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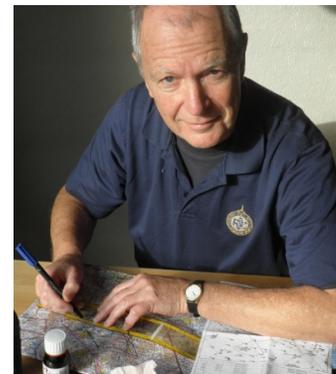
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From the Chairman

Despite the general run of weather this summer proving rather disappointing so far, we were extremely fortunate to have a fair weather window for the Booker Red Kite Regionals. Even so, it was largely due to the skillful weather forecasting and task setting by Nils Wedi (WX), Tim Scott (task setter) and Director Richard C that we achieved 6 excellent competition days. Congratulations to them and of course to the winner Jim White. As Jim pointed out in his presentation speech, the really big winner was the HDT task concept. The format exceeded its promise giving all the competitors achievable tasks and immensely enjoyable real-time racing throughout the tasks. Our visitors from Sutton Bank were so impressed they are taking the format back to fly at home.



On behalf of the club I'd like to thank the many people behind the scenes, especially Bob Smith and the Control Team, Shelagh and Chris in the office and everyone who contributed to Clean Up Day and the peri-track pothole filling operation the weekend before the comp. Thanks also to Hayward Aviation, Navboys and Sailplane & Gliding who sponsored our competition and generously provided many prizes.

At the end of the comp there was a competitors' forum, part of which focused on how we can leverage the fun and enthusiasm of the HDT Regionals for our regular weekend flying.

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With our new e-notice system in place we have the means to quickly inform members on the day tasks, met and so forth, what we need now is for the task setting method to be shared by more XC pilots. And don't forget we have a portfolio of 'house tasks' already set up by Tim. They can be used as they are or marginally adapted to suit the circumstances on the day.

Out and about, the marketing team has been helping us to keep in with our immediate neighbours by rigging the Junior for the Booker Common fete. It was encouraging to hear so many positive comments about the gliding club from local residents. Many thanks to Jane, Chris, Hugh and Henry for organising that event.

I am sure that all members would like to hear more about the prospects for our eventual relocation on the Northside of the airfield. Little progress has been made on this in recent weeks. One of the parties involved in the negotiations with Wycombe District Council is proving to be a reluctant negotiator but we don't feel that their vacillation is undermining the case for Northside, it merely creates more delay. When we have signs of progress we will of course let everybody know. In the meantime I can assure you that our Lease Committee, chaired by John Otty and with members Glyn Read, Graham Morfey, Richard Martyn, Adrian Hegner and Richard C are continuing to liaise with Wycombe District Council to promote our Northside plan.

Please remember that if you have any comments or opinions on matters relating to club activities you can send them to me at chairman@bookergliding.co.uk.

See you up there!

William

From the CFI

The main event of the past month was the Booker Regionals. The weather so far this year has not been kind to other clubs running comps, so we were incredibly lucky to have 6 contest days, and also very lucky to have Nils Wedi finding the best weather window and Tim Scott setting tasks to make the most of the day.

The grid most days was 20 strong and we welcomed two visitors, who were so impressed by the HDT format that they have taken it back to their home club. Of course none of this could have happened without the assistance of so many of you, all of which I hope are listed below:

The Regionals Organising Group and Airfield Tidy Up crew:

William Parker, Adrian Hegner, Bob Sinden, Bob Smith, Chris Collett, Geoff Tabbner, Graham Morfey, Henry Ross, Jane Moore, Jeremy Gilbey, Jim White, John Herman, John Hubberstey, John Otty, Nick Jennings, Robert Turner, Symeon Economou, Nick Hoare

Control: Bob Smith, Henry Ross, Jane Moore, Chris Arnold, Bob Sinden, Graham Morfey, Hugh MacDonald

Met: Nils Wedi

Scoring: Pete Wyld



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Deputy Director / Tasks: Tim Scott
Two seater instructors: Alex and Andy
Tug pilots: Sam, Sean, Robert Turner, Bob Davey, Jim Roland
Office staff: Shelagh, Chris, Callum Harris
Evening events: John Hubberstey
Briefing facilities: Roger Neal and the Army Reserve Centre staff
Cadets: Callum Harris, Filip Livancic, Jamie Driver, Louis Matthey, Alice Birkbeck, Michael Otty, Samuel Husband, Maddi Roberts
Airways Aero Association, Wycombe ATC and the Duty Crew

A huge thank you to each and every one of you!

The launch point continues to be busy midweek, and I must thank the instructors who have stepped forward to help out. In particular I should mention the fantastic contribution of all the instructors, cadets and other members who made the recent Air League sponsored day such a success, with an incredible 56 aerotows and 8 motorglider flights achieved.

Before I sign off, many of you will have received a letter from me regarding our Autumn Expedition to Aboyne. If you're thinking of coming please register as soon as possible. Spaces both on the expedition and also in the accommodation at Birkellun are filling fast. Like all our expeditions we have interest from other gliding clubs and any remaining free spaces will be released to them mid-August.

All the very best.

Richard

Red Kite Regionals 2016

For those who missed the prize-giving on Sunday 10th July, the final line-up was as follows:

1st – Jim White



2nd – George Hunter

3rd – Denis Campbell



The How / Why Award was given jointly to Alex O'Keefe and Andy Monk for flying the week in the K21s – Alex even won a day, beating high performance gliders and proving the worth of the Handicapped Distance task format.



The thermals are behind you!

The Good Spirit award was given to Ashley Birkbeck for carrying on despite unwelcoming landouts and other misfortunes.

Full details of all the flights can be found on http://www.soaringspot.com/en_gb/booker2016/results along with a gallery of photos from the week.



Booker Common Fete 2016

We were invited once more to attend the Booker Common Fete, held on Saturday 18th June.



Despite the rather dreary weather we were kept busy, the 'cabriolet' Junior proved very popular with visitors, although a little improvisation was required during a short period of drizzle. We were very encouraged by the number of people, including local councillors, who expressed support for the club and its continued presence at Wycombe Air Park.

White Waltham Members Day – 3rd September

When we took the simulator to the Fawley Steam Extravaganza we met some members of West London Aero Club. As a result of their interest we have been invited to take the simulator to their Members' Day on 3rd September. This is a charity day, for members and invited guests, to raise money for the RAF Benevolent Fund and the Thames Valley Air Ambulance. Attractions include flour bombing, air displays, silver band, air cadets, bouncy castle, as well as lots of interesting aircraft.

It sounds like a lot of fun, so if you would like to be part of the simulator team and gain access to this exclusive event, let me know.

Jane Moore

Whispering Wardrobes – 10th and 11th September

The Vintage Glider Club is holding a rally at Booker, with lots of beautiful, colourful flying machines on display and taking to the air.



For more information have a word with Graham Saw or Nick Newton.



Aboyne 2016

Soaring doesn't stop in September, come to Scotland and discover wave.

The expedition is suitable for all levels from beginner to hotshot and is an excellent way of building skills and experience, as well as getting to know other club members.

Aboyne airfield, home to Deeside Gliding Club, has two hard runways and one grass, and there are plenty of cable-break and land out options nearby.



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Secure your place now with a £60 deposit. The dates are:

- week 1: 1 – 9 Oct
- week 2: 10 – 16 Oct

See notice board for more information.

Type 'Booker Aboyne' into YouTube for a snapshot of a recent expedition.

Opportunities for Juniors

Gliding is not the most expensive way of taking to the skies, but even so, the costs can be a hindrance for young people. Fortunately there are two organisations able to help out

The Honourable Company of Air Pilots and BGA offer bursaries to help pilots aged under 25 with the costs of training to become a Basic or Assistant Instructor. The BI bursaries are £500 each; the Assistant Instructor bursaries are £1000 (and no BGA course fee). Details and an application form at <http://tinyurl.com/hr5b6tk>.

The Caroline Trust awards bursaries to young people, generally under the age of 18 years old, and to disabled people of any age, who want to try gliding or advance their skills. To date, the Caroline Trust has helped over 400 young people by providing solo or post-solo bursaries. Find out more at <http://tinyurl.com/jubhzxk>.

Club Communications

We use Yahoo email groups, which we encourage all members to subscribe to, in order to provide a quick way to communicate with the membership. Details are below.

Booker GC Forum – Open to all members to participate. The Forum provides the opportunity to share ideas about the Club. Send an email to: bookergc-forum-subscribe@yahogroups.com and *include your name and membership number when applying.*

Booker GC Expeditions – Open to all members to participate. Send an email to: bookergc-expeditions-subscribe@yahogroups.com and *include your name and membership number when applying.*

Booker GC X-C – Targeted towards those pilots who fly cross-country or who aspire to develop their cross-country skills. Send an email to: bookergc_xc-subscribe@yahogroups.com and *include your name and membership number when applying.*

Booker GC Instructors – This is for Booker instructors only to email each other easily. Mainly used for swapping duty days. Send an email to: bookergc_instructors-subscribe@yahogroups.com and *include your name and membership number when applying.*

The **Booker GC website** at www.bookergliding.co.uk has a Members Page. This contains the latest Club news snippets and links to previous newsletters, meeting minutes and several useful and informative Club documents. The Members page is accessible to everybody (not just members) but certain documents, such as committee minutes need a user i/d and password. To obtain these, go to the members' page and click on the 'email Administrator' link. Don't forget to *include your name and membership number.*

For the latest news about what's happening check out

<http://bookergc.blogspot.com/> and <https://www.facebook.com/bookerglidingclub>

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Contributions to the newsletter are welcome. If you would like to submit an article for a future edition please send it to Jane Moore at jxmoore@gmail.com

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