



Kernow Hang Gliding & Paragliding Association

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Grand Photo Competition



This month's fiver goes to Andy Rogers, who after 'stiff' (there was one other entry) competition, came out on top with this great shot taken on the club Go Pro over Aggie, sharing the air with Kaz.

Chairman's Chat

Firstly let me apologise for the 'new look' bulletin, well its not so much as a 'new look' as 'a joint effort' bulletin, and thanks to Andy R and Nigel W who helped to put it together. With Tim and the rest of the usual production 'team' away in France collecting the silverware at the Hang Gliding British Nationals Comps (the flying has been Epic here by the way with members doing mammoth XC's in the awesome weather) it was up to us to cobble this issue together.

Some good stuff came out of this months meeting, but its only fair that we wait till everyone is back from Holidays, Comps, Detox clinics, or whatever bumpy capers our members are currently engaged on, to fully discuss them., but I hope that this months bulletin gives you a taster.

If anyone does want to contribute to the bulletin, whether that be an article, stories, guides to other sites you have flown or just photo's feel free to submit something.

Steve Mcilduff once suggested we each do a pilot profile 'ala' Skywings., you never know it could turn up some interesting stuff, for instance I had no idea that one of Alan Knight's previous occupations was as Ballet understudy to Wayne Sleep, or that Adie Chirgwins greatest fear is the loss of speech.....

Pause for thought 1.....Model aircraft, who has right of way????? This relates to a potentially serious incident that occurred after the meeting, to be discussed next month.

Pause for thought 2.....When did you last check you ears?????? This relates to 'another' potentially serious incident that occurred after the meeting, to be discussed next month.



Steve
Dredge

Minutes for the meeting of the Kernow Hang gliding and Paragliding Association held at St Rumon's Social Club on Tuesday 9th August 2011

Welcome Chairman Steve welcomed 11 members attending and opened the meeting at 8.30.

Apologies Received from Tim Jones, Sarah Waller Andy Rogers and Steve Mcilduff (STILL on holiday) Graham and Kaz Phipps, and Chris Whititaker, who apparently was taking part in a 'Photo shoot' for a dodgy website.....your guess is as good as mine.?????

Welcome new members.

Monthly photo comp. won by Andy Rogers

Minutes of last meeting. After some 'minor' discrepancies were ironed out they were Proposed by Raymond Mickleburgh and seconded by Adie Chirgwin.

Matters arising

Pilot lectures are indeed on but will be now be starting at the end of September and will be on a Wednesday night not a Friday (Raymond has dancing on a Friday so cant make it).

Devon Club Competition Date and location to be set, Pete Coad has agreed to act as comp organiser and Kernow will host, dates to be set when suitable weather can be booked.

It was suggested by chairman Steve that as we have the '**Frostbite**' in the winter months then we should have the '**Sunstroke**' in the summer, and if it received and attended well it could be opened up nationally.

XC Trip cancelled due to a combination of bad weather and unfortunate withdrawals. More dates to be planned however Jedi Master Coady still keen to impart the thermal secrets of the 'force' to anyone who wishes to go.

Regular reports.

Competitions:

Hang Glider Worlds. Coady reported that only 2 tasks were achieved due to bad weather. It was either too windy or down to poor organisation. Italy were the winners followed by France and Austria. UK came in 5 th. The event was "lifted" by both a hang glider and a paraglider providing the floor shows during a take off and a land to goal. Not a complete failure then!

Inter-club Competition

A "Sunstroke" event between Kernow and South Devon clubs has been proposed. To be held in September-ish with the site and events to be as weather permits. Any suggestions were welcomed!

Club flying: Some good days were reported at High Cliff and Chapel, Alan Knight gave a good input re his and Mike Cleffords exploits in Annecy. Pete Coad Enlightened everyone with tales of his latest encounter at Rose Warne, and I don't think he needs to be worried about us all crowding it out.

Derek and Coady flew and survived Carn Brea on Sat 6th August.

Chapel porth and St Agnes have been regularly visited and flown during the past weeks. Mr Crocker has very recently removed the gorse from the front of take off at Highcliff.

Incidents: Derek had a big collapse close to the ground during a wing over. No pain from the fall. MMMnnnnn.

GoPro Camera : gone with graham Austin to France for The British Nationals at St Andre.

Other business.

Suggestions were put forward for a club trip next year, with a 'holiday club' type payment scheme whereby members could pay in monthly at club meetings via Daisy. This was received well and Chairman Steve said he would be happy to help organise/book. Locations such as France, Morocco and Bulgaria were put forward. To be discussed again re dates locations ect.

Bill N had suggested that we use a radio frequency that is now indicated on the Flying Today site. It is 143.750MHz. The site wheel has been changed accordingly. A google calendar is nearly ready to show when members are available for trips/events/comps. Really, we all want to know where Adi is!!

Both Chris Whittaker and Steve Dredge are going to the Bloreng Bash. Others interested would find details in Skywings.

Visiting pilots have found it difficult to use our site guides to contact site officers. We should update these contacts and perhaps nominate new contacts for Skywings.

Members going flying have been encouraged to post on the Flying Today sites with destinations.

Alan Knight had recently returned from France with Mike Clelford. Rain stopped play on occasion and the flying was in still air in Annecy. Mike in subtle style voiced an opinion on take off.....audible for those listening, concerning the practice of forward launches abroad. (yes, we do know that hangies always launch facing forwards thus keeping crayons and coloring book together and

close to pencil sharpeners). "The French forward launch, the Brits reverse launch and the Germans.....they are in the trees !!"
There were general comments on how good Slovakia is for flying, but it is prone to bad weather. Perhaps a possible venue for a club trip ?

It was proposed that the full address of Flying Today should be put into the next bulletin. It has been recently updated and the address is

www.flyingtoday.co.uk/cornwall

Changes afoot, Our Current Secretary, Tim Jones has mentioned that this could well be his last year as Club Secretary!!!!!! So could I ask anyone who's interested to bear it in mind, also anyone who would like to step up and join the committee for any other vacancies that may arise in the New Year.

Mark Woodhams is leaving Cornwall! Mark informed us that he has sold his house and is moving away in a few weeks, Steve thanked him on behalf of the club for his years of dedication not only as Previous Club Chairman but also as an active and committed Member. It was felt that we couldn't let Mark just 'drift off' and it was agreed that he would be invited back for the 'summer do' where a formal 'dining out' (beers burgers) presentation will be held on for him. But fear not, Mark will not be cutting all his ties with the club he will remain an active part of Coady's XC coaching Team (in an Obi wan Kenobi kind of way) acting as retrieve driver.

Thank you again Mark for all you have done and continue to do for the club.

In light of Marks departure we will have vacancies for Carbis site officer and Parachute re pack Facilitator. Members interested to put names forward.

Chairman Steve expressed his sympathy for the untimely passing of Mark Stapleton, chairman of the Devon Club and confirmed that the he had sent a Card to his wife on behalf of the club, and had been in contact with various Devon Members.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 21.45