

Hi everyone

Welcome to the Biggin Hill Users Database September Newsletter.... Sent to you from sunny Portugal, so apologies for the limited content this month! (apart from the “and Finally” section, which I am able to pre-prepare)

JB's September 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.

TWO LANCASTERS & THE REDS

August has clearly been rather different to normal at Biggin, with the arrival of the only other flying Canadian Lancaster (known as Vera) at Biggin, flying alongside the Battle of Britain Memorial Flight's own Lanc (known as Thumper) and their Spitfires.

“Vera” made the crossing of the North Atlantic from their permanent home at the Canadian Wartime Heritage Museum in Hamilton International Airport, close to Lake Ontario in early August, crossing via Goose Bay, Narsarsuaq, and Keflavik, prior to arriving at the BBMF, RAF Coningsby. Following a planned maintenance after the arrival, the pair commenced a nearly 2 month tour of the UK and the display circuit on 14th August when Biggin Hill played host to them for an initially planned few days. (sadly high crosswinds forced the pair to cancel their visit earlier than planned and they left Biggin on the Saturday, cancelling all appearances at various displays on the Sunday due to adverse British weather)

Unfortunately I was away and unable to see the magnificent sight of these wonderful aircraft flying together, but for me, via Facebook, I have been able to experience a part of the spectacle via all of your photo's and videos. A truly wonderful sight and one that I was very sad to miss.

August also saw the Red Arrows based at Biggin, with the Typhoons, both of which were displaying at the Eastbourne air show, along with the two Lancs and Spitfires. So Biggin was a very different airport for those few days, with continuous comings and goings by fast jets and warbirds.

Well done to Biggin for hosting this magnificent pair, and for giving everyone in the local area a chance to experience the sights and sounds of 8 Merlins (plus another Merlin and a Griffon in the accompanying escorting Spitfires).

NEW ADDITION TO PETER GREENYER'S VINTAGE FLEET

This month saw a new addition to the exceptional fleet of vintage aircraft owned and operated by Peter Greenyer at Shipping and Airlines.

The new aircraft is an immaculate D.H. 90A Dragonfly G-AEDU in a resplendent red colour scheme. (For pictures, see this month's Biggin Hill Bugle)

Congratulations Peter and your team – a very special and beautiful aircraft.....

PANSHANGER

A quick reminder following last month's announcement that Panshanger aerodrome will be closing forever on 20th September.

So if you haven't already got it in your logbook, there are just about three weeks left to visit this aerodrome, the current and long term home of North London Flying Club, before it is lost to GA, joining an ever increasing list of places no longer available to visit in the UK!!!

Wherever will be next??

FARNBOROUGH ATTEMPTED AIRSPACE GRAB

The initial analysis of the responses to the ridiculous attempted "airspace grab" by Farnborough Airport in Hampshire have been released.

The full report can be seen here:

http://consultation-farnborough.s3.amazonaws.com/wp-content/uploads/2013/10/Feedback_Report_PartA_Full_WEB.pdf

It seems that most respondents also seem unsupportive of the proposals – I wonder why!!

TOUR d'AFRIQUE

Many members will recall the story in the Bugle over a few months about Harry Harris' flight to and from South Africa in 1963/64 in a DH Rapide. Harry is trying to make contact with any of the Parker family that were with him on this epic journey, and has asked for our help.

According to a Daily Mail report in February 24th 1964 their ages were as shown in brackets, with their assumed current age: Don (43) now deceased, Anne (34) now 84, Linda (14) now 64, Tony (10) now 60, Jillie (5) now 55

If any readers have any means of contact with them, we would appreciate a quick email to me at john@bigginhillreunited.co.uk so that contact can be re-established.

GORDON KING

I have received an email asking for information about Gordon King, who owned and ran King Air Flying Club with his wife Lilian for many years. Whilst we are aware that Gordon sadly died some time ago, we have no details of when or where, etc. If anyone has any

information that I can pass on, it would be most appreciated – please email me at john@bigginhillreunited.co.uk – Thanks..

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 all!

What a month it has been with many great flying days for one and all!

The Falcon camp as ever has been buzzing with activity. Maintenance as ever ready to service your aircraft be it a 50hr check, Annual or complete refurbishment we can handle your request.

Flight Training has been enjoying not only a good bout of weather but also taking advantage of some challenging winds to practice our cross wind landings! On the subject of challenging weather, with Autumn firmly approaching don't forget to ask us for prices on Night Qualifications, Instrument Ratings and IMC work.

The latest news is the addition of the Piper Arrow to the fleet. So with GNS430 Equipment on our Warriors, Arrow and Seneca we hope you will enjoy taking the aircraft a bit further!

That's it for now folks, stay safe, fly straight and be blessed!

Over and out.
Anoop Singh Bamrah

MONTHLY REPORT FROM THE OFFICE OF WILL CURTIS

Will is out of the country at the time of publication this month, but he has asked me to pass on his best wishes to everyone for a successful and safe month's flying in September. He will be back with us reporting about the airport for the next Newsletter – *Ed*

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....)

QUOTE.....

Cletus is passing by Billy Bob 's hay barn one day when, through a gap in the door, he sees Billy Bob doing a slow and sensual striptease in front of an old John Deere tractor.

Buttocks clenched, he performs a slow pirouette, and gently slides off first the right strap of his overalls, followed by the left. He then hunches his shoulders forward and in a classic striptease move, lets his overalls fall down to his hips, revealing a torn and frayed plaid shirt.

Then, grabbing both sides of his shirt, he rips it apart to reveal his stained T-shirt underneath. With a final flourish, he tears the T-shirt from his body, and hurls his baseball cap onto a pile of hay.

Having seen enough, Cletus rushes in and says, "What the world're ya doing, Billy Bob ?"

"Good grief, Cletus, ya scared the bejeebers out of me," says an obviously embarrassed Billy Bob ..

"But me 'n the wife been havin trouble lately in the bedroom d'partment, and the therapist suggested I do something sexy to a tractor."

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QUOTE.....

(and from Bob Needham in Oz.....)

After having dug to a depth of 10 feet last year, British scientists found traces of copper wire dating back 200 years and came to the conclusion that their ancestors already had a telephone network more than 150 years ago.

Not to be outdone by the British, in the weeks that followed, an American archaeologist dug to a depth of 20 feet, and shortly after, a story published in the New York Times: "American archaeologists, finding traces of 250-year-old copper wire, have concluded that their ancestors already had an advanced high-tech communications network 50 years earlier than the British".

One week later, Australia's Northern Territory Times, reported the following:

"After digging as deep as 30 feet in his backyard in Tennant Creek, Northern Territory, aboriginal Billi Bunji, a self-taught archaeologist, reported that he found absolutely fu*&%-all.

Billi has therefore concluded that 250 years ago, Australia had already gone wireless."...

Makes ya feel bloody proud to be Australian!

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QUOTE.....

A crusty old Marine Sergeant Major found himself at a gala event hosted by a local liberal arts college.

There was no shortage of extremely young idealistic ladies in attendance, one of whom approached the Sergeant Major for conversation.

"Excuse me, Sergeant Major, but you seem to be a very serious man. Is something bothering you?"

"Negative, ma'am. Just serious by nature."

The young lady looked at his awards and decorations and said, "It looks like you have seen a lot of action."

"Yes, ma'am, a lot of action."

The young lady, tiring of trying to start up a conversation, said, "You know, you should lighten up. Relax and enjoy yourself."

The Sergeant Major just stared at her in his serious manner.

Finally the young lady said, "You know, I hope you don't take this the wrong way, but when is the last time you had sex?"

"1955, ma'am."

"Well, there you are. No wonder you're so serious. You really need to chill out! I mean, no sex since 1955! She took his hand and led him to a private room where she proceeded to "relax" him several times.

Afterwards, panting for breath, she leaned against his bare chest and said, "Wow, you sure didn't forget much since 1955."

The Sergeant Major said, after glancing at his watch, "I hope not; it's only 2130 now."

(Gotta love military time)
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QUOTE.....
And now some quickies.....

The Jewish Elbow

A Jewish grandmother is giving directions to her grown grandson who is coming to visit with his wife.

"You come to the front door of the apartments. I am in apartment 301. There is a big panel at the front door. With your elbow, push button 301. I will buzz you in. Come inside and the elevator is on the right. Get in, and with your elbow, push 3rd Floor. When you get out, I'm on the left. With your elbow, hit my doorbell. OK?"

"Grandma, that sounds easy, but, why am I hitting all these buttons with my elbow?

"What You're coming empty handed?"

Wise Italian Grandfather

An old Italian man in Brooklyn is dying. He calls his grandson to his bedside, "Guido, I

wan' you lissina me. I wan' you to take-a my chrome plated ...38 revolver so you will always remember me."

"But grandpa, I really don't like guns.. How about you leave me your Rolex watch instead?"

"You lissina me, boy! Somma day you gonna be runna da business, you gonna have a beautiful wife, lotsa money, a big-a home and maybe a couple of bambinos. "

"Somma day you gonna come-a home and maybe finda you wife inna bed with another man. "Whatta you gonna do then? Pointa to you watch and say, 'Times up!' "?

Irish blonde

An attractive blonde from Cork , Ireland , arrived at the casino. She seemed a little intoxicated and bet twenty thousand dollars in a single roll of the dice.

She said, "I hope you don't mind, but I feel much luckier when I'm completely nude." with that, she stripped from the neck down, rolled the dice and with an Irish brogue yelled, "Come on, baby, Mama needs new clothes!"

As the dice came to a stop, she jumped up and down and squealed. "Yes! Yes! I won, I won!" She hugged each of the dealers, picked up her winnings and her clothes and quickly departed.

The dealers stared at each other dumbfounded.

Finally, one of them asked, "What did she roll?" The other answered, "I don't know - I thought you were watching."

Moral of the Story.....

Not all Irish are drunks, not all blondes are dumb,
..... but all men...are men!

Blonde Traveller

A blonde calls Delta Airlines and asks, 'Can you tell me how long it'll take to fly from San Francisco to New York City?'

The agent replies, 'Just a minute.'

'Thank you,' the blonde says, and hangs up.

Family Values

Two men were discussing popular family trends on sex, marriage, and Family values.

Bill said, 'I didn't sleep with my wife before we got married, did you?'

Larry replied, 'I'm not sure, what was her maiden name?'

The Wife

A doctor examining a woman who had been rushed to the Emergency Room, took the husband aside, and said, 'I don't like the looks of your wife at all.'

'Me neither doc,' said the husband. 'But she's a great cook and really good with the kids.'

The Hospital

A man is recovering from surgery when the Surgical Nurse appears and asks him how he is feeling.

I'm OK. But I didn't like the four letter-word the doctor used in surgery,' he answered.

'What did he say,' asked the nurse.

'Oops!'

Dear Departed

The graveside service just barely finished, when there was massive clap of thunder, followed by a tremendous bolt of lightning, accompanied by even more thunder rumbling in the distance.

The little old man looked at the pastor and calmly said,

'Well, she's there!'

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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"...))