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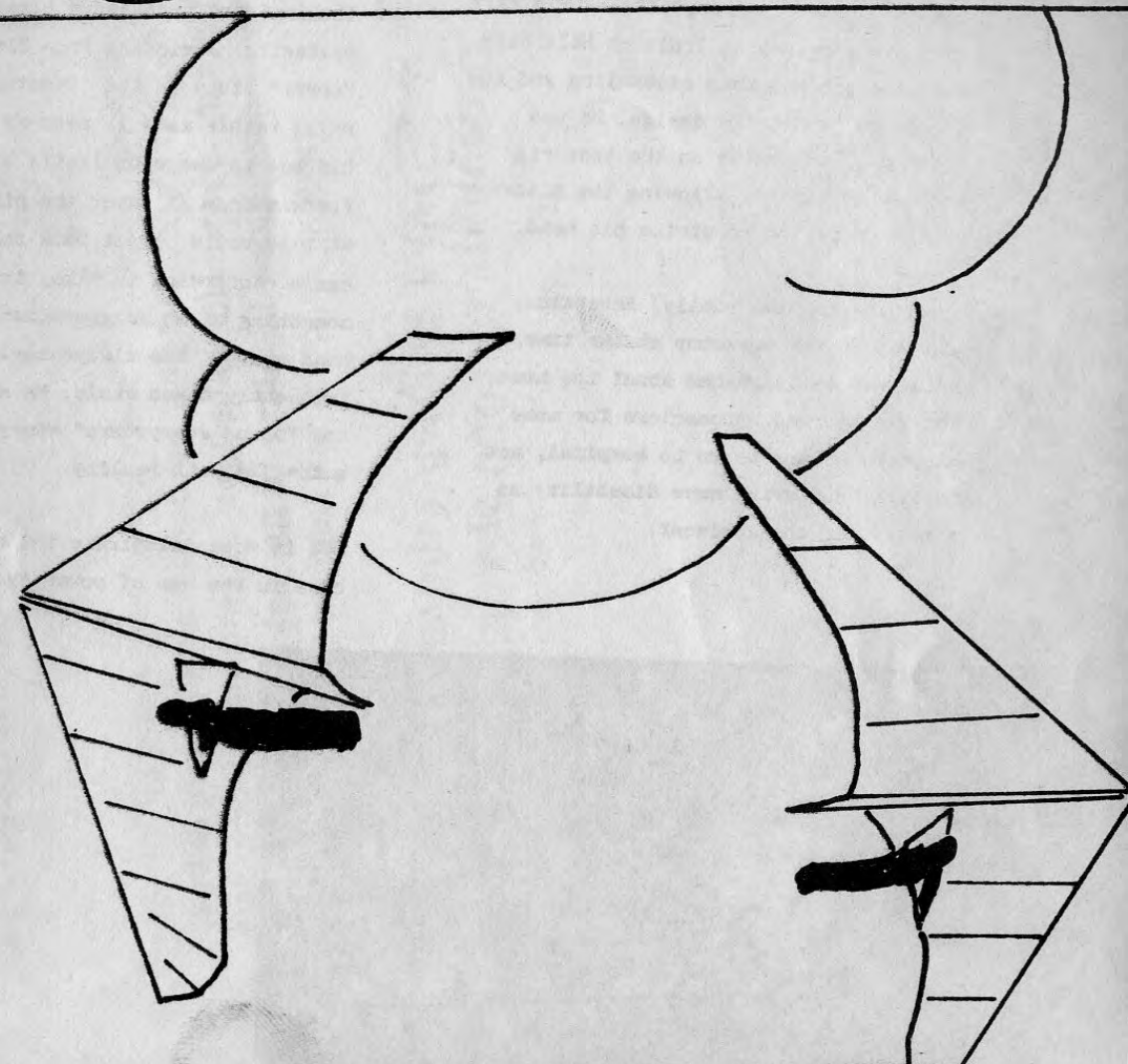
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FRANK TARYJANYI HURT
IN WORKSHOP ACCIDENT

Frank Taryjanyi, recently returned to Brighton from Wales, where he has been working for HIWAY, received serious head injuries in a workshop accident on May 24

Since his return, Frankie has been working for Graham Slater's ULTRA-SPORTS firm in their workshop at Truleigh Hill Farm. His main job has been assembling and testing the new 'trike design. He was running-up an engine on the test rig when it collapsed, allowing the blades of the propellor to strike his head.

According to Mike (Golly) Robertson, who was in the workshop at the time, Frank was badly gashed about the head, and was knocked unconscious for some minutes. He was taken to hospital, and is still suffering some disability as a result of the accident.



The incident produced a classically hysterical "Spinning Prop Blades Horror" story in the 'Evening Argus', which rather made it seem as if Golly had had to sweep up little bits of Frankie from all over the place so that he could be put back together again. According to Mike, this was something of an exaggeration: while head wounds are always serious, and frequently bleed badly, he said that the "blood everywhere" story didn't quite fit with reality.

But it does illustrate the need for care in the use of power systems.....

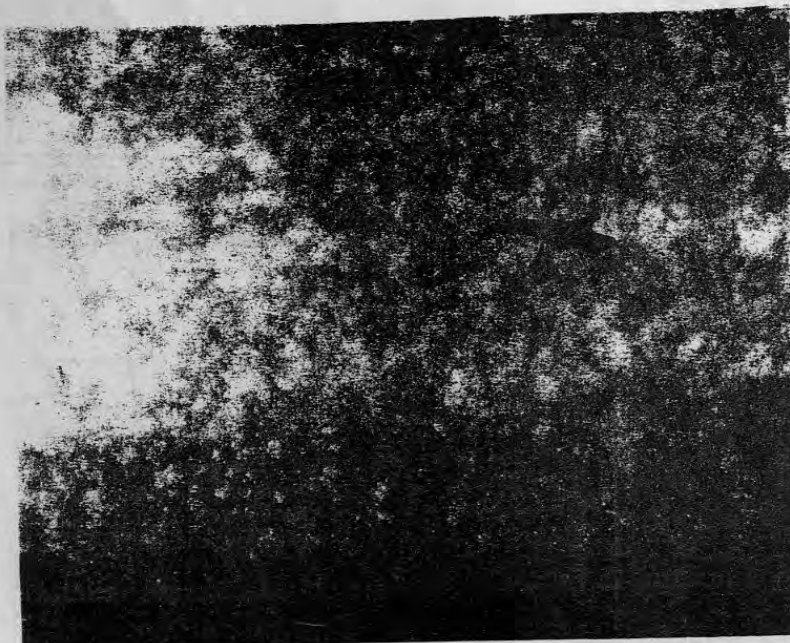


PHOTO: Alf Crocombe
at Beachy Head

MILL HILL - HAVE ADUR WON?

No details were to hand at the time Windsock went to press, but we have been told that a new set of notices are up at Mill Hill, and the police are warning pilots that from June 5th, they face prosecution under a revised bye-law which makes it an offence to fly a hang glider there in such a way as to "cause a nuisance" to other users of the pleasure ground.

It still remains an offence to take off or land in the area of the "pleasure ground" - which, in effect means all the flyable bit of the hill - and it seems likely that this would be the basis of any further prosecutions, since it would be very difficult to prove an actual nuisance had been committed.

SHGC's Committee will be discussing the situation at its next meeting, but you are warned that for the time being, you fly there at your own risk, and can't count on being defended by either the Club or BHGA. Also, air-traffic violations have continued, despite appeals in WINDSOCK last month, and the Shoreham ATC are getting very fed-up with us!

A prosecution brought under the Air Law is a much more serious matter than one for violation of a bye-law. Persons who insist on ignoring the ATC will soon have to deal with the "heavy mob" from the CAA.....

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SHGC MEMBERSHIP: NEW SYSTEM

As foreshadowed in our last issue, the SHGC Committee has agreed that, as from next year, membership will run from MAY 1st to MAY 1st, not from November to November as at present. The idea is to take advantage of the large number of new members who join in the summer, and at the moment don't renew in November, which means we only get half a year's subscription out of them before they're lost for ever.

Peter Day now has available the new (green) MAY '81 helmet stickers - any Flying Member of the Club who wants to convert his membership onto the new basis and get one of the new stickers should send £12.50 to Peter, who will make the appropriate adjustment. The rest of you will have to pay on November 1st, when this year's membership expires.

CB or not CB

A late item of news, Johnny Carr who hasn't been seen on the sites quite as much this year, says that this is because he's gotten very involved in setting-up a shop which will be handling CB rigs for all you'ole goodbuddies an' breakers who needter get ears fer when Smokey Be sez it's legal, yer hear? CB for pilots is very big in the States, and is spreading rapidly in France, too. Potential XC pilots could do worse than check out the scene with Johnny, if you can ever get to see him, that is!

SPONSORED FLY-IN

Arrangements are being made by the SHGC Committee for a sponsored fly-in during the latter part of the summer, with the idea of raising funds for the Stoke Mandeville Appeal. This is expected to take place over the August Bank Holiday, so don't make any other plans at that time! Peter Harris (Hastings 43042) is organising it, and would very much like to hear from volunteers. As well as being fun for the participants, and good for the Appeal's funds, this is seen by the Committee as a good way of getting some positive PR for the sport. So DO, PLEASE, HELP! The tasks will be fairly undemanding in nature, and suitable for all grades of ability. So get your sponsors lined up now..... More details, next time.



PHOTOS: Look out, there's animals about! SHGC members caught by Tony Fuell

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SITES

Ditchling:-

Discussions with the new landowner have'nt started yet, but everyone is reminded to be on their best behaviour while on that site: first reports are that he's not too keen on people using his land. Paul is arranging further discussions with the National Trust.

Mill Hill:-

Now the subject of a new byelaw (see news item). YOU FLY THERE AT YOUR OWN RISK, and don't say you weren't warned when the fuzz take your name!

All other sites as per the guide.

ERROR: JOE ANDERSON

Apologies to Joe, for a bit of incorrect reporting last month - seems that he didn't attempt a loop, as we said, but merely stalled straight ahead. Also the parachute WAS deployed, and came out of its bag, but tangled in the lower rigging. Joe is progressing nicely, and will be back in the air before too long.

ACCIDENTS

Don't forget: You MUST report any accidents involving pilot injury, or major damage to a glider to the Club's Safety Officer:-

Vince Hallam
18B Queen's Rd
Brighton

Tel: (0273) 609925 Home

24151 ext 171 (24 hr service)



COMMERCIAL BREAK...

YOU need a badge! How can you expect the general public to know you're a hang glider pilot unless you've got your SHGC badge on your anorak, and another on your car? Don't delay, get your money in the post today.....

CLOTH BADGES : £1.00

PLASTIC : 30p

(State whether for windscreen or helmet)

Send SAE and money to:-

Peter Day,

112 Cotswold Way,

Tilehurst, READING.

Both types of badge carry the traditional SHGC logo, yellow on black, very smart!

SHGC MEMBERSHIP

Membership now stands at 141 ; 29 of these being new members. We are pleased to announce that RAY SIGRIST has now rejoined us; but what about KEITH REYNOLDS? MICK MAHER? LESTER CRUSE? MICHEL CARNET? Are they STILL ripping us off? How long will Club members let them get away with it? Watch this space...

We are, however VERY pleased to welcome to the ranks of the REAL flyers, ie those who are prepared to put some of their hard-earned cash behind the sport they love:-

MARCH

C Valentine J Morgan

K Hill S Botham

J Windsor-Brown

APRIL

A Passey P Lund

S Shore P Wignall

MAY

G Rose S Horrocks

J Leden R Halpin

J Young I Butcher

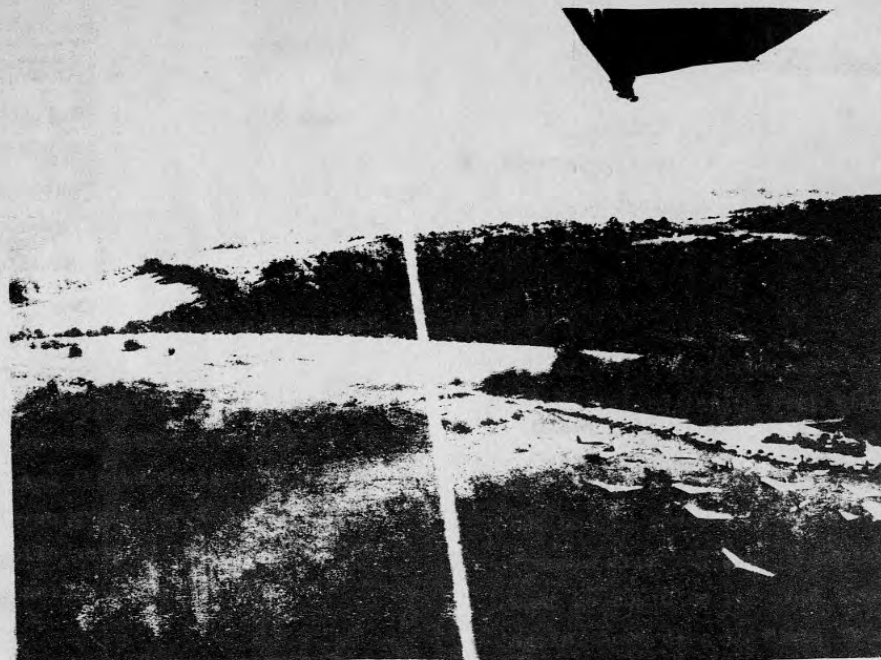
J Allmond E Atherton

READER'S LETTERS

Dear Tony....

This is not a joke. Clive Betts has done it, in effect. When you find yourself flying upside-down, why not just grab hold of the bottom bar again, and just carry on with your flight. The attitude may be a bit unconventional, perhaps; but why not? Then you could go into another attempted loop, tumble a couple of times more - and come out the right way up!

Barrie Annette, Isleworth.



POET'S CORNER

Prone at Devil's Dyke, wind fresh North-West

Now I lean on the gusty wind,
and thrust with my toes behind.
I fall on the air that's hardly there
and let my soul unwind
I feel it blow when I'm down below,
but here you need the speed
Creaks the boom and pumps my heart,
my mouth inside gets dry
The lurch and bump makes my heart go
thump,
but still I want to fly
The surge of the gust and the bulge of
the lift
are God's sweet gift to mankind
So on finger tips and balancing ear
I lean on the gusty wind

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Ridge lift at Mill Hill

I part my lips and the damp air
slips and whispers in my mouth
My glider speaks with subtle creaks
and I savour life and youth

VINCE HALLAM

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