

Hi everyone

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

JB's May 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.

POSTAL ADDRESS

The original P.O. Box address for us is no longer operational, so please use: 26 Churchside Close, Biggin Hill, Kent, TN16 3QF from now on. But the email address remains the same: john@bigginhillreunited.co.uk or john@bigginhillclub.co.uk

DON PARKER

It is with great sadness that I have to report that another old Biggin Hill'ite, Don Parker, passed away in early April.

Don, who many older airport users will remember, was the owner of the Pitts Cottage restaurant in Westerham for many years, long before it became an Indian restaurant. He lived in Crockham Hill.

Don was a decorated Lancaster bomber gunner in the RAF during WWII, but was reluctant to talk about his wartime experiences. He was heavily involved in motor racing in the early days, and became a part of the Biggin Hill scene in early 1963 when he joined Vendair Flying Club. Bugle readers will now be very familiar with the story of his exploits when he got Harry Harris, the CFI of Vendair, to fly him and his family to South Africa in a DH Rapide in December 1963, returning to Biggin in February 1964.

A real excentric, Don was always fascinated with cars of all shapes and sizes, having raced many types of cars in his younger days. An entry in the November 2006 issue of the Formula Junior Newsletter recalls:

“Don Parker is now in his 80s living at Crockham Hill near Edenbridge and is still terrorising people driving his Bentley Special around the lanes of Kent.

He had an accident [many years ago – Ed] at Paddock Bend at Brands Hatch which destroyed the all-enveloping bodywork and when the meeting was over he was seen crawling through the long grass retrieving every scrap of glass fibre he could find in order to stick it all back together, the body moulds being thousands of miles away in South Africa!

Having a chain driven motorcycle gearbox, Don overcame the reverse gear requirement by having a starter motor that he could lever against the rear wheel thus reversing the car, albeit somewhat slowly!"

A very likeable character, 93 year old Don will be missed by his many old friends from the airport.

BIGGIN HILL "FESTIVAL OF FLIGHT"

Sales of tickets for this exciting new one day flying event at Biggin Hill on 14th June 2014 are apparently going exceedingly well. In fact, I'm told that sales of these are going faster than the advanced ticket sales for the famous annual Air Fair. Full details of the event, including where to buy the tickets can be seen on the website at:

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

The site also includes details of the display acts .

With only 15,000 tickets available, if you haven't already bought yours, and want to attend, don't delay. Once that quota is sold, there will be no more released, and it is not anticipated that there will be any available on the day. Don't miss out.

AIRPORT USERS MARQUEE AT THE FESTIVAL OF FLIGHT

As you should already have seen in the special Mid-month Newsletter, following discussions with the airport, a special Airport Users Marquee has been made available for those that want it.

The marquee will be right on the flight line, and will feature a garden area with tables and chairs in front from which to view the displays, tables and chairs inside, a pay bar selling beers, wines, and soft drinks, and (most importantly), private toilet facilities. This will be the ideal spot from which to view the displays, and to meet friends and colleagues from the airport. Bring a picnic.

Tickets for this, which do not include show ground entry (see above item for how to buy those) are priced at just £18.50 each person.

To buy your Marquee tickets, go to:

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

Print the single page form, complete the details and return with your payment directly to the airport..

Clearly, marquee size is limited, so there are only 200 places available. At the time of going to press, there are only around 30 or 40 left, so if you want to have the use of the marquee at the show, please act quickly. (and to the members who said at the beginning that they would definitely want to use such a facility if it were to be arranged, who have not

yet sent in their order – please don't let us down! It was the result of your positive reaction that we went ahead with this!)

I hope to see lots of you there on the day.

CLASSIC CARS

Do you own a Classic Car? The organisers of the Festival of Flight are searching for volunteers who own pre-1966 classic cars or motorcycles to join the fun on the day with the presence of their owners and their lovingly restored and maintained machinery.

A special classic vehicle display arena has been allocated close to the park where the RAF Aerobatic Team 'The Red Arrows' will be lined up.

Participating volunteers will be expected to be on site at the airport for marshalling by 11am on the day and to remain in the arena until 7.30pm. A parade is planned during the afternoon.

Volunteers are requested to provide full details of their early to mid-1960's classic machine with a picture, together with their name and address, telephone contact and e-mail to the organiser's office:

fran@synergieventsuk.com

or by post to: Colin Hitchins, Biggin Hill Airport, Main Road. Biggin Hill, TN16 3BH.

The invitation is open until 23rd May.

FARNBOROUGH

Apparently the website for people to submit responses to the ridiculous 'airspace grab' has (perhaps conveniently?) lost any submissions made between the 11th April at 11:02 and 16th April at 10:08. As a result, it has been decided to extend the consultation period by 10 days from 2nd May to 12th May.

If you submitted your responses during that crucial period, as inconvenient that may be, please consider resubmitting them.

If you have yet to respond, please look at what they are attempting to do to your airspace, and make your responses before the close date. If they have their way, general aviation in the South East will be very seriously affected, and even prevented completely from functioning in some cases.

The entire document package can be viewed and downloaded from:

<http://www.consultation.tagfarnborough.com>

NEWS FROM AROUND THE CLUBS

This is a new section to the monthly newsletter where Biggin Hill Clubs and other organisations can regularly promote their activities and services, plus social functions that are open to others, via the Database. (it could be used, for example, to let Biggin Hill users know of any job vacancies, etc.). 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

Wow, what a weird old run of weather we are having! Well, despite all this, the flying schools have managed to keep aloft and even taken on a course or two!

EFG have already started taking bookings for flying out for Aero Expo 30th May - 1st June, here's hoping for good flying weather that day. In the meantime it's business as usual here at EFG. As I type this we have students prepping for their next flights, a couple waiting to go in for briefings for a trial lesson and a delightful bunch of chaps waiting to go away in WD for the day (you know who you are!). Some speak of the doom and gloom in flying schools these days. You should come here, smiles all over!

IMC Courses are still going on, as well as IR Revalidations and Renewals so keep an eye on your dates! I have been squirreling away in my office and finally submitted all the EASA Compliant Manuals to the CAA so that Biggin should continue to offer courses for PPL, Multi, CPL, IR and even all the Flight Instructor Courses (inc CRI, IRI, NRI). Registered Training Facility's - don't forget to keep up to date with the CAA changes for ATO conversion. In fact there may be another amendment to the template so please keep abreast of these changes at the CAA website. However I believe the latest notice is IN-2014/068 (ahem - he hopes!).

Now - private flying has taken a dip due to associated costs. However Falcon have a fleet of aircraft at your disposal, whether you wish to start flying out from the school, or start a share! Don't forget your maintenance schedules too! If you do have your own aircraft we are happy to take on your pride and joy and keep her ship-shape... erm aircraft-shape at least.

Happy Flying All!!
Anoop Singh Bamrah

MONTHLY REPORT FROM THE OFFICE OF WILL CURTIS

April has been a mixed month. Business jet traffic was below target but those aircraft that did visit the airport were in the larger category which offset the shortfall.

Club and private aircraft had another good month as the weather remained favourable for light aviation. Unfortunately, as a result, noise complaints showed a commensurate spike. It seems that around 90% of noise complaints involve a light aircraft as opposed to a corporate jet. We have renewed our AIP entry, so I would ask all pilots using Biggin Hill to ensure that they comply with the noise preferential routings as laid out in the AIP. We will also issue some hand outs to schools, clubs and our operations desk in the terminal so that everyone should have access to the correct procedures and routings.

Preparations for the Festival of Flight continue. An Operations Notice will soon be published that will highlight the very few restrictions that will apply to normal operations on the 14th June. We have tried to keep to normal operations where possible and to a great extent this will be the case, but there will be three blocks of approximately one hour each during which the airport will be closed to traffic to permit air displays to take place. Timings will be notified by Operations Notice and by NOTAM in due course. As with all large public events, the Health and Safety brigade will be out in force, so please ensure that you are seen to comply with all H&S requirements at all times! Tickets for the Festival of Flight are

selling well and we expect to be sold out shortly, so please ensure that you purchase your ticket soon if you want to join us on the day!

Until next month, safe flying!

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

Everyone who has sent in their payment should by now have received their membership cards. If you haven't, please contact me. 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....)

QUOTE.....

A group of guys, all age 40, discussed where they should meet for lunch. Finally it was agreed that they would meet at the Ocean View Restaurant because the waitresses there were gorgeous, with tight skirts, perky breasts and nice rears. Ten years later, at age 50, the friends once again discussed where they should meet for lunch. Finally it was agreed that they would meet at the Ocean View restaurant because the food and service was good and the wine selection was excellent.

Ten years later, at age 60, the friends again discussed where they should meet for lunch. Finally it was agreed that they would meet at the Ocean View Restaurant because they could dine in peace and quiet and the restaurant had a beautiful view of the ocean.

Ten years later, at age 70, the friends discussed where they should meet for lunch. Finally it was agreed that they would meet at the Ocean View Restaurant because the restaurant was wheelchair accessible and had an elevator.

Ten years later, at age 80, the friends discussed where they should meet for lunch. Finally it was agreed that they would meet at the Ocean View Restaurant, because they had never been there before and heard it was quite good.

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Manure... An interesting fact

In the 16th and 17th centuries, everything had to be transported by ship and it was also before the invention of commercial fertilizers, so large shipments of manure were quite common.

It was shipped dry, because in dry form it weighed a lot less than when wet, but once water (at sea) hit it, not only did it become heavier, but the process of fermentation began again, of which a by product is methane gas of course.. As the stuff was stored below decks in bundles you can see what could (and did) happen.

Methane began to build up below decks and the first time someone came below at night with a lantern, BOOM! Several ships were destroyed in this manner before it was determined just what was happening

After that, the bundles of manure were always stamped with the instruction "Stow high in transit" on them, which meant for the sailors to stow it high enough off the lower decks so that any water that came into the hold would not touch this volatile cargo and start the production of methane.

Thus evolved the term ' S.H.I.T. ', (Stow High In Transit) which has come down through the centuries and is in use to this very day.

You probably did not know the true history of this word.

Neither did I - I had always thought it was an aviators term!!!!

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A recent article in the Dominion Post reported that a woman, Anne Maynard, has sued Wellington Hospital, saying that after her husband had surgery there, he lost all interest in sex.

A hospital spokesman replied: "Mr. Maynard was admitted for cataract surgery. All we did was correct his eyesight."

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Brilliant Beijing Hotel Brochure - Translated

A friend went to Beijing recently and was given this brochure by the hotel. It is precious. he is keeping it and reading it whenever she feels depressed. Obviously, it has been translated directly, word for word from Mandarin to English.

Getting There:

Our representative will make you wait at the airport. The bus to the hotel runs along the lake shore. Soon you will feel pleasure in passing water. You will know that you are getting near the hotel, because you will go round the bend. The manager will await you in the entrance hall. He always tries to have intercourse with all new guests.

The Hotel:

This is a family hotel, so children are very welcome. We of course are always pleased to accept adultery. Highly skilled nurses are available in the evenings to put down your

children. Guests are invited to conjugate in the bar and expose themselves to others. But please note that ladies are not allowed to have babies in the bar. We organize social games, so no guest is ever left alone to play with them self.

The Restaurant:

Our menus have been carefully chosen to be ordinary and unexciting. At dinner, our quartet will circulate from table to table, and fiddle with you.

Your Room:

Every room has excellent facilities for your private parts. In winter, every room is on heat. Each room has a balcony offering views of outstanding obscenity! .. You will not be disturbed by traffic noise, since the road between the hotel and the lake is used only by pederasts.

Bed

Your bed has been made in accordance with local tradition. If you have any other ideas please ring for the chambermaid. Please take advantage of her. She will be very pleased to squash your shirts, blouses and underwear. If asked, she will also squeeze your trousers.

Above All:

When you leave us at the end of your holiday, you will have no hope. You will struggle to forget it.

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ANSWERS FROM A STUDENT WHO OBTAINED 0% IN AN EXAM

Q1. In which battle did Napoleon die?

A) His last battle

Q2. Where was the Declaration of Independence signed?

A) At the bottom of the page

Q3. River Ravi flows in which state?

A) Liquid

Q4. What is the main reason for divorce?

A) Marriage

Q5. What is the main reason for failure?

A) Exams

Q6. What can you never eat for breakfast?

A) Lunch & dinner

Q7. What looks like half an apple?

A) The other half

Q8. If you throw a red stone into the blue sea what it will become?

A) It will simply become wet

Q9. How can a man go eight days without sleeping?

A) No problem, he sleeps at night.

Q10. How can you lift an elephant with one hand?

A) You will never find an elephant that has only one hand..

Q11. If you had three apples and four oranges in one hand and four apples and three oranges in other hand, what would you have?

A) Very large hands

Q12. If it took eight men ten hours to build a wall, how long would it take four men to build it?

A) No time at all, the wall is already built.

Q13. How can u drop a raw egg onto a concrete floor without cracking it?

A) Any way you want, concrete floors are very hard to crack.

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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"...))