

Hi everyone

Welcome to the July edition of the Biggin Hill Users Database Newsletter. Welcome particularly to any new Database members who may be receiving this regular Newsletter for the first time.....

JB's July edition of the Biggin Hill Airport "BUGLE" is also now available online on the Social Club's website at <http://www.bigginhillclub.co.uk> To view it, once in the Bugle section, via the link on the homepage, click on the appropriate month's link.

Please keep those stories coming in for inclusion in future issues. (JB's direct email address is [johnbryan13@sky.com](mailto:johnbryan13@sky.com), or you can send items directly to me to pass on: [john@bigginhillreunited.co.uk](mailto:john@bigginhillreunited.co.uk)

### **DEREK WHITE**

It is with great sadness that I have to report the death on 24<sup>th</sup> June of another old Biggin Hill'ite, Derek White, aged 83. He was the founding father of Alouette Flying Club (which he formed in 1959 along with Don Perch and William Nolan at Croydon Airport). He was also a mover in the relocation of general aviation from Croydon to Biggin Hill.

Derek was initially a qualified draughtsman, in the fifties and early sixties, with flying very much a hobby. But his flying career took off when he moved to California and eventually got a flying job with a third level carrier, ABC Airlines. When ABC ceased trading, he joined World Wide Helicopters in Libya with Biggin Hill's Pete Langston. Derek returned to the UK when the coup led by Colonel Ghaddafi forced the expulsion of all foreign companies. He joined the newly formed Sagittair on Beech 18's, before moving onto the Gulfstream 1 owned by Guinness.

Returning again to the USA, Derek, as a holder of a full set of FAA Pilot, Engineer and Instructor Licences, decided to form his own training School – Anglo American Aviation Academy – at Meacham Field in Dallas Fort Worth. This school, known to so many students from around the world became Derek's life until he decided to sell it and retire.

Derek and wife Pat settled in Washington State enjoying retirement before, in recent years returning to Cornwall to be nearer family and friends. Derek, whose health was failing in recent years, remained in close contact with a number of Biggin Hill'ites right through to the end.

Derek's funeral will be held on July 6<sup>th</sup> Wednesday at 1300 at the Cambourne Crematorium

R.I.P. Derek White 1933 – 2016 `Checks Complete`

### **TONY TOVEY**

As I was about to publish this Newsletter, news is just coming in that another old Biggin Hill'ite, Tony Tovey, has recently died. Tony had been flying at Biggin Hill for many years so would be known by many of you. According to the local Biggin Hill News, Tony's funeral will be held on 1<sup>st</sup> July at 1:45pm at St Marks Church in Biggin Hill followed by a cremation at Beckenham at 3pm, and thence to the Crown at Leaves Green.

## **MAJOR NEW EMPLOYERS AT BIGGIN HILL**

As many will already know, RizonJet closed its UK operation recently, leaving a substantial number of people out of work and a major hangar and office complex available.

This month there have been two major developments related to this facility to the future benefit of the airport and the local economy.....

## **SIGNATURE FLIGHT SUPPORT**

Signature Flight Support, a BBA Aviation company, announced that it will expand and operate from the former RizonJet FBO facility at Biggin Hill. This stunning facility rivals any in the business aviation world in its elegantly appointed private lounge areas and four floors comprising over 20,000 sq. ft. A boardroom and multiple conference areas make it an ideal location for private meetings and available office space makes the facility a perfect venue to house an aviation business or flight department.

“Having been present on the airport since February 2014 and now with this exquisite FBO coupled with our world-class service, we are ready to welcome our customers from around the globe to London Biggin Hill,” stated Mark Johnstone, Managing Director, BBA Aviation Flight Support EMEA.

Signature’s expansion at London Biggin Hill comes at a time when the airport is due to roll out several operational and infrastructure projects including new extended operating hours, new GPS approaches as well as a new four-star hotel on the airport premises, adjacent to the new Signature facility.

Headquartered in Orlando, Florida, Signature Flight Support, which is the world’s largest fixed-base operation (FBO) and distribution network for business aviation services, commenced operations in their new facility from June 20, 2016. The FBO will be a fully branded Signature Flight Support location.

## **BOMBARDIER BUSINESS AIRCRAFT**

Bombardier Business Aircraft of Montreal, Canada will establish a wholly-owned Service Centre at London’s Biggin Hill Airport. The new unit is planned to be fully operational by the 4th quarter of 2016 and will have a heavy maintenance capability providing scheduled and non-scheduled maintenance, modifications, avionics and AOG support for Bombardier Learjet, Challenger and Global series aircraft.

Bombardier Business Aircraft say that enhancing their customer service and support in the London area has been a top priority and that the planned new facility at Biggin Hill will provide greater flexibility for their customers, coupled with access to their entire worldwide Service Centre Network. The Service Centre will be based at a modern hangar of 3,065 sq metres (33,000 sq ft) associated with a large ramp area.

Will Curtis, Managing Director at Biggin Hill Airport, has warmly welcomed the arrival of Bombardier in London. “We have always said that the main barrier to investment of this kind at Biggin Hill has been the overly restrictive airport operating hours. Coming so soon after the Council’s decision to approve our extended hours, it is an encouraging endorsement of our strategy to specialise in the business and general aviation sector” he says.

“This new investment in modern maintenance facilities at the airport will, in due course, create highly skilled, well paid new jobs and opportunities for local youngsters. Bombardier’s high density aircraft maintenance operation fits our strategy of delivering a quieter, yet more prosperous airport, because maintenance activity of this kind does not result in numerous additional aircraft movements” Will Curtis says

“I feel sure that our local residents will want to join me in welcoming Bombardier to Biggin Hill Airport and in wishing them every success” he added

*I am sure you would all like to join me in congratulating Biggin Hill Airport for attracting such prestigious multi-national companies to our airport. Both companies will provide excellent jobs prospects for the region and facilities for the world-wide aviation communities, that can only help to secure the ongoing future of Biggin Hill airport. (Ed...)*

### **BIGGIN HILL “FESTIVAL OF FLIGHT”**

This year’s Festival of Flight on 11<sup>th</sup> June was not blessed with the best flying weather, with some quite heavy showers during the day, which miraculously cleared just in time for the Red Arrows to entertain the crowd with their normal breath-taking display.

Bearing in mind the uncertainty with the regulators following last year’s tragic Hunter accident at Shoreham, I feel our thanks should go to Colin Hitchins and his team for putting together such a varied display. Many of us are aware of the last minute cancellation of the Army Helicopter display that left a rather large collection of pyrotechnics paid for and installed, and these were used to spectacular effect with some other display items – well done, they woke a few people up!

Car park and traffic management was seemingly much better than previous years as the car parks seemed to empty quite quickly and smoothly after the show (at least, from where I was viewing)

Watch this space for announcement for the date of the next year’s show.

### **MARQUEE FOR THE FESTIVAL OF FLIGHT**

I would like to thank all who supported us in the Hurricane Marquee and Enclosure at the recent Festival of Flight.

With the varied weather during the day, the marquee gave us much needed protection from the occasional heavy showers, but allowed everyone to enjoy a front row seat for the flying display. With a pay bar and hot drinks, plus numerous picnics, everyone seemed to enjoy the day.

Thanks everyone for your support.

### **UK REFERENDUM**

Being out in Portugal during the referendum, I saw little of what happened on the actual day of the vote. But I was shocked to hear the result as it filtered through to us all in Portugal. In spite of my personal wishes, I must say I was not expecting that, a resounding vote to leave the European Union (not Europe, as some seem to think!)

I am very saddened by all the reports of violence against some sections of our population, and by the complete lack of appreciation of what “democracy” actually means – 72% of the eligible population (one of the highest ever turnouts) voted with a significant 4% majority for leaving the EU. Democracy means taking the majority view and living with it – not calling for another vote as it didn’t go the way you individually wanted it to go until you get what you want. (can you imagine how that would work in sport? Let’s just keep having rematches until we actually win, then take that result as the one!)

Whatever our personal beliefs, what is needed now is a period of calm, and we all need to pull in the same direction to make our country great again. Already there are signs that major non-EU countries are anxious to strike up trading arrangements with the UK. Of course internal political issues within the UK are not helping to stabilise the situation, but the signs are already there that there is market acceptance (however reluctantly) of the result, and I’m sure both currency and equity markets will soon stabilise with all our help....

### **NEWS FROM AROUND THE CLUBS & BUSINESSES**

If you would like me to include your business in the Newsletter, either on a regular basis, or just occasionally, please drop me an email with your contact details and I’ll be in touch directly. (John Willis - john@bigginhillreunited.co.uk )

### **FALCON FLIGHT ACADEMY (inc EFG) & FALCON FLIGHT SERVICES**

Greetings to one and all

What an exciting month! Despite the persistent rain we have shown true British pluckiness and carried on!

June marked the Elite London show exhibiting many different toys for girls and boys alike! The organisers (our very own) Alex Ayling et al put on a great show and gave us all a taste of the new Honda Jet

The Festival of Flight was a great success too. EFG had it’s very own stand in the thick of it and all the guys and gals did a fantastic job of showing everyone why becoming a pilot is so amazing!

PPL training has taken a hit with the weather but as I type this the sun is shining and I can’t help but be optimistic about a late Summer! As ever we are here to cater for all your training needs be it revalidations / renewal or a dual flight with an instructor.

Our Seneca G-FLYI has been flying plenty with both private hire and training. Do you need any multi flying, if so come and speak with us today! Don’t forget we operate the only approved Seneca and Arrow for miles and miles so for all those advanced pilots you know where to come.

As I finish this off, I would like to say that Falcon is very proud of the relationships we have with all of Biggin Hill and beyond. We have worked with and trained aviation enthusiasts since 1977 and will continue to do so with a smile on our faces.

Wishing you all clear skies. Stay blessed.

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## **MONTHLY REPORT FROM THE OFFICE OF WILL CURTIS**

So we actually did it – we voted to leave the EU. So what does the future hold for us? Incredibly, David Cameron and George Osborne seemingly had no plan B of any kind, so certain were they that they would win the Remain argument. David Cameron appears to have felt the need to abdicate all responsibility and leave the difficult decisions to his eventual successor, which almost inevitably increased the uncertainty within the financial markets at a time that a confident management was necessary to reassure all that would be well.

Closer to home it is business as usual – only it isn't because we have had some very positive developments in the last month. By now you will all be aware that following the closure of Rizon Jet the Rizon building, which has been leased from its owner by Biggin Hill Airport, will be occupied by two world class companies. In the FBO end Signature Flight Support will operate a full service FBO facility whilst the maintenance end will be occupied by Bombardier Business Aircraft. Bombardier will set up a wholly owned service centre providing maintenance to its customers. This investment at Biggin Hill is obviously very welcome and we will be working to support Bombardier as they develop their new operations. We hope that many other world class companies will choose Biggin Hill as their London base as we cement our position as a world class business and general aviation aerodrome.

On 15<sup>th</sup> June 2016, Bromley Council cleared the lease variation that allows Biggin Hill Airport to change its operating hours. We will now begin installing the noise and track keeping system and implementing the other requirements of the Noise Action Plan as well as adding to our team in order to be in a position to service the new hours later this year. I will keep you all posted through various channels.

In terms of the UK economy, we are seeing much doom and gloom put about by the media. The BBC is trying, single-handedly, to bring about economic Armageddon by suggesting that things are worse than they are. Furthermore they are suggesting that, as a direct result of the Brexit vote, the far right and racism is on the rise in the UK whereas the opposite is probably true and it is the extreme left causing most issues, which they appear to choose not to report. In the main, in reporting only the blackest possible picture, they are missing the obvious opportunities that Brexit brings us as a Nation.

I am personally convinced that investment in the UK is not dependent upon our EU membership, but rather it is about how competitive we are in a global market. That global trade opportunity appears already to be happening as many large non-EU nations are starting to queue up to develop trading agreements directly with the new UK.

Over regulation is the real enemy of the economy and there is no organisation on the planet that does over regulation quite as well as the EU. Deregulation is the driver of economic success because it lowers the bar to entry in any market and allows competition to spring up, thereby improving the productivity of existing businesses who must consequently compete with one another. Free of this creeping stranglehold of regulation, the UK economy can thrive again – and it will thrive again simply because UK entrepreneurs are in abundance and given an opportunity they will seize it and run with it.

I am certain that, after an inevitable period of turmoil as markets adjust, UK business will prevail. So please have faith, keep calm and carry on! I am confident that, with your help

and support, here at Biggin Hill and in the UK as a whole we will continue to grow and prosper.

Until next month, safe flying.

Best regards,  
Will Curtis  
MD – Biggin Hill Airport Ltd

### **BIGGIN HILL AIRPORT SOCIAL CLUB**

Thanks for some who have already sent in their Club renewal fee, cards have been sent out. This membership really does help to cover the server costs for the two websites. (*Of course, membership is NOT required just to continue receiving the Newsletters!*) If you have paid, but have not yet received your membership cards, please get in touch.

Full membership details can be found at [www.bigginhillclub.co.uk](http://www.bigginhillclub.co.uk) - Postal address is on the website. Existing members don't need a further form on renewing, just send the appropriate fee. (If you want me to use a new photo, please send a new head and shoulder shot with your name on the reverse – or you can email the photo to me). If you are a new member, please send both the fee, head and shoulder photo, and a completed application form.

***(In all cases, please include a self-addressed stamped envelope for the return of the membership card(s).***

Thanks again for your support, which is much appreciated

### **EMAIL ADDRESSES**

A constantly updated list of members can be seen at <http://www.bigginhillreunited.co.uk> Please remember to let me know if your email address is changed. If you know others who are not on the list but are eligible to join (i.e. if they currently fly from the airport, or work there, or ever have done so) please let me know or tell them about us – Database membership is, of course, free.

That's it for this month.....

John Willis

Biggin Hill Airport Users Database

(And Finally: As usual, a few amusing stories that, according to the many comments I receive about this section, is very popular amongst the membership. (As always, no offence to anyone is intended!). Thanks to everyone for sending their contributions.... )

QUOTE.....

When Bill and Hillary first got married Bill said, "I put a box under the bed. Promise me you will never look in it."

All their 30 years of marriage, Hillary never looked.

On the afternoon of their 30th anniversary, curiosity got the best of her and she lifted the lid and peeked inside.

In it were 3 empty beer cans and \$81,874.25 in cash.

She closed the box and put it back under the bed. Now that she knew what was in the box, she was doubly curious as to why there was such a box and with those contents.

That evening, they were out for a special anniversary dinner. After dinner, Hillary could no longer contain her curiosity and she confessed, saying, "I'm so sorry, Bill. For all these years, I kept my promise and never looked into the box under our bed. However, today the temptation was too much and I gave in. But now I need to know, why do you keep the 3 beer cans in the box?"

Bill thought for a while and said, "I guess after all these years you deserve to know the truth. Whenever I was unfaithful to you, I put an empty beer can in the box under the bed to remind myself not to do it again."

Hillary was shocked, but thought, "Hmmm, Jennifer, Paula and Monica. And since I know he's addicted to sex, three times is not too bad."

She said, "OK Bill, I guess I can forgive you. Bill thanked her for being so understanding. They hugged and made their peace."

A little while later Hillary asked Bill, "So why do you have all that money in the box?"

He answered, "Well, whenever the box filled up with empty cans, I took them to the recycling centre."

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Effective Suicide Counselling...

A desperate looking woman stood poised on the edge of a high cliff about to jump off.

A filthy tramp wandering by stopped and said, "Look, since you'll be dead in a few minutes, and it won't matter to you, how about a shag before you go?"

She screamed, "NO! Bugger off you filthy old bastard!"

He shrugged and turned away saying, "Okay, I'll just go and wait at the bottom then."

She didn't jump...!

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Florida woman stops alligator attack using a small Beretta pistol.

This is a story of self-control and marksmanship by a brave, cool-headed woman with a small pistol against a fierce predator. What is the smallest caliber that you would trust to protect yourself? A Beretta Jetfire testimonial.... Here is her story in her own words:

"While out walking along the edge of a pond just outside my house in The Villages with my soon to be ex-husband discussing property settlement and other divorce issues, we were surprised by a huge 12-ft. alligator which suddenly emerged from the murky water and began charging us with its large jaws wide open.

She must have been protecting her nest because she was extremely aggressive. If I had not had my little Beretta Jetfire .25 caliber pistol with me, I would not be here today!

Just one shot to my estranged husband's knee cap was all it took....

The 'gator got him easily and I was able to escape by just walking away at a brisk pace. It's one of the best pistols in my collection! Plus the amount I saved in lawyer's fees was really incredible.

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Why Condoms Come in Boxes of 3, 6 and 12.....

A man walks into a drug store with his ten-year-old son. They happen to walk by the condom display and the boy asks, "What are these, Dad?"

The man matter-of-factly replies, "Those are called condoms, son. Men use them to have safe sex."

"Oh I see," replied the boy pensively. Yes, I've heard of that in health class at school."

The boy looks over the display, picks up a package of three and asks, "Why are there three in this package?"

The dad replies, "Those are for high school boys: one for Friday, one for Saturday and one for Sunday."

"Cool," says the boy. Then he notices a six-pack and asks, "Then who are these for?"

"Those are for university students," the dad answers, "*two* for Friday, *two* for Saturday and *two* for Sunday."

"WOW!" exclaims the boy. "Then who uses *these*?" he asks, picking up a twelve-pack.

With a sigh and a tear in his eye, the dad replies, "Those are for married men... one for January, one for February, one for March..."

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Complete v. Finished

No English dictionary has been able to adequately explain the difference between these two words. In a recent linguistic competition held in London and attended by, supposedly,



the best in the world, Samdar Balgobin, a Guyanese man, was the clear winner with a standing ovation which lasted over 5 minutes.

The final question was: How do you explain the difference between COMPLETE and FINISHED in a way that is easy to understand? Some people say there is no difference between COMPLETE and FINISHED.

Here is his astute answer:

When you marry the right woman, you are COMPLETE.

When you marry the wrong woman, you are FINISHED.

And when the right one catches you with the wrong one, you are COMPLETELY FINISHED!!!

He won a trip around the world and a case of 25 year-old Scotch!

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Three Australians and three Maoris are travelling by train to a Rugby match at the World Cup in England.

At the station, the three Aussies each buy a ticket and watch as the three Kiwis buy just one ticket between them

"How are the three of you going to travel on only one ticket?" asks one of the Aussies.

"Watch and learn" answers one of the Kiwis

They all board the train. The Aussies take their respective seats but all three Kiwis cram into a toilet and close the door behind them.

Shortly after the train has departed, the conductor comes around collecting tickets.

He knocks on the toilet door and says, "Ticket please."

The door opens just a crack and a single arm emerges with a ticket in hand. The conductor takes it and moves on.

The Aussies see this and agree it was quite a clever idea. So after the game, they decide to copy the Kiwis on the return trip and save some money (being clever with money, and all that).

When they get to the station, they buy a single ticket for the return trip. To their astonishment, the Kiwis don't buy a ticket at all!!

"How are you going to travel without a ticket?" says one perplexed Aussie.

"Watch and learn" answers a Kiwi.....

When they board the train the three Aussies cram into a toilet and sure enough, the three Kiwis cram into another nearby. The train departs.

Shortly afterwards, one of the Kiwis leaves the toilet and walks over to the toilet where the Aussies are hiding. He knocks on the door and says, "Ticket please."

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In Lebanon, men are legally allowed to have sex with animals, but the animals must be female. Having sexual relations with a male animal is punishable by death.

(Like THAT makes sense.)

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In Bahrain, a male doctor may legally examine a woman's genitals, but is prohibited from looking directly at them during the examination. He may only see their reflection in a mirror.

(Do they look different reversed?)

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Muslims are banned from looking at the genitals of a corpse. This also applies to undertakers. The sex organs of the deceased must be covered with a brick or piece of wood at all times.

(A brick?)

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The penalty for masturbation in Indonesia is decapitation. (Glad I don't live in Indonesia!)

(Much worse than 'going blind!')

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There are men in Guam whose full-time job is to travel the countryside and deflower young virgins, who pay them for the privilege of having sex for the first time.

Reason: Under Guam law, it is expressly forbidden for virgins to marry.

(Let's just think for a minute: Is there any job anywhere else in the world that even comes close to this?)

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In Hong Kong, a betrayed wife is legally allowed to kill her adulterous husband, but may only do so with her bare hands.

The husband's illicit lover, on the other hand, may be killed in any manner desired.

(Ah! Justice!)

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Topless saleswomen are legal in Liverpool, England - but only in tropical fish stores.

(But of course!)

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In Cali, Colombia, a woman may only have sex with her husband, and the first time this happens, her mother must be in the room to witness the act.

(Makes one shudder at the thought.)

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In Santa Cruz, Bolivia, it is illegal for a man to have sex with a woman and her daughter at the same time.

(I presume this was a big enough problem that they had to pass this law?)

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In Maryland, it is illegal to sell condoms from vending machines with one exception: Condoms may be dispensed from a vending machine only in places where alcoholic beverages are sold for consumption on the premises.'

(Is this a great country or what?)

Well, not as great as Guam!

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Banging your head against a wall uses 150 calories an hour.

(Who volunteers for these tests?)

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The Ant can lift 50 times its own weight, can pull 30 times its own weight and always falls over on its right side when intoxicated.

(From drinking little bottles of ???)

(Did our Government pay for this research??)

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Butterflies taste with their feet.

(Ah, geez..)

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An Ostrich's eye is bigger than its brain.

(I know some people like that.)

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Starfish don't have brains.

(I know some people like that, too.)

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And, the best for last?

Turtles can breathe through their ass.

(And I thought I had bad breath in the morning!)

Thank you all for reading this. If you need to reach me in the future, I will be in Guam!!!!!!  
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QUOTE.....

Two crocodiles were sitting at the side of the swamp near the lake.

The smaller one turned to the bigger one and said, "I can't understand how You can be so much bigger than me. We're the same age; We were the same size as kids. I just don't get it."

"Well," said the big Croc, "what have you been eating?"

"Politicians, same as you," replied the small Croc.

"Hmm. Well, where do you catch them?"

"Down the other side of the swamp near the parking lot by the Capitol."

"Same here. Hmm. How do you catch them?"

"Well, I crawl up under one of their Lexus cars and wait for one to unlock the car door. Then I jump out, grab them by the leg, shake the shit out of them and eat 'em!"

"Ah!" says the big Crocodile, "I think I see your problem. You're not getting any real nourishment. See, by the time you finish shaking the shit out of a Politician, there's nothing left but an asshole and a briefcase. "

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(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 funny, unusual and interesting stories or anecdotes that you feel may interest or amuse our readers, please email them to me as a possible inclusion in a monthly "and Finally"...)