



Hi There Bob Shuttleworth,

Happy New Year . Let's hope 2010 brings us plenty of good flying weather!

2009 has been another great year for Take Flight, expanding from a fleet of three aircraft:- CY, SP and VS to a fleet of six, with the additions of the Cessna 150 Aerobat (KU), the Cherokee 140(PL) and the return of the Cessna 172(JN).

Despite hard economic times Take Flight continues to thrive and grow.

We now have more aircraft than we really need for our current membership base and availability is, as a result, more than very good. My target membership for the club has always been one hundred members and I think this is a realistic target with six aircraft.

Price Increases

As a result of various fuel price increases last year, continued rises in maintenance costs to comply with current legislation and the VAT increase, the aircraft hire rates have gone up slightly from January 1st 2010. You should have received a new price list in the post. The aircraft hire rate is costed to reflect the actual operational cost and the weekday rates are below cost.

Obviously the more hours the aircraft fly the cheaper the fixed costs like insurance, licences, annuals and parking become proportionally to the hourly cost. With that in mind, to keep our rates as low as practically possible and also as a courtesy to other members, can you please cancel any booking that is no longer required. If you are delaying the start of your flight please cancel the first hour or hours off your booking. Someone else may wish to use it for a few circuits or maintenance may want to fix a deferred defect for example.

Membership Policy

For the benefit of the business and in fairness to all our members we are also going to adopt a strict membership policy from 2010 (due to a couple of people who have tried to abuse the system). With the exception of one off trial lessons with Take Flight gift vouchers, only signed up and paid up Full members (or TakeFlight Student members, under the supervision of an instructor), may use or hire club aircraft at any time.

Planned Events

We are planning another full year of events, fly outs and first Wednesday club nights starting with a day trip to NATS on 5th February. In particular I enjoyed last years trip to the Channel Islands and hope to share that with members again. The "Flying Proms" at Old Warden were also memorable and definitely worth an overnight stop this year to fully enjoy

Now it's Six of the Best!

High Wing or Low Wing - take your choice.

Cessna 150 (and aerobatics), Cessna 172n, Piper Cherokee 140, Piper Warrior 160, Piper Archer 180, Piper Cherokee 6.

Sign up your interest and get a check ride if you haven't flown one before, The POH's are on the website and hard copies are in the clubhouse.

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Wednesday 3rd February Club night



Next Wednesday, February 3rd, we will be having a guest speaker at the club. Sarah Outen rowed solo 4000 miles across the Indian Ocean gaining 3 world records on the way.

She will be giving an illustrated talk on the challenges of organising such a trip, and how to find and redefine your own boundaries. Click <http://www.sarahouten.co.uk/> to go to her website.

We are sure that by sharing her experiences with us, it will also be of use to you when planning and considering those more interesting trips!

The meeting will start at 7.30p.m. and there is a nominal charge of £5.00 to cover expenses, but will include drink refreshments.

YOUR SUPPORT WOULD BE APPRECIATED .

For us to understand the popularity of this event could you log your intention to attend on events@takeflightaviationgallery.com so that we can gauge the approximate numbers.

the champagne picnic. If you fancy co-ordinating a trip or have any other great ideas please share them!

Dates and details of forthcoming trips are on the web site at <http://www.takeflightaviation.com/events.htm> with updates on the e-allocator notice board and our unofficial Facebook page (Take Flight Aviation). Our CFI John continues his series of informative talks dotted throughout the calendar in 2010 reaffirming our commitment to safe and fun flying. Take Flights operation is well respected on the airfield and beyond and I thank you for your help in making us look and sound as professional as possible.

Many thanks for your continued support and look forward to seeing you at the club soon.

Mike Roberts
MD
Take Flight Aviation

Safety is Paramount - a timely reminder

Privileges of Licences - Rules are there and they have to be adhered to. It's my role as CFI to make sure that we operate safely. The tech logs have weight and balance and performance calculators in them - as pristine as the day they first went in, for your benefit. If anyone has any questions about fuel planning or weight and balance please ask. There is no excuse not to.



We are an open club and there is no such thing as a silly question where flying is concerned.

What are your privileges by day VFR by Night and in IFR? Not sure? Find out or ask?

All IMC rated pilots need a minimum of 1000 feet cloud base and 1.8km forwards visibility, about 2x Wellesbourne's main runway. Less than that and you are going nowhere. This corresponds to around a military GREEN weather state in a METAR.

Aerobatics - We are very lucky to have the services of David Donavon on hand with his trusty 150 Aerobat. Aerobatics is the best way to build your confidence in an aeroplane. I know it's stating the blindingly obvious but just as you need an aeroplane capable of flying in IMC to exercise your rating, it follows that you also need an aerobatic aeroplane to perform aerobatics. I don't want to see the PA28s or the PA32 slow rolling over the airfield (or anywhere else) because the C150 was booked!



As David eloquently put it himself: "if we operate the aeroplanes by the rules they are very safe." It's when we operate them outside the rules that problems begin and safety is compromised. There is absolutely no need to infringe the rules, we are not a front line fighter squadron with a mission to complete at all costs, we are just a flying club with a common love of aviation. There are no medals to be given out. I want you all to stay safe and have long and thoroughly uneventful flying careers!

Thanks once again

John Eburne CFI

5th February - trip to NATS



The postponed visit to Swanwick is now organised for next week Friday 5th February.

There are approx 3 places left.

We will meet at TakeFlight 09.15 for 09.30 departure.

Lunch en route with the visit timed for 13:00 - 15:00 returning to the clubhouse with dinner at The Fox for those who wish.

Max numbers are 15 (Fifteen) and we are requested to bring with us a suitable valid photo i/d e.g. Passport, Driving Licence.

Photography is not permitted on site and use of mobile phones is restricted to designated non-operational areas.

There is a charge of £20.00 into a float to cover travel expenses, although transport is to be decided

Confirmed so far are: Pete Taylor, Bob Shuttleworth, Ollie Shuttleworth, Mike Roberts, Amanda Jenkins, Michael Moore, Paul Bond, Keith Miles, Max Pemberton, Marina Angelides, Chris Clarke, Gareth Slater. That's 12 so far with 3 to go please text Pete Taylor on 0783 167 4144 to confirm you want to go, or be first reserve.

Dawn to Dusk awards Ceremony

As you may know TakeFlight sponsored Steve and Amanda, supplying BYSP to allow them to complete their designated challenge, to visit as many airfields that had hosted air displays in the past.

The culmination of this was to attend the awards ceremony at the RAF club Pall Mall.

Besides receiving a certificate signed by HRH Prince Philip (patron) they won the Pooleys Sword.



As part of the "challenge", Steve produced a very comprehensive dossier on the event, which we hope will be on our website shortly, outlining as a diary the events on the day. Well done to all who were involved. There is a pdf attachment with the full press release on this newsletter.

Log Books - and more



Due to the clubs involvement with Dawn

Events 2009 - Round Up

The members gallery has been added to for some of the trips and events that happened over last year, have a look around, follow the instructions, and browse through the images at <http://www.takeflightaviationgallery.com/> or via the link on the TakeFlight members page.

Snow Joke!



The aborted event to visit Swanwick due to the snow, resulted in hardy members (read idiots) still slipping and sliding to the clubhouse, determined to make a day of it.

Permission was gained to backtrak 18, and after release from hold "Bravo" non radio, with signals from the tower. Team TakeFlight walked a formation bad weather circuit of the airfield. Rob Littler has now made a snowplough for the airfield so this will help next time the UK experiences the result of global warming!

Jersey Trip



Amanda, Mike, and David shared the flying and flew the three islands over one weekend. There were originally other members slated for the trip, but unfortunately had to pull out to work on their aerobatics with David Donovan - We are spoilt for choice at Takeflight. Perhaps next time, Mike definately wants to organise another trip this year.

The Dambusters Dinner Update



TakeFlight managed to fill 3 tables with 30 members and their guests enjoying the evening..

Mike Roberts in his own inimitable way compered the auction for 3 original prints from Aces High, and helped to make in excess of £3,000. Well done to all who participated.

Perhaps something like it could be organised again, it did bring all the clubs and the airfield together.

Christmas Party - Hangar One Sywell

to Dusk this year, we have now secured a trade account with Pooleys.

So from the beginning of February we will have in stock our own logbooks to purchase, and possibly some other consumables. In addition members will have an access logon code to enter on their website to gain discounts on all goods. Look for the link on the TakeFlight website, or in the meantime click on the image above, and look out for further developments.

Join AOPA - for free!



Did you know that TakeFlight was a corporate member of AOPA UK? We joined so that we could offer some members the opportunity to gain an aerobatic certificate and, if they want to go on to join in basic aerobatic competitions. Bob, Ollie, Chris, Clark, and Michael (to be called Team TakeFright!) are all coming to the end of the course - and anyone wishing to gain some spin experience, or get out of unusual attitudes, should get in touch and express an interest.

AOPA offers many other courses and challenges that can be taken up, and so it is well worth joining, even if its just for their excellent magazine. However if you are a student member of TakeFlight then it is free. Just log onto their website and follow the instructions and all will be revealed.

TIMELY REPEAT REMINDERS

Keep flying after the sun goes down, n ight flying season begins to draw to a close

John, Sharlene, Richard, and Sat are available for night flying (either revalidations or new ratings), why not contact one of them and book the planes?



This is still a great inexpensive rating to get (5 hours), and even if you don't intend to use it in anger it really does sharpen up and improve your daytime general flying no end.

Night Flying is only until the end of March, so if you want to get a rating this year there's not much time left.

Wednesdays, Fridays (till 8.00pm local) and Saturdays (till 7.00pm local)

Airfield and Club Safety Updates

As the January meeting was cancelled, due to the bad weather, the next meeting is not until mid February. For the information of new members though, after these safety meetings, the airfield issues notices that cover safety or operational issues.



These are printed out and added to the back of the Pilots Order Book (in the clubhouse on the bookshelf) as well as at the back of each of the tech log sheet folders.

Any highly important relevant current notices will also be posted on the back door as you exit airside.



The annual Christmas party at Hangar One Sywell, was well attended with 30 members and their guests dancing, drinking and gambling the night away.

"The Rat Pack" tribute band provided the music of Sinatra, Martin, and Davis Jnr.

Unusually for this event some people remembered most of the evening but the champagne, sambukas and jaeger bomb challenges eventually put paid to all that!

Lee was last seen at 3.00am in the bar trying to convince the night porter that it wouldn't be difficult to make a kebab!



Remember, it is a condition of membership (we signed on joining the club) that we read and accept the content of the Pilot Order Book, and we sign out in the relevant tech log, stating HOBBS Start time, destination or detail, and persons on board BEFORE the flight takes place.

The signing of the log sheet shows that we have read all notices, etc. and are prepared to accept the aircraft for flight.

[Additionally, when calling up the tower on first contact please state intentions of flight, and if landing away your destination](#)

To go to members page *click* below

<http://www.takeflightaviation.com/events.htm>

[Events Planned for 2010](#)

Follow the events page on the TakeFlight website for provisional dates and further broadcasts

[Fly Outs](#)

Dublin - whatever they say, Guinness is better over there!

Lands End, Scilly Isles - we keep trying this one - weather permitting

Isle Of Wight - always good for lunch at the Crab and Lobster

Duxford Flying Legends - the cream of classic aircraft airshow

Old Warden - why not join? £25, magazine, free landings for the year

The Classics - airshow, picnic, fireworks and outdoor concert

Deauville - a long weekend at a beautiful seaside resort

Le Mans - 24 hour race a great weekend with the airfield at circuit.

Dawn to Dusk - think of a challenge entry forms and rules available

[Fun Events](#)

Fox Darts Challenge - we need to beat them next time!

Laserquest/Bowling - get down and dirty!

Go Karting - very competitive and a good way to practise your spins!

This is the fifth of our new mailshots to keep you up to date with club events etc. If you don't wish to receive any more then **click** "unsubscribe" below. If you want to send in suggestions, responses, or ideas then e-mail flightlines@takeflightaviationgallery.com Best wishes and safe flying,

MIKE

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