



Kernow Hang Gliding & Paragliding Association

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MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS OUTSTANDING

There are still 29 members who have not paid this years club membership subscription... If you are unsure whether you need to pay or not, then please contact our Treasurer Paul Howse on 01326 574498 / 07749 890 061. You can check yourself by looking at your most recent membership card and seeing if it says '05' on it or not. Outstanding membership monies means the club cannot fund upcoming events like Competition team entries, presents for land owners to keep our sites, purchasing gear, part funding trips away etc.

CLUB FLYING

I have not personally been out flying much this month, mostly due to a combination of commitments such as work, holidaying in Spain and seeing the woman. The weather windows this month have been few and far between although some of you have managed great flights despite the Traditional April showers. I have heard some reports of great epic conditions I missed at Sennen recently where Mark and Annie experienced what can only realistically be described as proper Inland thermal activity pulling in the warm air from sun-baked cliff faces creating some booming conditions. Mark described conditions as 'The best you could ever imagine for Sennen' - Part of me thinks he was exaggerating this a wee bit to rub my nose in and make me jealous!!!



Mark (Yellow) and Annie (Red) enjoying great conditions at Sennen.

Mark also heard rumours that our very own XC guru Skygod John Trewartha and his 'in-training' side kick Al thermalled off the back off Carn Brea and flew all the way to Long Downs (Penryn)!!! If this is true then WELL DONE GUYS that is really pushing the Kernow XC distance boundaries.

My only Diary entry this month so far:

18th APRIL WSW 8-13mph

MILK HILL, WILTSHIRE Thames VALLEY SITE

Very unstable low pressure air mass displaying large over whelming cumulo-nimbus with anvil tops dispersed by larger cumulous!!! General wind was very light at just 8mph! The wind increased and became pretty lumpy as shower bands and large towering clouds passed by. My Dad flew his Discovery hanglider off the top central bowl and just went down to bottom land after encountering very little lift. After seeing the air appeared gentle I set up and prepared for launch. Suddenly the wind gusted as a cloud cruised by overhead. I waited for thermal gusts caused by cloud suck to pass before soaring weak lift on the main slope for 20mins.

Just thought you might like to be reminded
WHAT REAL DECENT FLYING CLOUDS LOOK LIKE:



Fluffy Cumulous at approx 8,000ft in Seville,
BIG Spanish skies!!
Andy Hancock

PARAGLIDING, Good Friday, VAULT Bay

Arrived 11am to find Paul and Gay unloading their hang gliders. 'Direction perfect, Wind 10 to 12mph though forecast to get strong' they say. Just then Dave Stevens takes off. Drop gear, head for car park, no time to chat. When I get back it's already picking up. I measure the wind before taking off and its 14 to 16mph - 'that'll do' I thought. The wind has now veered a tad to the East. Heave ho, turn step and I'm away.....no its straight up, 2-up, no brakes, weight shift through the turbulence of the trees (it's the westerly take off). I'm 50ft up and now the lift has turned into a 3-up, but I'm drifting backwards so I kick a little speed bar on and see my shadow creeping forward again. 100ft now, wind even stronger so I second step on the speed bar and ease more on. Dave zooms past (eez a fly fella (keep it clean)). He doesn't seem to like it and lands. I'm pretty much gale hanging now and feel this is a good time to land as it'll get more difficult with time. The thing to remember is that the wind can get much stronger with height.

Paul has a nice flight although he says he only got about 200ft. A visiting pilot from Malvern takes off, but the mist is starting to come in and he lands within 5 or 10 mins. Roger Green goes to take off but decides against it. I decide to call it a day.

So in Electioneering parley statistics, it's Para's 100% and Hardly 25% (Truly 1/8) to the Hanggliders. Not that I'm mocking of course having been one for a very short while. But where were you all?

Nigel Eagle (Dr. Doosweet F.A. ret)

LAKES CHARITY CLASSIC COMP

Simon Raven from the Cumbria Soaring club has contacted us giving information regarding this years Lakes Charity Classic Competition:

Entries for this years Lakes Charity Classic are now open. **Please contact MALCOLM GROUT** directly for an entry form and further details. Contact details are:

**E-Mail: groutm@cockermouth.cumbria.sch.uk
Tel: 07891916305**

Places will be limited to both the 'A' and 'B' comps so if you want to guarantee a place then don't delay!!

Entry to the LCC 2005 will require a formal entry and a 'donation to charity'. The 30th celebrations taking place at the same time are open and free to all to attend. You don't have to enter the LCC to be part of the 'party'.

Regards,

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IMPORTANT NOTES FROM THE APRIL MEETING.

ST.AGNES SITE.

Member must not park vehicles beyond the boulder boundary at the western end of the site. Such parking make invite criticism and trouble from Carrick District Council who own this land.

WIND CONDITIONS. Moderate onshore winds usually give at least fair lift for soaring but it has been noticed on several occasions that the expected lift is weak and fickle. Pilots who experience this condition are urged to be careful especially when flying our sites that have little or no bottom landing options.

TREFUSIS SITE. Members are reminded that we have no permission to fly from that area and until permission is obtained we should not compromise negotiations by flying there.

Annual dinner, Friday 8th April, Sand bar, Praa Sands

Last years (2004) annual dinner was held this year on Friday 8th April at the Sand bar, Praa Sands. A big thanks to all those that attended and especially to Mark Ashton-Smith who did the majority of the organising for the evening. The food was tasty as was my Wire Daises Album which was playing in the background although it was so quiet we could hardly hear it properly..... Chairman Dave improvised the evenings formalities after an official 'hand-over' of the reins and speech from our previous Chairman the ever-so cheeky Mr Pete Coad. Several award Trophies were presented to members although some awards like 'the Crash Trophy' ended up being debated for there and then!!

All hangliding trophies stayed in the tight clutches of Kernow's hot silver winged hangy Graham Phipps.

The **Crash Trophy** was awarded to Alan (Knight?) Who crashed landed by overshooting on landing approach whilst trying to land on the beach at Olu Deniz in Turkey last year. He wrapped himself around a concrete bollard and ended up spending many weeks in a Turkish hospital after damaging his back. John Trewartha collected the award on behalf of Alan.

Both the **Kernow XC** AND the **Best XC distance flown anywhere outside of Cornwall trophies** were won by non-other than (yes you've guessed it...) Skygod Trewartha. Well done mate ;-)



Jon with the Kernow XC Trophy



Skygods Trewartha and Phippy celebrate victory.



Jon not satisfied with just one trophy claims another!



Phisspy – he's still keen for more trophies....

MINUTES OF THE APRIL MEETING OF THE KERNOW HANG GLIDING & PARAGLIDING ASSOCIATION AT THE CLINTON SOCIAL CLUB ON 11TH APRIL 2005.

Chairman Dave opened the meeting at 20.20 with 22 members present.

An **Apology for Absence** was received from the secretary Chris who is rumoured to "en passage". Retired secretary Alan stood in for him.

Minutes of the March Meeting were read and approved and signed after corrections of three mistakes spotted by attentive members.

Matter Arising. Thanks were expressed to Mark for arranging the Dinner which was deemed a great success.

Training. Graham reported quite a lot of training including Al the younger completing all his CPC flying tasks.

Mark reported two days training during the month.

Competitions. John T reported on progress toward the BCC Paragliding teams' qualifying competitions and the Hang Gliding Competition Secretary said he would chase the Hang Gliding Team Captain to fix dates for their qualifying rounds.

Graham reminded us that the British Open Hang Gliding Competition at the end of the month.

Club Flying. The past month saw considerable activity by both Hang Gliders and Paragliders including a good afternoon for the hangers at Vault Bay.

Graham P said that at Perran yesterday (Sunday 10th) there was a moderate onshore breeze producing very little lift leaving Paragliders making little height and Hang gliders struggling. Graham reminded us that similar conditions at Chapel or St. Agnes would cause severe problems.

Barry said he had a good day last Saturday at High Cliff but Roger G found very fickle conditions there on Sunday.

Paul and Big Alan have been flying their FLPHGs today.

Incidents. None were reported.

Other Business.

Mark A.S. told the meeting that 29 members attended the Club Dinner and on present calculations he is £10 down on the deal. He hopes to trace the "mean member" and pay back deposits paid by members who had to give notice they were unable to attend. The meeting agreed that Mark should not be out of pocket and that any shortage should be met by the Association

Members Forum.

Graham P said he had seen members cars parked beyond the parking area markers at the westerly end of the St. Agnes site. He asked members not to take their cars beyond the boulder markers to avoid any cause for complaint from the site owners.

Roger G said the grass rigging area at Highcliff was a muddy quagmire due to cattle grazing.

Another Member (sorry I didn't get your name - Secretary) asked about flying at Trefusis. It was said that Peter Crockford still has the matter in hand but in the meantime members should not fly from that site.

Alan P said he was having difficulty accessing the Forum in the Association web site and Dave said he was experiencing the same problem. Little use seems to be made of the web site and it might be because members found it rather complicated. Alan asked if the Smartgroup could be brought back. It was agreed that this should be referred to Andy and Paddy for comment and perhaps action if appropriate.

That finished the business for the evening and the meeting closed at 20.54.