

Hi everyone

Welcome to the Biggin Hill Users Database June Newsletter....

JB's June edition of the Biggin Hill Airport "BUGLE" is also now available online on the Social Club's website at <http://www.bigginhillclub.co.uk> ***As always it is NOT included here - to view it, once in the Bugle section, via the link on the homepage, click on the appropriate month's link – this will open it in a new browser window so you can read it or print it.***

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: john@bigginhillreunited.co.uk)

EMAIL ADDRESSES

Welcome to the new Database members who may be receiving this regular Newsletter for the first time. A full and current list of member names can be seen at <http://www.bigginhillreunited.co.uk>

Please remember to tell us if you change your email address. If you know others who are not members but are eligible to join (ie. if they currently fly from the airport, or work there, or ever have done so) please let me know or tell them about us – it is, of course, free.

GENERAL AVIATION REPORT ISSUE

On a recent visit to Lydd for lunch, I was stopped by some UK Border Force officers who wanted to promote the online submission of General Aviation Reports, which I'm sure you all know are now legally required to submit not less than 4 hours before the planned arrival time – even when arriving at a fully staffed Designated Airport of Entry! We had a discussion as to why this was required at such airports, but clearly the legislators have their own agenda and have decided that they wanted a system that was the same across the board. They made it very clear, both verbally, and in the supplied brochure, that the online system would eventually be the only acceptable means of submission

On my return, I then visited the promoted Online GAR service and attempted to complete a GAR for a future flight. I aborted this upon finding out that they expected me to pay for this according to a table depending on passenger numbers etc. As is my way, I emailed the UK Border Authority explaining that I was not prepared to use their service with this charge, and would continue to only use Designated Airports where I would file by fax as I always had done. I explained that charging us for a service that actually wasn't really necessary at a Designated Airport of Entry was little more than yet another stealth tax on general aviation, and one that I wouldn't accept.

Their direct and reasonably quick response was as follows:

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It was me that gave the presentation at Lydd, and since then there have been some changes, with a commercial venture providing an enhanced service for a fee, but a free service is still available - see options below.

GAR (General Aviation Report) information can be submitted to Border Force in the following ways:-

Online submission via:-

www.AOPA.co.uk - the online GAR is accessed via a grey button. This is a FREE service available to all (not just AOPA members).

The old link to the original AOPA online system is no longer valid.

http://www.aopa.co.uk/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=372&Itemid=815

www.onlinegar.com - this is a commercial service that provides enhanced functionality. Although it is a paid service, on registration free credits are provided. Free access is also provided by online flight planning providers such as Skydemon depending on their subscription package.

By emailing a completed GAR form to ncu@hmrc.gsi.gov.uk

Faxing a completed GAR form to 0870 240 3738 (UK), +44 1708 862521 (from abroad)

Full instructions are available at:-

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/general-aviation-operators-and-pilots-notification-of-flights>

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I thought that it may be helpful for you to have this information so you are not browbeaten into paying extra for something that was unnecessary.

LUKE CZEPIELA

Many people at Biggin Hill will know of Luke Czepiela, who worked at various organisations at the airport. Luke has explained that he has received great support from his many friends at Biggin and it is that support that has enabled him to fulfil his childhood dream.

We should be very proud of Luke's achievements especially since he has now been awarded his restricted super license for air racing and has joined the exalted ranks of the famous Red Bull Air Racing pilots.

His personal journey, in his own words, can be seen at:

http://www.bigginhillclub.co.uk/luke_story.pdf

Well done Luke, I'm sure we will all be watching your progress with great interest.

BIGGIN HILL "FESTIVAL OF FLIGHT"

Friday 30th May saw the Press Day for the Festival of Flight at Biggin Hill Airport on June 14th. The show has the makings of a really good day for us all. Ticket sales to date have exceeded the rate that we experienced for the original annual Air Fair's, so there is clearly an appetite for another airshow at the airport. Previously the last week or so always saw a very rapid increase in sales for that show as people rushed to get their tickets.

It is therefore anticipated that the 15,000 limit will be reached prior to the date of the show, so a decision has been taken that tickets will NOT be made available on the gate. So, if you haven't got yours yet, don't just turn up expecting to buy on the day – only people holding advance purchased tickets will be able to gain entry.

For your tickets, and to see the current list of display items that will be there on the day, go to:

<http://www.bhfof.co.uk>

I look forward to seeing lots of you there at the show..

AIRPORT USERS MARQUEE AT THE FESTIVAL OF FLIGHT

I must say there appears to be great enthusiasm for the Users Marquee on the flight line for the show in a couple of weeks. Colin tells me that there are just 15 places remaining, and they are only there because one large group decided to have their own marquee instead, and that released a fair few places for us.

So, if you want to be there and haven't yet secured your places, it really is first come first served... Once they are gone, that's it... You can find the form to apply and pay for them at:

<http://www.bigginhillclub.co.uk/airportenclosureform.pdf>

Print the single page form, complete the details and return with your payment directly to the airport.. To be reasonably certain, at this late stage I would recommend dropping the form and payment off by hand at the terminal, rather than trusting the post.

I look forward to seeing you all there..

NEWS FROM AROUND THE CLUBS

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

Hi all!

Another month has passed with some very mixed weather! The clubs and school have enjoyed some really cracking flying days with the occasional storm throwing the proverbial spanner in. Nonetheless Biggin's instructors have kept aloft showing the world that this is still the premier place to train for all your ratings, be it PPL, CPL, IR or to become an Instructor!

Of course this week saw the likes of the Spitfire, Hurricane and Tucano with a very special visit from Sqdn Ldr Henry Prince who flew in the very first Red Arrows Team in 1965 in Biggin Hill. In fact EFG was present that same day too.

Even though the times have changed, it's good to see something remain the same.

Anoop Singh Bamrah

MONTHLY REPORT FROM THE OFFICE OF WILL CURTIS

May is nearly over and the summer upon us again. Business is increasing seasonally, as it always does and we are all looking forward to the warmer weather. Club and private aircraft are busy again and apart from the bad weather of the last few days have been much busier as is to be expected.

Preparations for the Festival of Flight are now well advanced and we were pleased to welcome an RAF Tucano here for our press day. John Willis kindly braved the day's inclement weather and low cloud to fly up to Suffolk in order to collect our guest of honour, Squadron Leader Henry Prince, an original member of the original RAFAT Red Arrows team which flew its first display here at Biggin Hill some 50 years ago.

If you are intending to visit the Festival of Flight please do remember that there will be no tickets for sale on the gate so you need to buy a ticket online at www.BHFOF.com. With just over 65% of tickets now sold and the main buying period expected to begin this weekend, it may move fast in order to avoid disappointment. Please remember that some tickets are pedestrian only but there will be free buses running to and from Biggin Hill high street and valley during the day – please visit www.BHFOF.com for details.

The Festival of Flight will be a family oriented event with as much going on the ground in the arena as in the air, so please don't expect it to be a replica of the old Biggin Hill Air Show although we hope that the Festival of Flight will retain substantially the same feel. Because it is primarily aimed at the local community, it will be a smaller event than the Air Show was with approximately half the number of attendees on the ground. We will be pleased to receive your feedback after the event. You can log your views at www.BHFOF.com from Monday 16th June onwards.

We look forward to seeing you all on the day. Until then, safe flying to all!

Best regards
Will Curtis
MD – Biggin Hill Airport Ltd

BIGGIN HILL AIRPORT SOCIAL CLUB

Thank you to all those who have already sent in their renewal fee –Your support is much appreciated. Full details can be found at www.bigginhillclub.co.uk

When sending anything in, please remember to use the new postal address...

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....)

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These are sentences exactly as typed by medical secretaries in the National Health Service

1.. The patient has no previous history of suicide.

2. Patient has left her white blood cells at another hospital.
3. Patient's medical history has been remarkably insignificant with only a 40 pound weight gain in the past three days.
4. She has no rigours or shaking chills, but her husband states she was very hot in bed last night.
5. Patient has chest pain if she lies on her left side for over a year.
6. On the second day the knee was better and on the third day it disappeared.
7. The patient is tearful and crying constantly. She also appears to be depressed.
8. The patient has been depressed since she began seeing me in 1993.
9. Discharge status: Alive, but without my permission.
10. Healthy appearing decrepit 69-year old male, mentally alert, but forgetful.
11. Patient had waffles for breakfast and anorexia for lunch.
12. She is numb from her toes down.
13. While in A&E, she was examined, x-rated and sent home.
14. The skin was moist and dry.
15. Occasional, constant infrequent headaches.
16. Patient was alert and unresponsive.
17. Rectal examination revealed a normal size thyroid.
18. She stated that she had been constipated for most of her life until she got a divorce.
19. I saw your patient today, who is still under our care for physical therapy.
20. Both breasts are equal and reactive to light and accommodation.
21. Examination of genitalia reveals that he is circus sized.
22. The lab test indicated abnormal lover function.
23. Skin: somewhat pale, but present.
24. The pelvic exam will be done later on the floor.
25. Large brown stool ambulating in the hall.
26. Patient has two teenage children, but no other abnormalities.
27. When she fainted, her eyes rolled around the room.

28. The patient was in his usual state of good health until his airplane ran out of fuel and crashed.

29. Between you and me, we ought to be able to get this lady pregnant.

30. She slipped on the ice and apparently her legs went in separate directions in early December.

31. Patient was seen in consultation by Dr Smith, who felt we should sit on the abdomen and I agree.

32. The patient was to have a bowel resection. However, he took a job as a stock broker instead.

33. By the time he was admitted, his rapid heart had stopped, and he was feeling better.
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Mujibar was trying to get a job in India .

The Personnel Manager said, 'Mujibar, you have passed all the tests, except one. Unless you pass it, you cannot qualify for this job.'

Mujibar said, 'I am ready.'

The manager said, 'Make a sentence using the words *Yellow,* *Pink,* and *Green*.'

Mujibar said, 'The telephone goes *green, green*, and I *pink* it up, and say, *Yellow*, this is Mujibar.'

Mujibar now works at a call centre.

No doubt you have spoken to him. - I know I have!

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If you ever had to testify in court, you might wish you could have been as sharp as this US policeman. He was being cross-examined by a defense attorney during a felony trial. The lawyer was trying to undermine the police officer's credibility.....

Q: 'Officer --- did you see my client fleeing the scene?'

A: 'No, sir. But I subsequently observed a person matching the description of the offender, running several blocks away.'

Q: 'Officer, who provided this description?'

A: 'The officer who responded to the scene.'

Q: 'A fellow officer provided the description of this so-called offender. Do you trust your fellow officers?'

A: 'Yes, sir. With my life'

Q: 'With your life? Let me ask you this then officer. Do you have a room where you change your clothes in preparation for your daily duties?'

A: 'Yes sir, we do!'

Q: 'And do you have a locker in the room?'

A: 'Yes, sir, I do.'

Q: 'And do you have a lock on your locker?'

A: 'Yes, sir.'

Q: 'Now, why is it, officer, if you trust your fellow officers with your life, you find it necessary to lock your locker in a room you share with these same officers?'

A: 'You see, sir, we share the building with the court complex, and sometimes lawyers have been known to walk through that room.'

The courtroom EXPLODED with laughter, and a prompt recess was called. The officer on the stand has been nominated for this year's 'Best Comeback' line -- and we think he'll win.
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I was at my bank today; there was a short queue.

There was just one lady in front of me, an Asian who was trying to exchange yen for dollars. It was obvious she was very irritated.

She asked the teller, "Why it change? Yesterday, I get two hunat dolla fo yen. Today I only get hunat eighty? Why it change?"

The teller shrugged his shoulders and said, "Fluctuations."

The Asian lady says, "Fluc you white people too"

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A man asked a fairy to make him desirable and irresistible to all women.

She turned him into a credit card!

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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"...))