

Hi everyone

The database I use to make contact with you all has been running for some time without proper checking, so I am taking this opportunity to validate all email addresses held on it.

I will probably now receive several "bounced" messages for addresses that are no longer valid. I then intend to send you all a list of the names of people whose addresses are failing so either you, or (following a call to them from you) they, can give me their correct current address for future use. (You can see whose email addresses are held by me by visiting <http://www.bigginhillreunited.co.uk> and using the link at the foot of the page "click here to view the list of people on the database").

Ultimately all invalid addresses and associated names will then be removed to make life easier.

If you know other past or present airport users that you feel should be on the database, please let me have their email address and details, or get them to do so directly.

Whilst sending this, I would like to remind you of a couple of points:

Firstly, the database is not tied to any organisation on the airport and therefore, if any of you have anything that you feel would benefit past or present users knowing about, please feel free to email me and (if it seems appropriate) I will send it out to all on the database. At the moment, it is really only Joe Merchant that makes use of it to publicise his own events, and me, to keep you informed (unfortunately) of the loss of any old colleagues. It would be good to make more use of the facility for the mutual benefit of all of us. It would be good to send out messages that are sometimes good news - I would really like to lose the impression that everyone has that I am the airfield's "angel of doom" or "grim reaper"!

Secondly, just a quick reminder of next week's "mini-reunion" at the bar - the reunion part starts at 4pm on 16th September, followed by a flying display (three items) before dark of course and likely to be between a 6pm and 7pm start, and evening party. There will be a band (Rick and Coolie) at the evening event, and there will be a BBQ running for the afternoon part and the early evening. All are very welcome, and it would be good to see lots of you there, so - if you are ever going to come to the airport this year, why not try to make it that weekend and see some old friends.

Regards
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