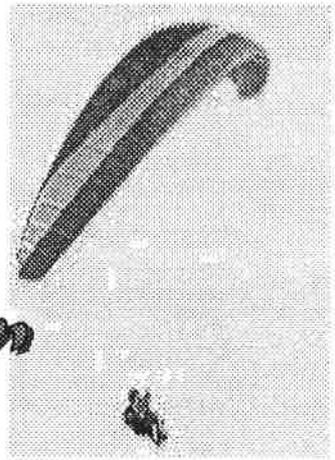


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Please close gates every time ☺

Recently a gate used to access our MEMBERS ONLY Carbis Bay site was left open only briefly by a pilot. The farmer was polite and said he'd overlook it this time, but if it happens again he would ask us to stop using the site. Please ensure you close gates behind you **every time** you go through one, even if you intend going back through the gate a short while later. It keeps landowners happy and we get to keep our sites.

Flying at Vault Bay?

Black Bull very interested. Dehorned but full metal jacket. Perhaps Mark or John could train him to give a push off when needed? I arrived before the wild bunch, measured strength and direction, walked back to car to find him standing guard by drivers door bellowing 'what a clever boy I am!'

Later when Mark flew over the hangy field he came trotting over to see if he could give our boy a good thrust! Clearly disappointed he wandered over to see if any of us were available.

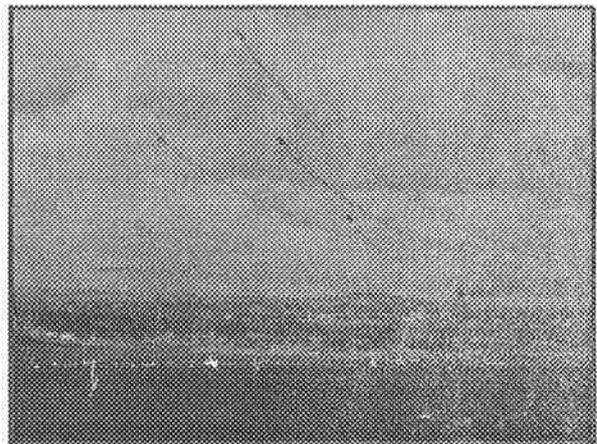
Nigel Eagle

Many Thanks to Graham Phipps for getting the Airwave Sport 2 demo down for some of us to test fly. A truly excellent glider I'm sure those who were lucky enough to fly it would agree. Now where's that £2000 quid I stashed somewhere....?!

- latest news is that your editor (me...Andy Hancock) looks set to buy a sport 2 in the next few weeks which should coincide with me getting my driving license back after a 9 month disqualification (*at last the sentence is over!!*) I will be as keen as mustard to fly and want to let all Paraglider pilots in the club know that I will be more than happy for any of them to test fly my new Sport 2 Medium (80-100kg) where and when the circumstances arise. I'm a nice bloke I know :-) Just ask nicely.

VERY Close shave over Newlyn

This is what happened when I took off from our newly found site above Newlyn quarry. Whilst soaring at a height of 350ft these strange aircraft had to take avoiding action to miss me, just as well I had informed PZ heliport that I was flying. Yes I did experience some turbulence mainly from the aircraft that was coming straight at me with the red smoke (thanks to Paddy his replies to my e mail on our web site re turbulent air saved me) using all my skill I avoided what could have been a multiple air miss. All I heard on my radio was 'shit!! break Break **BREAK!**' or was it 'brake' I can't be sure, so I pulled hard on my brakes and fell out of the sky and landed on a fishing boat in Newlyn harbour.



I was weighed and sold on the market for £75 as they said I was their best catch of the day!! I did report this as an air miss, but the lead pilot Squadron Leader Smithe-Johnson said he was in a display and did not see me, I know he did as why did all his mates take such drastic avoiding action, pull the other one Squadron Leader....

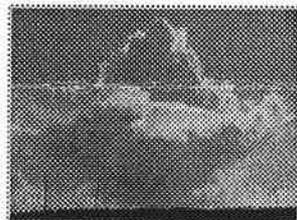
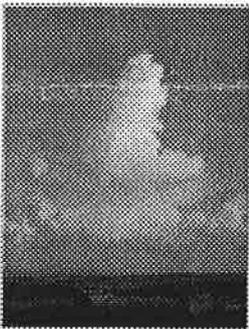
P.S the picture was taken using a Minolta digital camera before the turbulence hit me. Moral of the story, visit our web site it might save your life!!

Ron Vercesi

Boscastle Storm Theory?

Remember in my Monday posting how I spoke of the above normal sea temperatures around the UK coasts? Well, those combined with colder air aloft led to a very unstable atmosphere on Monday. The 1200 GMT sounding from Camborne Cornwall shows that the cumulonimbus clouds responsible for Boscastle's problems probably had bases around 1500ft, with the tops to an absolutely staggering 40,000 to 45,000ft...that's higher than your average holiday jet flies!!! (No wonder flights were being diverted around the storms).

Couple this with a slightly onshore SW wind, forcing the air to lift over high ground southwest of Boscastle and wham...the potential for mighty storms. And that is exactly what happened.



Over-active storm cells in a highly unstable air mass. Pictured over my home 2 days after Boscastle. *Andy*

Looking at the radar picture the storms lasted in the area for around to 5 hours. The pattern is a classic one for forced lifting and storms being created in the Boscastle catchment area.

Early reports suggested that 60mm of rain had fallen in a couple of hours. My opinion is that there must have been much more. I'd go or nearer 120 to 150mm falling in the catchment area.

All in all a big event and one that produced some really dramatic pictures. Thank goodness it appears no-one was hurt or killed.

Simon Keeling@Weatherweb.net

Grab your Thermals winters coming!

The inland thermal season is coming to an end as the summer heat fades away from the UK and we slip into autumn. But all is not lost! Especially for us down here in Cornwall as conditions will only get better. In the next few weeks we should start to see the first signs of sea thermals that should form as the land temperatures start to fall below the surrounding sea temperature (currently measured at 16°C on Sept 20th). The sea water temp was at its highest last month when it was 18°C, but with daytime land ambient air temps above this meant only land but no sea thermals formed. As the land cools from now on at a faster rate than the sea, we should experience nice areas of smooth thermic lift drifting in from the sea and triggering off the cliff tops that we soar. So if you work this lift you could be rewarded with

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substantially more height than the average 100-250ft we normally expect. You never know you may even go cross country!

Andrew Hancock gets technical with sea thermals but only exclusively in next months bulletin so don't miss out!!!

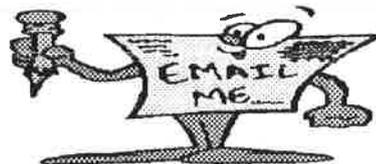
Bulletin Contributions

- Would you like others to hear your point of view?
- Tell us about your first soaring or cross country flights? Everyone loves a story!
- Fantasy flights, Dreams, Poetry, Quips, or jokes?
- Ideas for club social events, comps, meets
- Tell us about a new potential site you have found or wish to explore?
- Found new interesting Websites others could benefit from?
- Photos of sites, flights, clouds, pilots etc
- Share any scary moments and lessons learned?
- Any changes or new feature suggestions you would like to see in future bulletins?
- Got any Gear FOR SALE or WANTED?

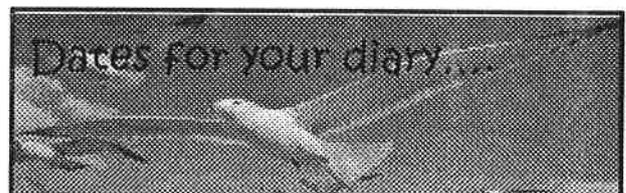
Then act now and send your scribbings to:

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Deadline for all articles appearing in October's bulletin: **15th October**



The hunters cook the feast on open fires....



Hangies keep to themselves.....



And so do we.....(yeah the floppies on left!)



Though we did merge occasionally ;-)



Bikers chat to Insurance advisors



And Skygod Trewartha signals coded flying wisdom to usOh mighty one... Think he was just fed up with me taking photos ;-)



The perfect end to a lovely evening.....

Khpa Summer BBQ !

Godrevy Sands, August, One fine sunny evening.

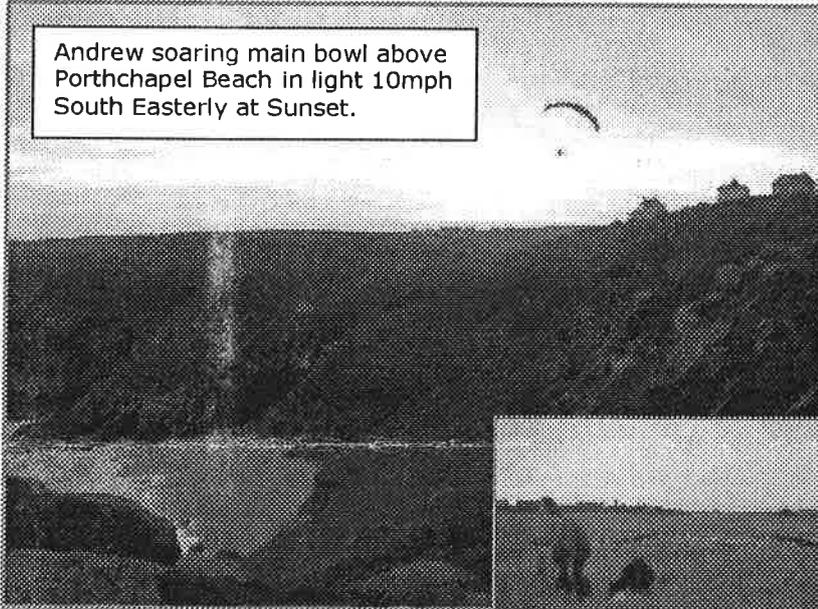
A last minute phone call, lift sorted, throwaway BBQ from Tesco's garage forecourt, 3 partially frozen sausages, 2 beef burgers and some beers later and we're off to get sandy and join a handful of rogue free fliers for a BBQ on Godrevy beach.....

The atmosphere was nice, relaxed and happy. Flying stories were exchanged as we ate and watched the sun go down.

Potential Site Review

PORTHCHAPEL, ST LEVAN, PENZANCE

Andrew soaring main bowl above Porthchapel Beach in light 10mph South Easterly at Sunset.



South - South West Site

Access via footpaths from Minack Theatre that extend across to Porthchapel direction.

Take off from Large field with houses at back, on top of cliff and above the beach. Be aware of barbed wire fence - make sure you clear this whilst taking off!

Top Landing is in take off field but near the front as ROTOR exists in middle of field.

Bottom Landing is on the beach at MID to LOW TIDES ONLY as beach is tight and small at high tide.

Flying - Soar bowl and cliffs above beach. Bowl can be very lofty making top landing tricky - you almost cant come down! Practice approaching lower than usual until you get it right.

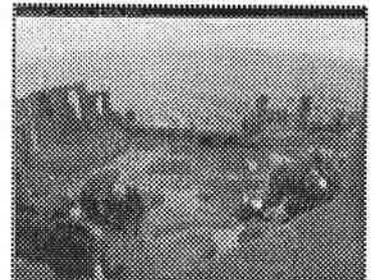
To view weather and sea state - check NO WHITE CAPS ON SEA!!

Visit Minack Theatre Webcams:

<http://www.minack.com/dayvisitors/webcams>

• Call Andrew Hancock first on 07890061999 / 01736 871520 if you intend flying.

• Park in St Levan Church Car Park



South - South East Site

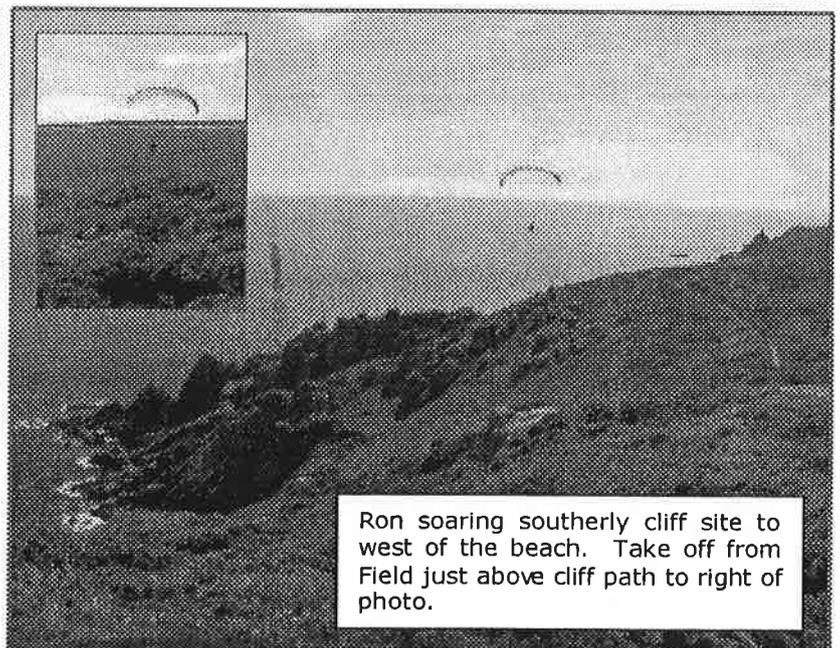
Access via either of two footpaths that extend across to Porthgwarra direction.

Take off from Large field on top of cliff - above the low cliffs to right of the beach.

Top Landing is no problem anywhere in take off field.

Bottom Landing is on the beach at MID to LOW TIDES ONLY as beach is tight and small at high tide.

Flying - Soar along towards Porthgwarra if lift and wind direction allows, bearing in mind there are NO BOTTOM LANDING options along here!



Ron soaring southerly cliff site to west of the beach. Take off from Field just above cliff path to right of photo.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE KERNOW HANG GLIDING AND PARAGLIDING ASSOCIATION MONDAY 9th August 2004 A.D

The meeting opened with 27 members attending.
Secretary Tim was away so the previous secretary Alan stood in for him.
The Minutes of the last meeting were read and agreed.

- **Embarrassing Secrets.** Chairman Pete announced to the meeting that went flying on Bodmin Moor in company with 67 year old Barry Green. Pete said it was hard work but good flying.
- **Club Flying.** John Trewartha was reported flying an upwind cross country from Carn Brea to Portreath. Roger Green told us about flying his flphg last week end launching from Bodmin Moor and soaring up to 7000 feet, motor off, pulling speed and still climbing!
Chairman Pete admitted running out of fuel on his flphg over Tehidy Golf Course. He is a member but deemed it best to glide clear and land elsewhere.
Flying his canopy, our chairman told of a rapid climb to 1000 feet immediately after take off.
- **Mere Bash.** Paul Howes asked who were proposing to attend.
- **Competitions.** Patrick confirmed that Kernow are through to the final in Derbyshire on 28th August. Daisy is our team captain. Members are asked to join in and support our team.
- **Phippsie** said he had been passed a letter from SATCO at RNAS Culdrose relating to an agreement made in connection with our old tow site at Tehidy Barton. We no longer have access to this site and it was agreed we should advise Culdrose accordingly and allow the agreement to lapse.
- **Training.** Graham reported some good training sessions at Perran and Godrevy.
Mark congratulated Mark and Wendy on achieving their Club Pilot ratings.
- **Alan** thanked John T for the details of the Black Cliffs site published in the latest Bulletin and asked members to fill in a site guide pro forms for all new sites so that they can be added to the club's Site Guide.
- **Patrick** asked if, even very experienced hang glider rated pilots are right to fly paragliders. All agreed that such pilots needed to train and obtain a paraglider rating. The very experienced hang glider pilot who Patrick had observed flying a paraglider then reinforced this requirement by producing his BHPA membership card duly endorsed with his paragliding rating.
- **Pete** announced he was travelling to South Wales on Friday for flying through the week end and asked if any members wanted to join in. Further he intends to go to Mid Wales on the following week for the Bleriot Cup Competition.
- **Graham P** asked what members thought of the article in the current Skywings suggesting an increase of £100 in the BHPA subscription to enable a fund to be accumulated for the purchase of sites. While the purchase of sites was agreed to be very desirable there were divided opinions as to whether the suggested method of funding was practicable or adequate and it was agreed that any support for the article should be left to individual members.

That exhausted the business for the meeting which closed at 21:06

**MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER MEETING OF THE
KERNOW HANG GLIDING & PARAGLIDING ASSOCIATION
AT THE CLINTON SOCIAL CLUB ON 13TH SEPTEMBER 2004.**

The meeting opened with 19 members present, Pete in his chair and Alan again standing in for our secretary who is still out of Cornwall.

- A Welcome was extended to Manuel, a new paraglider pilot member. No one said he was from Barcelona!
- The Minutes of the last meeting were read agreed and signed.
- **Matters Arising.**
- Mere Bash. No member attended but Graham told us he had heard it was a good weekend with no soaring because of a lack of wind but some enjoyable flying from winch and aero tow launches.
- **Competitions.**
- Graham reported on the British Nationals event in S E Wales. During the 3 days of flying from Myrther, Steve made it to Monmouth and Patrick got all the way to goal. The Kernow Team was placed 7th. Pete intervened to tell us that Graham had finished 4th overall and presented a trophy to mark this achievement.
- Daisy told us about the British Club Challenge event which was flown in N Wales. Team Kernow (Daisy, Gay, Paul, Big Alan and Mark) took a break on the journey up to fly from the Long Mynnd in North Wales. Day 1 was OK but Day 2 was blown out and there was no task set for Day 3 as it looked like that would be blown out too. But the social side was great and the North Wales Club did a fine job organising the flying and the social side all at very short notice. Team Kernow were joint third and Daisy said he was well pleased with the spirit and attitude of the Kernow pilots.
- With poor weather forecast, Pete didn't go up for the Bleriot Cup but learned later that the weather turned good and "the Frogs got thrashed"
- **Regular Reports.**
- **Club Flying.**
- Pete took this opportunity to raise the matter of a threat to our Carbis Bay Site arising out of the farmer's complaint when he found a field gate left open. The circumstances are not clear but Pete emphasised the importance of making sure no gates are left open at any time. One more complaint and we could lose this site.
- **Training.**
- Hang Gliding. None to report this month.
- Paragliding. Mark said he had 2 days training with 2 EPs, 2 CPs including Patrick's conversion and 2 Pilot Ratings. Chairman Pete asked for details to be published in the Bulletin.
- **Social Events.**
- Mark and Dave said there is a new paintballing venue down near The Lizard and members asked that an event be arranged. Patrick reminded members of the very poor support for his last brewery visit but offered to do it again if there is a real demand. Members interested should contact Patrick.
- **Members' Forum.**
- Daisy told us how his daughter's boyfriend had been sold a paraglider by someone on Dartmoor with no offer or recommendation for training.
- Mark said he was organising another trip to Oludeniz and invited members to join in.
- John T said he had found a GPS thingy at Carbis Bay. Pete said he hoped it belongs to whoever left the gate open!
- Pete announced his 2005 Ski Trip going on the 2nd week in January. The bigger the party the smaller the price. Pete wants to hear from members interested. Meanwhile Pete said he hoped to fly High Cliff on Wednesday and would welcome company.
- Further Pete as chairman said we may need a new secretary and urged members to consider if they can serve the club in this capacity. If we need a new secretary we will also need a new librarian and a new XC League Co-ordinator. Paul Howes and Graham Phipps said they would be ready to fill these posts if it becomes necessary.

That was the end of business for this meeting which then closed at 09.04.

CARBIS BAY SITE IN DANGER

The farmer at this site found a gate left open after Kernow members had been flying. He was understandably annoyed and made it clear that any recurrence would result in withdrawal of access to the site.

It is possible that the offender was a visiting flyer but members are reminded that we must ensure that gates are closed each time we use them not just at the end of the day.

Visiting flyers are permitted only when accompanied by resident Kernow members who are responsible for the behaviour of all visitors they bring on the site.

