

K.H.G.A. BULLETIN



KERNOW HANG GLIDING ASSOCIATION

DECEMBER 1996

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY (AND SAFE) FLYING NEW YEAR

By the time you read this, the Kernow Christmas Bash will be a lingering dyspeptic memory, with only the remains of the hangover to remind you of the good time you had. The Bulletin, on behalf of the members, thanks Diane for her efforts in arranging this and the other social functions throughout the year.

TOW SYNDICATE AGM

This took place appropriately enough on Friday December 13th, and is reported to have been an unusually sober affair.

Changes were agreed to the subscription system and a working party organised to modify the winch. Further details appear later.

CRASH TROPHY

It is reported that The Hawk has taken a decisive lead in the Crash Trophy Stakes for his efforts at Davidstowe, which scored highly for comprehensiveness, spectator appeal and artistic merit. Close competitors were the Green Party (Barry and Roger) and Dave M for his efforts to mate a hang glider with a caravan.

K.H.G.A. AGM

Members are reminded that the January meeting is also the club's Annual General Meeting. Please make every effort to attend and have your say.

Members' attention is drawn to Alan's proposal for an amendment to the Constitution which appears overleaf and will be considered at the AGM.

Any other proposals from members should be forwarded to the Secretary prior to the meeting.

TIPS (NOT FROM PIPS)

DISORIENTATION

Disorientation occurs when flying in cloud, which we shouldn't, but sometimes do. Because there is no horizon or other visual reference point, disorientation will occur within a very short time.

A surefire tip to check your orientation if you are unfortunate enough to get into this situation is to TAKE A LEAK.

If your helmet fills up instead of your boots - you're upside down.

EDITORIAL B.H.P.A. AGM - REPRESENTATION IS IMPORTANT

At the December meeting the question of sending club representatives was raised. Why go to the trouble, time and expense when so few clubs bother? After all, most of us just want to get on with our flying and let someone else do the donkey work. And when this "someone else" makes a decision we don't like, we can always adopt our favourite fall-back position of slanging off the BHPA.

The BHPA is the governing body of our sport - it ultimately controls our flying, and indeed whether we fly at all. It is run by a tiny core of paid staff and a great many dedicated volunteers. **And they do it on our behalf.** All their actions and decisions are, or should be, taken in the interest of the membership.

This is really why attendance at the AGM and networking with members of the various committees is important. It is in our own interest to know what is going on and also to have our say in the future of our sport.

The BHPA is **our association.** So let's make sure we have a say in running it.

MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER MEETING OF THE KERNOW HANG GLIDING ASSOCIATION
AT THE CLINTON SOCIAL CLUB ON 9TH DECEMBER 1996.

As usual the MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING were read and, less usual, approved then signed.

CELTIC CUP 1997. Alan said he still had no detailed information but that after further prompting, the Scottish organiser has again promised to post this info' without delay.

CHRISTMAS DINNER. Dianne again asked for bookings and money [£14.50].

BHPA AGM. Alan gave a brief report on the goings on and promised to expand this in a Bulletin article. This provoked questions initiated by Coady into the use of club funds and by Wicksy into whether we need send a representative. Most members agreed we should keep sending a representative. Tim said we should in future prepare for the AGM with questions and possible motions for the AGM well in advance.

PRAA SANDS SITE. Daisy had made enquiries and although he was not lucky enough to meet the new lady manager the prospects appear promising.

WARBOPORTH. Vicky is still trying to speak to the farmer and again the prospects could be good.

PENHALE. Pips has received a written response to his enquiries and is arranging a meeting. Money may be demanded and the members asked that any request be referred back to the meeting.

WEST COUNTRY PARAGLIDING. In response to expressed concerns from members Daisy said he had a discussion with Steve Hunt. The School is at present only a proposal and if it proceeds training will be done on Dartmoor and not on club sites.

ANDY said he will show his Judy Leden autographed video of Flight for Life at a future meeting and suggested donations to go to the Flight for Life fund.

ROGER FULL said that the date for proposed renewal of the CARBIS BAY SITE had been agreed.

DAVE MALC' commented on his impressment into a parachute packing evening and after some discussion agreed the event should proceed.

PIPS said that in spite of windy conditions training had been attempted. The WINTER XC LEAGUE is now under way with miles by PG and HG.

PETE YOU KNOW WHO continue his "keep the Phippses in line" theme asking for Pips's proposals for use of the club dual glider (refer last meeting). Pips suggested that he pay the club £10 per flight for "Punter's" air experience flights and encouraged dual rated pilots to become Air Experience Dual Pilots to enable more of this kind of flying to be done to increase revenue from use of the dual glider. Graham in the chair, said that no charge should be made for training flights with students who were club members as the glider was there for that purpose but that Pips agree to undertake routine maintenance of the glider. Members agreed that these arrangements should be reviewed after 12 months.

Pips asked for members views on a club vehicle as raised last month. There was no support for this but the idea of trying to site a club caravan at Perranporth was discussed for consideration at the AGM.

RICHARD said the planned parachute packing evening was important and related occasions when even professionally packed 'chutes have been found defective. A suggestion of water landing practice was discussed and dropped.

MIKE spoke for Roger Green who is concerned about use of club sites for commercial training. Daisy said this concern had already been dealt with earlier in the meeting.

JOHN THE MONEY made the 50 Club draw awarding himself the trifling £5 prize and the £50 prize to the PIPs.

Thus at 21.58 the meeting ended and we went on to view Mark Skywings's Historic Hang Gliding video.

KERNOW HANG GLIDING ASSOCIATION AGM 13TH JAN 1997.

It is unheard of to think this far ahead but I want to create a precedent and ask members to consider in advance a matter which could be decided at the AGM.

In the past we have decided that in a club of our size business can always be resolved at the monthly meetings. Accordingly Para 9 in the constitution states that "Officers of the club have no power except as approved by a quorum body". That means a club monthly, annual or extraordinary meeting with a minimum of 11 members present

From time to time decisions on behalf of the club have had to be made without time for such a meeting and usually one or two individuals get together and deal with the issue. This would be raised at the next meeting and, so far as I can recall, always approved. However this does mean that those individuals, often the chairman, the secretary, the treasurer and other officers stick their necks out on behalf of the association and it could happen that their actions be disowned by the club.

The running of the club has become more complicated with the development of the sport and I think the time has come to authorise a small committee to deal with matters on behalf of the association subject to such actions being reported to the next monthly meeting. The committee should be small or the objective of quick action will be impossible.

May I propose that Para 9 of the Constitution be replaced by,
"A committee comprising the Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer and four representative members to be elected at the AGM is empowered to make decisions and take actions on behalf of the Association such decisions and actions to be reported monthly at the Association meetings. The committee will meet as necessary and will require a quorum of four."

I'm not sure my wording is the best but it shows what I think is needed and any improving suggestions will be most wellcome. Please think about this and any other improvements we might consider at the AGM.

Alan the Secretary.

Tow Meeting 13th December 1996
Held at the Op's Room Portreath.

The meeting was attended by a total of fourteen people of whom five were non syndicate members but with active interests.

Minutes of last years meeting were read and agreed. This years business was then dealt with.

Winch Maintenance:- Paul Dunstan yet again kindly agreed to carry this out for the forth coming year. Thanks were forthcoming for last years efforts.

Parachutes:- Dave Malkinson kindly advised that a sufficient quantity were in stock to take us through to the millennium.

The Problem:- It was generally agreed that one of the main problems at present was the overall weight of the winch, this deterred people from towing it. Some discussion resulted in Paul Dunstan, Dave Malkinson and Roger Full volunteering to form a "working party" to lighten the winch. Work involved would include a lighter trailer set up and a replacement bike. All members to please look out for a bike preferably a Honda 125 or 185 trail bike, any ideas to Paul for assessment. The total cost of the work was unknown but likely to be in the region of £850 with up to £350 more for the bike.

This lead onto the question of **finances** both current and future. On the current front no figures were available as John Sekula unfortunately broke down on his way to the meeting however it was estimated at around £200. An idea originating from Patrick Buxton was put forward for consideration (in Patricks absence) and after some discussion and modification was proposed as follows.

Full Membership	£200
Annual Membership	£60
Monthly Membership	£20

No tow fees would be required from any category.

Full members would be liable for £10 maintenance charge per calendar year upon their first tow of that year. This was proposed and seconded by Paul D & Roger F. respectively and voted in with no objections.

Paragliding:- The use of the winch by paragliders was discussed, taking into consideration personal interested and qualified to winch them it was proposed that the syndicate accept paraglider pilots and develop into towing them. This was voted upon with no objections. Steve Hawken to co-ordinate at present.

Winchman:- Steve Hawken & Diane Dunstan both pleaded to become winchmen in the forthcoming season and no objections were forthcoming.

First Aid:- Steve Pennaluna volunteered to obtain a kit. Thanks were given.

Sites:- Graham Phipps to investigate the "Steam Engine " fields near Chiverton and Paul Dunstan to enquire regarding the situation at Victoria.

Winch Storage:- Graham May would approach Richard Powning with a view to storing it at Pendarves.

Dave & Shirley's Dinner:- Pete Coad had been paying for this in the past but it was felt that a joint effort should be made between the Tow Syndicate and the Club regarding this. It was agreed that the Tow Syndicate would finance half and a proposal be made at the Club A.G.M that they finance the other half.

Spring Event:- Rob suggested that we run a spring event at Davidstow this was thought to be a good idea and Rob was volunteered to take this in hand.

The meeting collapsed at this point into a drunken mess as the serious business of the Crash Trophy ensued.

Kernow X.C League

(hotting up !)

No doubt fired up by the hawks activities a contingent of hangers headed for high cliff to seek revenge and put the upstart dangles in their place. Yet more hangers tried their luck at St Agnes and even the man himself was rumoured to have his stiffy out in hope of further domination ! However despite a cracking looking sky the hawk remains at the top of the chart although a concerted effort by the High Cliffers has made inroads into his lead. The party of four consisted of up and coming Tim Jones, Rob (the shepherd) Ings, Gray (still improving) May and the pilot formally known as Pete Coad. All four managed to get away, Coady kindly elected to drive retrieve so landed after a few miles (that's his excuse), Rob cruised on until he met the ground, Tim headed for Bray down hoping the wind may have swung to the north and Gray took the honours sneaking into double figures. The St Agnes boys faired less well with no miles scored. Not a bad start to the winter league which will hopefully stir us into action.

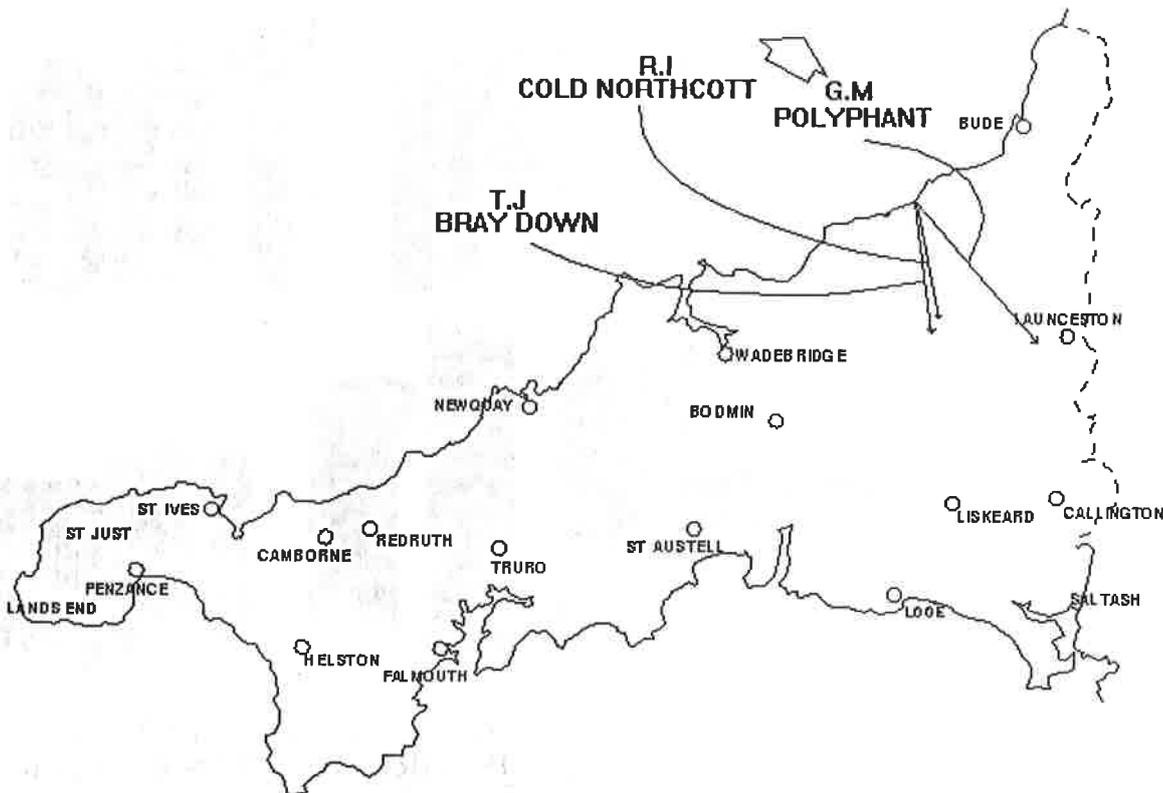
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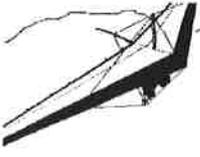
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1	Steve Hawken	?	15.3m	15.3m	Ato X.M

Hangers :-

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1	Graham May	?	11.2	11.2	Kiss
2	Tim Jones	?	7.9	7.9	Kiss
3	Rob Ings	?	6.7	6.7	Kiss





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Graham Phipps



Merry Christmas

Pippsy buy's a drink, don't miss it !

As we draw to the close of another year it's time to reflect on our flying exploits over the past twelve months, and what better place to do it than amongst friends, well mostly !

So as a token of our appreciation please accept this as an invitation to past, present and hopefully future friends & customers to an open house at the home of the Phippies on the evening of Saturday 28th December. Bring your partners and plenty of flying stories and maybe meet some friends you haven't seen for some time and if your really lucky have a game of spoons !

A rough idea of numbers would be useful but not imperative. If you want to stay the night book early to avoid disappointment and don't forget your sleeping bag.

See You On The 28th 8.00pm

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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT FOR 1996

Been there - Done it!
That about sums up the year but for those who have opened the Christmas cheer early and need reminding, here is a summary of the club activities over the last twelve months.

Foreign Tours - Lanzarote and Laragne.

Tow events - All Out, High and Wild, and the South West Tow Championship.

Competitions (Major) - British Open, Airwave Challenge and British Paragliding Cup.

Our competition results have never been better and but for a couple of points we would have had a clean sweep of the British Open and the Airwave Challenge. Steve's 13th place in the BPC is an exceptional performance and would have been higher if

the task he won had been scored.

Vicki and John also got a well deserved mention in Skywings for their successful debut into accuracy competitions.

Perhaps it's a result of competition excellence that took the edge off the XC animals' performance this year. To the best of my knowledge, no hang gliding records were broken. However, Steve with his Coast to Coast has set an inspiring Paragliding target.

Graham now has a long overdue Instructor rating and this will ensure a small but seriously talented supply of new pilots into the club. The enthusiasm and commitment of this year's members/new pilots bodes well for the club. We could do a lot worse than to elect this enthusiasm on to the Committee and get rid of

some of the follically challenged boring old farts!

My thanks to Alan and John, who have again done an excellent job with the nuts and bolts of club management (When they're in the country that is), and to the membership who are the real engine of the club and continue to support the meetings.

Finally, good luck to those who are branching out - Steve and Rob with Westcountry Paragliding, and Paul with Microlighting. (You really should trade in that supership for an XL!)

As always, it's a privilege to fly with you guys.
Safe flying.

Graham

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Happy X Christmas and a Thermic New Year

