build the new hangars in front of the old club (no longer for Air Partner, but now destined for an old friend of the airport for his new and expanding Middle East jet operations), development does now seem to be underway. The new club buildings have just been erected, adjacent to the roadway, and alongside the new apron area, and the old CAA building (more recently the Van and Truck hire company), has also now been demolished. It seems likely that the old Cabair building and then the Pilots Pals bar building will shortly also go now.

New concession

One of the members of the Biggin Hill Airport Social Club, a former Fairflight member, Mike Gray, owns and runs a specialist flight planning and overflight clearance business called White Rose Aviation. He is happy to offer a 15% discount to any members/friends for any overflight/landing permits you may require on longer trips - just mention either BigginHillReunited.co.uk or the Biggin Hill Airport Social Club, and Mike will be pleased to help you..

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Dennis Kenyon

Instead of all the gloomy news of friends departed, for a change a good story! Many of you will remember Dennis Kenyon, former owner/operator of Starline Helicopters at Biggin Hill, and someone associated with Biggin Hill, Wycome Air Park, and Shoreham over the years. Dennis, affectionately known as "Mr Enstrom" for his amazing air display routines all over the world in Enstrom Helicopters, had a recent lucky escape whilst carrying out a demonstration display in the USA on 13th June. There are two links to YouTube that show his remarkable escape:-

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lediCjcw16U>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gwZILBd-mNI&feature=related>

A dramatic arrival on terra firma, but fortunately as the interview will show, no injuries at all...

That's it for this month

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