



NEWSLETTER

AUGUST 2010

Well what a blow. It seems every time I think about going out it is blowing a gale. I see from Dougie's blog that flights have been squeezed in, but not as many as might have been hoped in mid-summer. Is it Global Warming giving us a Mediterranean climate with no flying in the middle of summer days, confining us to mornings and evenings?

July Meeting minutes

Notes from July meeting courtesy of Mark S in my absence.

Tregantle Field

A discussion was held on the work required to make the track to Tregantle Farm take-off suitable for cars. Aided by Bills excellent reconnaissance photos.

Whilst this is now not relevant, as permission to use this site has been denied. It did however, bring to light some very interesting points.

1 The surprising amount of materials and cost attributed to working on a track in this condition and length. 20 to 30 ton of material was estimated by some well informed members.

2. The logistics involved in delivery, placing and spreading this amount of material.

3. The implication that rendering the track suitable for are vehicles would also make it accessible to the Surfers and general public... We may have then had to buy a gate.

It may have cost us up to £1000 in total.

Would all of this been acceptable to the farmer?

These points should be considered when seeking other site options.

As previously stated. This site has not come to fruition. I would like to record a big thank you to Karl Sweeney and Martin Reed for all their hard work investigating this option for us.

Autumn Social evening

A Curry night at the Royal Oak South Brent has been suggested.

It was agreed to discuss this more at the next meeting

Laragne Trip 2010

Alan Hughes gave a spectacular presentation of his adventures in June with Colin Jones, Mike Bond and Northampton club.

This comprised of photos combined with 3D Google Earth tracks/logs... You really had to be there to appreciate it, and anyone thinking of flying there should ask Alan for a repeat viewing.

A big thank you to Alan

General

The rest of the evening was spent discussing recent flying, including an account by Mark Nicol of a tandem flight, which ended up with him being kissed by a commercial airline pilot!!! (you will have to ask him about this on the hill).

Other News

Advance

Mark S met with Gavin Foster on the hill last week.

He lives in Chamonix in France, but the UK office of his "Real Business" Ski Weekend Travel Ltd is based in Topsham, and from here he distributes Advance paragliders through Alpine Ascent Ltd

He wants to raise his profile with us and implied he has asked Robert Greenwood, who is his local agent, to promote his products more in the area [Robert has been invited to speak at the September meeting].

Gavin can offer some Ex Demo kit at special prices to members and has some Sigma 7 demos, and a few harnesses. He also suggested organising another Demo day through Robert.

Tregantle Downs Site negotiations

As mentioned at the meeting, unfortunately the landowners rejected final negotiations, but further options are being investigated along the coast.

Flying News

None reported on Yahoo since last meeting! I know from Dougie's blog that it has been very marginal, so this appears to reflect the summer trend.

Next Meeting is on Thursday 26th August at the **Royal Oak, South Brent**, at 8:00pm

Directions (roughly) are to go into the town centre from the roundabout before (westbound) or after (eastbound) the London Inn. The Pub is in station road (near the station car park) to the right, when you get to the middle.

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