

Hi everyone

For once I am pleased to be simply sending out information, rather than announcing the death of a friend again.

You will all, I'm sure, be aware that the Biggin Hill Air Fair is going to be on 3rd and 4th September 2005.

To try to avoid the problems of previous years and the unpleasantness that resulted in some cases, the Air Show organisers, Air Displays International, have changed the basis of complimentary ticket issue this year for Biggin Hill based private aircraft owners. They have asked me to help pass this information to everyone to whom it applies. The airfield operators themselves should also be sending out information along with their normal landing/parking accounts etc.

The Air Displays Notice to Biggin Hill based Private Owners is hereby reproduced:-

QUOTE

You are probably aware that we have traditionally given to all resident aircraft owners complimentary tickets for the annual air show here at Biggin Hill. In 2004 some 3,000 tickets were given out.

This year we will be offering a maximum of 2 single tickets per owner/syndicate member, which will be valid for either the Saturday or Sunday. To cover our costs a charge of £1 per pair of tickets will be charged.

The closing date for this offer is **MONDAY AUGUST 22nd**

Should you wish to take up this offer please write to the Air Fair Office (address shown below) enclosing a cheque for £1 payable to Air Displays International stating your home address and the registration of your aircraft. Each individual owner/syndicate member will be required to apply, all tickets will be sent to the applicant's home address. Tickets will NOT be available from the Air Displays office.

Should you or someone you know wish to work at the air show we currently have a number of vacancies, enquiries should be made to Jean Moore at the address below or by email to jean@airdisplaysint.co.uk

UNQUOTE

The relevant address to apply for your tickets is:

Air Displays International
Biggin Hill Airport
Biggin Hill
Kent
TN16 3BN

Although it is different from previous years, this change became necessary because of the amount of abuse that some Private Owners gave the ADI office staff in the lead up to last year's show. These staff are simply there doing their job, and this abuse was uncalled for and necessitated the change of procedure. Much of this abuse came from private owners or

syndicate members who seldom visit the airport at all the rest of the year, but seem to suddenly have an overwhelming need to be there on the days that co-incide with an air show! As often happens, the unthinking actions of a few have affected the majority.

As most private owners know many of the other aircraft owners on the airfield, please can you make a point of communicating this information to all the other owners and group members that you know. In particular, if you are yourself a member of a syndicate, PLEASE make sure that ALL your own syndicate members are made aware of what they need to do if they want a ticket.

For those of you that are old Biggin Hill'ites - please remember that Joe Merchant holds open house at his Pilots Pals Bar, where many of the old faces gather each year at the air show. The bar is outside the air show area and does not require air show tickets to get to (but remember parking is extremely limited there at air show times!) - If you are ever going to find old faces around, the air show is a good time for you to come down to the bar.

Please don't forget - if you have any stories that may be of interest to the Biggin Hill past and present users, or events that you feel they may wish to know about, please let me know. I do like to send out newsletters periodically (as opposed to simply telling you all who else has passed away!), but it is sometimes quite difficult to think of subject matter.

Regards
John Willis

PS. For those of you looking for sites of interest on the internet, remember we have our own reunion site still running at <http://www.bigginhillreunited.co.uk>

There is an active site that looks at matters affecting Biggin Hill Town/Village at <http://www.savebigginhill.co.uk> - not just airport matters but those that affect the local community as a whole.

The airfair has it's own site at www.airdisplaysint.co.uk where you can see the latest news about this year's show.

Finally, please try out my own search engine at <http://www.britishwebsearch.com> - the more users I can get the better for me personally.....