

Hi everyone

Welcome to the July 2018 edition of your Biggin Hill Users Database Newsletter. Welcome also to any new Database members who may be receiving this regular Newsletter for the first time.

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BIGGIN WEATHER IN JUNE

Wow! At last – June has indeed lived up to its reputation as "Flaming June" and given us some spectacular long sunny and very hot days consistently (as I write this) for a couple of weeks, with no serious end in sight.

As would be expected, the Light aviation fraternity, both Private Owners, and Club members alike, have been taking full advantage of the excellent conditions to make it one of the busiest months for us all this year.

Long may it continue.

WINGLY AND OTHER COST SHARING PLATFORMS

For those that are not aware, Biggin Hill Airport will not accept any aircraft that is offering its services using Biggin Hill Airport to the public via cost sharing platforms like Wingly and Coamvi etc.

If any pilot offers flights on such platforms departing or arriving at Biggin Hill, then they run the risk of being asked to move their aircraft elsewhere permanently. So if you are a private owner, you may be forced to base your aircraft elsewhere. If you are a group or a club, then allowing your members to carry out such activities will jeopardise your entire operation at Biggin Hill, so it is essential that you communicate to your members that such flights in your aircraft from and to Biggin Hill are simply not permitted at all. This does not in any way affect the normal cost sharing with friends and family, or other members, just the promotion on public platforms to members of the public.

Biggin Hill Airport is not unique in this restriction, as others have also banned such cost sharing.

It might be interesting to note that the French DGAC will only allow cost sharing via such platforms in day/VFR only, and, if local flights, maximum 30 minutes duration and no further than 40 Kilometers from the departure aerodrome, with the pilot having a minimum of 200 hours flight time and 25 hours in the preceding 12 months. For any other flights, there is the additional requirement for the pilot to hold either an Instrument Rating, or an Instructors Qualification. (Well worth making sure that any cost sharing flight going to and from France doesn't end up grounded if it is ramp checked – would that leave the pilot in danger of having committed a criminal offence?)

BRONZE HOSPITALITY ENCLOSURE

The "Bronze" Hospitality Marquee and Enclosure at the 2018 Festival of Flight, located on the flight line on the Sunday 19th August has been completely sold out as predicted for some time.

If you have purchased tickets, and find you are unable to attend for any reason, please let me know and let me have the unrequired tickets. I will keep a record in the order that they are received and will arrange with any prospective buyers for payment and collection for you in the order they are received. Likewise, if you failed to obtain tickets before they were sold out and would like to be able to come to the marquee, please let me know and I will hold your details in the order received so I can make any tickets that are no longer required available....

So far I have been able to dispose of a pair of unwanted Enclosure tickets for one of our group for the benefit of another party.

Currently I have a single enclosure ticket available for purchase if anyone requires one more ticket.

Either way, please email me - john@bigginHillreunited.co.uk

FESTIVAL OF FLIGHT 18th & 19th AUGUST 2018

By now, all will of course be aware of dates of the Festival of Flight, which this year celebrates 100 years of the Royal Air Force.

Tickets for the event, which will not be available at all on the day, are now available online - see: <https://lbhacommunity.ticketsrv.co.uk/>

and are available at an "early bird" discounted rate of £23.50 per adult (Up to two children under 16 admitted free with every Adult ticket holder) - normal ticket price will be £29.00 (children aged 3 or less are free).

(For bona fide Biggin Hill residents, who are not seeking space in a Hospitality Enclosure, special residents "walk in" tickets can be obtained at the same price as last year, from the Lookout Café on the airport, and the Spitfire Café in Biggin Hill village. Remember though they are "walk-in" only – cars will not be permitted entry with these special tickets!)

NEWS FROM AROUND THE CLUBS, BUSINESSES & OTHER AIRPORT USERS

If you would like me to include your business or personal comments in the Newsletter, either on a regular basis, or just occasionally, please drop me an email with your contact details and the requested contribution and I will try to include it in the next Newsletter. I will acknowledge anything sent to me for inclusion. (Please email: John Willis at john@bigginhillreunited.co.uk)

ALOUETTE FLYING CLUB

Greetings from Alouette,

Well, we cannot complain about the weather so far..... but it has been too hot (*mustn't complain though – Ed!*). Both club aircraft have been fully checked and are ready to make the most of the clear July skies.

Some congratulations are in order; Tom Knynenburg and Olga Jarvis took advantage of the amazing weather and both flew faultless solo circuits under the watchful eyes of our resident flying instructor John Willis.

Why not come along to Alouette's social evening on 4th of July, meet some friendly faces, enjoy our fabulously subsidised bar and, weather permitting, a small BBQ. (open to both members and prospective members and friends of Alouette – all are of course welcome – from 7:30pm)

Until next time, safe flying,

Regards
Josh Reeves
Alouette Chairman

FALCON FLIGHT ACADEMY (inc EFG) & FALCON FLIGHT SERVICES

Greetings from all at Falcon

So what a crazy month with students, PPLs old and new.

Our commitment to safety and adherence to the Biggin SOPs is strong as ever.

The first of our Piper Archer aircraft with a new paint scheme and interior has had plenty of test flights this month. A touch screen Garmin GPS and Mode S transponder will soon be ready for you.

The odd perfect day has given the opportunities for solo nav exercises and skills test to be finished with some IR flights as well.

Don't forget as the only Approved training organisation (ATO) at Biggin we are committed to providing the best standards always.

Thank you for all your support thus far.

Stay blessed.

Anoop Singh Bamrah
Falcon, EFG, and S&K

MONTHLY REPORT FROM THE OFFICE OF WILL CURTIS

"Phew - what a scorcher" as the Sun newspaper might well say. The settled weather has dominated the month of June and at last, it really is flaming June. Light aviation has been out to play and business aviation is up on June last year as forecast.

We have been working with flying schools to find workable alternatives to the current arrangements and some good progress has been made. Hopefully we can preserve some training activity within the limits we have imposed for safety reasons. I note that there are some who persist in saying that these changes are down to the self-imposed 50,000 movement cap until 2020, but nothing could be further from the truth. We were already well under that level with the pre-existing circuit limits. I have said it before, but it bears saying again - this is entirely to do with preventing excessive controller workload and the prevention of TCAS Resolution Advisories which cause problems to business jet operators. Whilst costs may increase and landing fees may, in future, have to be somewhat than they are today, Biggin Hill will always be available to light aviation - but it is now a premium airport so it is not inherently suitable for the cheaper end of light aviation. That does not make the cheaper end of light aviation any less important or valuable, rather it is just a reflection of the market forces that are driving change at every London airport.

Many of you will have seen that the ramp is full of visiting aircraft and the new terminal hangar is almost fully subscribed with new Biggin Hill based aircraft. The project to renovate the Hotel taxiway and install a 'link' taxiway is now out to tender and once all bids are in, we will move to appoint a contractor. We hope to have the works substantially completed by early autumn. The re-marking of the former runway 29/11 as a taxiway is also complete. Having successfully gained planning approval, the new airport hotel is now moving through detail design and towards construction tender.

There have been no significant safety incidents this month, but rather an assortment of minor errors by pilots, it has to be said mainly by visiting pilots. However, one member of one group has been caught advertising flights from Biggin Hill on the web based a cost sharing site 'Wingly' and as a consequence the entire group is put at jeopardy of being required to move the aircraft to another aerodrome.

Whilst this may seem harsh, we have very clearly warned that there would be no second chances. As I have previously mentioned, the SANARB believes that if we are looking, as we are, to reduce the number of light aviation movements at the airport, then it is logical to begin with those who refuse to respect the operating limits we place upon those wishing to make use of the aerodrome or who

through negligent or reckless acts impinge upon flight safety. If you are the administrator of a flying group, please ensure that all group members understand that this type of web based cost sharing activity is not permitted and we have zero tolerance for it.

Finally, if you are not a regular flyer and intend to commit aviation in the coming weeks, may I politely request that you re familiarise yourself with the airport noise abatement procedures. As previously notified, there is now an automatic £50 surcharge for entering the Biggin Hill and Tatsfield Noise Sensitive Area so this might well save you some money too!

Until next month, safe flying!

Best regards
Will Curtis
MD – Biggin Hill Airport Ltd

ROLL OF HONOUR

Thank you to members that continue to provide us with additional names of old Biggin Hill'ites who we had missed. The Roll of Honour can be seen on the website at www.bigginhillreunited.co.uk

(Anyone who flew from, or worked, or even socialised regularly at the airport since it became a civilian base in 1959/60 and who has passed away, should ideally be included on there. If you know of someone whose name belongs on the Roll, please email me with their names, and details at john@bigginhillreunited.co.uk)

DATABASE EMAIL ADDRESSES

A constantly updated list of database 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.

Thanks to those who have contributed to our costs this year - your help is much appreciated.

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.....

A woman decides to have a face lift for her 50th birthday. She spends \$15,000 and feels pretty good about the results. On her way home, she stops at a news stand to buy a newspaper. Before leaving, she says to the clerk, 'I hope you don't mind my asking, but how old do you think I am?'

'About 32,' is the reply.'

'Nope! I'm exactly 50,' the woman says happily.

A little while later she goes into McDonald's and asks the counter girl the very same question.

The girl replies, 'I'd guess about 29.' The woman replies with a big smile, 'Nope, I'm 50.'

Now she's feeling really good about herself. She stops at a candy shop on her way down the street. She goes up to the counter to get some mints and asks the assistant the same burning question.

The clerk responds, 'Oh, I'd say 30.'

Again she proudly responds, 'I'm 50, but thank you!'

While waiting for the bus to go home, she asks an old man waiting next to her the same question.

He replies, 'Lady, I'm 78 and my eyesight is going. Although, when I was young there was a sure-fire way to tell how old a woman was. It sounds very forward, but it requires you to let me put my hands under your bra. Then, and only then I can tell you EXACTLY how old you are.'

They wait in silence on the empty street until her curiosity gets the better of her.

She finally blurts out, 'What the hell, go ahead.'

He slips both of his hands under her blouse and begins to feel around very slowly and carefully. He bounces and weighs each breast and he gently pinches each nipple. He pushes her breasts together and rubs them against each other.

After a couple of minutes of this, she says, 'Okay, okay...How old am I?'

He completes one last squeeze of her breasts, removes his hands, and says, 'Madam, you are 50.'

Stunned and amazed, the woman says, 'That was incredible, how could you tell?'

'I was behind you at McDonalds.'

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QUOTE.....

A judge was interviewing a woman regarding her pending divorce and asked, "What are the grounds for your divorce?"

She replied, "About four acres and a nice little home in the middle of the property with a stream running by."

"No," he said, "I mean what is the foundation of this case?"

"It is made of concrete, brick, and mortar," she responded.

"I mean," he continued, "what are your relations like?"

"I have an aunt and uncle living here in town, as well as my husband's parents."

The judge took a deep breath and asked, "Do you have a real grudge?"

"No," she replied, "we have a two-car carport and have never really needed one."

"Please," he tried again, "is there any infidelity in your marriage?"

"Yes, both my son and daughter have stereo sets. We don't necessarily like the music, but we can't seem to do anything about it."

"Ma'am, does your husband ever beat you up?"

"Yes," she responded, "he gets up every morning before I do and makes the coffee."

The judge asked, "Is your husband a nagger?"

Exasperated she replied, "Oh, hell no, he is white just like you and me!"

Finally, in frustration, the judge asked, "Lady, why do you want a divorce? "

"Oh, I don't want a divorce," she replied. "I've never wanted a divorce, my husband does. He says he can't communicate with me."

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QUOTE.....

Sign in a Shoe Repair store in Vancouver reads...:

We will heel you

We will save your sole

We will even dye for you.

Sign on a Blinds and Curtain Truck.....:

"Blind man driving."

Sign over a Gynaecologist's Office....:

"Dr. Jones, at your cervix."

In a Podiatrist's office....:

"Time wounds all heels."

On a Septic Tank Truck....:

Yesterday's Meals on Wheels

At an Optometrist's Office....:

"If you don't see what you're looking for,

You've come to the right place."

On a Plumber's truck....:

"We repair what your husband fixed."

On another Plumber's truck.....:

"Don't sleep with a drip. Call your plumber."

At a Tire Shop in Milwaukee.....:

"Invite us to your next blowout."

On an Electrician's truck....:

"Let us remove your shorts."

In a Non-smoking Area.....:

"If we see smoke, we will assume you are on fire and will take appropriate action."

On a Maternity Room door.....:

"Push. Push. Push."

At a Car Dealership.....:

"The best way to get back on your feet - miss a car payment."

Outside a Muffler Shop.....:

"No appointment necessary. We hear you coming."

In a Veterinarian's waiting room.....:

"Be back in 5 minutes. Sit! Stay!"

At the Electric Company.....:

"We would be delighted if you send in your payment on time.
However, if you don't, YOU will be de-lighted."

In a Restaurant window.....:

"Don't stand there and be hungry; come on in and get fed up."

In the front yard of a Funeral Home.....:

"Drive carefully. We'll wait."

At a Propane Filling Station.....:

"Thank Heaven for little grills."

In a Chicago Radiator Shop.....:

"Best place in town to take a leak."

And the best one for last...;

Sign on the back of another Septic Tank Truck:

"Caution - This Truck is full of Political Promises"

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QUOTE.....

ROYAL JOB INTERVIEW ..

Two blokes living in the Australian outback saw a couple of jobs advertised by the Queen of England. She was looking for footmen, to walk beside her carriage. They applied and were very happy to be flown to London for an interview with Her Majesty.

She says to them: "Because my footmen must wear long white stockings, I must see your ankles to be sure they are not swollen or misshapen."

After they show her their ankles, the Queen says: "It is also important that you don't have knobby knees, so I need to see your knees too."

Once she has seen their knees, she says: "Now everything appears to be in shape, so I just need to see your testimonials."

Nine years later, when the pair are finally released from prison, one of the blokes says to the other:

"I reckon, if we just had a bit more education we would have got that job!"

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QUOTE.....

Older Guys have different priorities.....

A well-preserved 71 year old man is having a drink in a bar.

Suddenly a gorgeous girl enters and sits down a few seats away. The girl is so attractive that he just can't take his eyes off her.

After a short while the girl notices him staring, and approaches him.

Before the man has time to apologize, the girl looks him deep in the eyes and says to him in a sultry tone:

"I'll do anything you'd like. Anything you can imagine in your wildest dreams, it doesn't matter how extreme or unusual it is, I'm game. I want £100, with only one condition".

Completely stunned by the sudden turn of events, the man asks her what her condition is.

"You have to tell me what you want me to do, in just three words."

The man takes a moment to consider the offer from the beautiful woman.

He then whips out his wallet and puts 10 £10 notes in her outstretched hand.

He then looks her squarely in the eyes, and says slowly and clearly:

"Paint my house."

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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"...)