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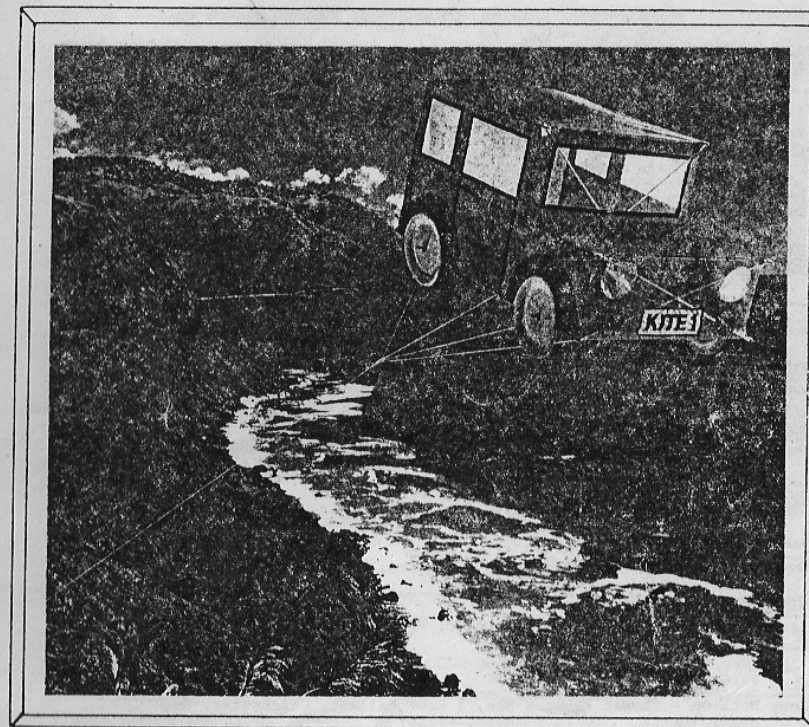
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COMMENT

I was somewhat disappointed at the poor attendance of the membership at the AGM especially as the whole issue of Towing was being debated. The response from the membership regarding the questionnaire on Towing was favourable towards the Club involving itself. However, the Club would need to spend in the region of £2000 to secure Towing on a regular basis for all Club members wishing to participate. We do have a couple of good options open to us at the moment. I am currently negotiating the use of Ringmer Gliding Club's site, but this could go either way. If it swings in our favour we would be able to use the field in conjunction with Ringmer Gliding Club and this could be a great benefit to us all. The other option is the rental of a large field not far from Ringmer but this would need some money spent on it to make it fully suitable. It does have great potential and the farmer is friendly.

I would like to see the Southern Hang Gliding Club and Towing under the same roof but with separate memberships. A start has to be made somewhere and I feel that if the Club were to use some of the money it has accrued over the last few years, then it could not be put to a better use.

Safe flying,

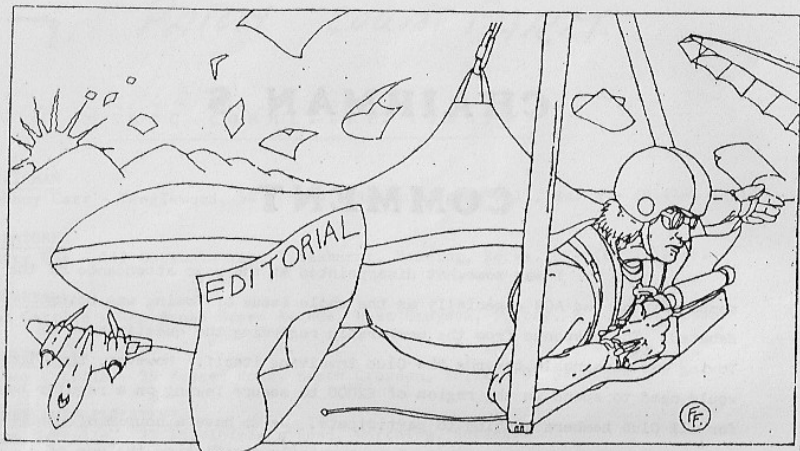
Johnny Carr.

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Time: 10.45 pm. Place: The George Hotel, Henfield. Date: 10th May 1986.
 Event: Southern Hang Gliding Club Annual General Meeting.
 Subject: Towing.

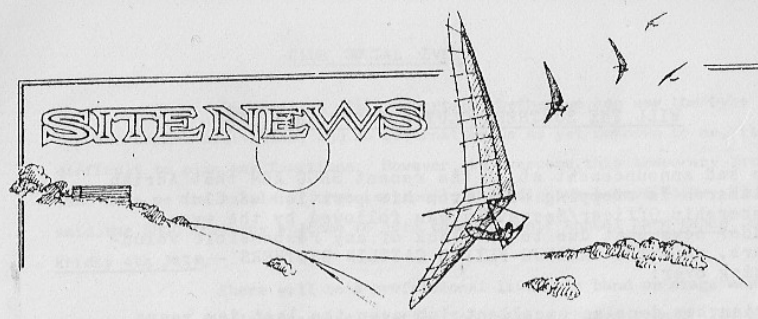
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" The SHGC Committee be empowered to spend up to £2000 of Club funds, assuming such an amount is available over projected normal budget, in a responsible manner in order to procure the use of a Tow Launch Site and/or Towing Equipment for the use of SHGC Members. "

A discussion followed and it was decided that because so many Members were absent from the meeting (where were you ???), despite it being advertised, a vote could not take place. And so it was agreed that the proposal appear in this, the next edition of WINDSOCK, so that everyone who reads it has a chance to voice any objections. It was further agreed that if less than half the Membership objected IN WRITING within 30 DAYS from the date of posting or post mark, then the above motion would be carried. Conversely, if more than half the Membership objected then the motion would not be carried.

So, the ball is now in your court. If you do not want Club funds used to get Towing under way on a Club basis, then let's hear it. The above motion was not published prior to the AGM for two reasons:

- 1) April WINDSOCK was already in the post when the proposal was formulated at a Committee Meeting at Devil's Dyke on Sunday 4th May;
- 2) It was hoped by the whole Committee that sufficient numbers would attend the AGM to allow a firm decision one way or the other.



DEVILS DYKE.

THE FARMERS WOULD LIKE ANYONE WHO LANDS IN THE NORMAL BOTTOM LANDING FIELDS TO DE-RIGG AT THE ENTRANCE GATES TO THE FIELDS. PLEASE DON'T DE-RIGG IN THE MIDDLE OF THE FIELDS, BECAUSE YOU WILL BE FLATTENING A HAY CROP. THE FARMER USES THE BOTTOM FIELDS FOR A HAY CROP THIS TIME OF YEAR. ITS O.K. TO LAND THERE IF YOU DON'T DE-RIGG IN IT. ALSO BE CAREFUL WHEN WALKING OUT NOT TO TRAMPLE THE HAY.
 DYKE PUB.

GOOD NEWS IS THAT A NEW TENNANT HAS MOVED IN. THE NEW LANDLORD IS KEEN TO HELP HANG GLIDING AND SAYS THAT AS SOON AS THE UPSTAIRS IS SORTED OUT, WE CAN HAVE OUR MEETINGS THERE AGAIN.

FIRLE

THE LAND AGENTS FOR FIRLE HAVE BEEN APPROACHED SINCE A REPORT THAT A FENCE IS TO BE ERECTED AT THE TOP. THE AGENTS SAY THAT THEY ARE NOT AWARE OF ANY PLANS FOR A FENCE. HOWEVER THEY ARE TO INVESTIGATE AND REPORT BACK. MORE NEWS LATER. ALSO THE DELAY IN INVOICING THE CLUB FOR FIRLE SITE FEES IS DUE TO A CHANGE IN MANAGEMENT. ALSO DISCUSSED AT THE MEETING WITH THE LAND AGENTS WAS THE CLUBS INTEREST IN TOWING. THE AGENTS ARE TO INVESTIGATE THE POSSIBLE USE OF FIRLE ESTATE LAND FOR TOWING.

TOWING

CHALVINGTON.

THIS IS A POSSIBLE TOW SITE THAT THE CLUB FOUND AFTER AN ADVERTIZMENT THE COMMITTEE PUT IN FARMERS WEEKLY. SO FAR TWO DEMOS HAVE BEEN DONE, WITH KELVIN WILSON AND DAVE PERRIN, PEPE MARTELLO AND MYSELF. THE FARMER IS KEEN AND IF SOME WORK CAN BE DONE ON THE LAND WE MAY HAVE AN EXCELLENT SITE. (with a good pub next to it) WHEN JOHNNY CARR GETS BACK FROM COMPETITION THIS WEEK WE EXPECT TO WRAP UP THE SITE.
 WOLSTONBURY.

JOHNNY CARR HAS LOOKED AT THE SITE, AND SAYS ITS NOT OF ANY USE TO US.

WILL THE SOUTHERN CLUB SURVIVE THIS ONE?

The sad announcement at the recent SHGC AGM that Adrian Whitmarsh is stepping down from his position of Club Membership Officer/Secretary was followed by the even sadder news that due to the lack of any responsible volunteers, we - THE AMAZING FLYING CATTLIN BROTHERS - are taking over!

Adrian has done an excellent job over the last few years and his contribution to the running of the club is unsurpassed. We should all appreciate his efforts in helping to provide us, the membership with "hassle free flying".

Well, can it continue?

We certainly hope so. The Cattlin Bros. look forward to servicing the needs of you, the membership. We'll be combining our massive brain powers and we've already come up with some great ideas to put to the rest of the committee at the next meeting. Things like:

- * Organise a fly past at Andy and Fergie's wedding.
- * Put more female pilots in the club!
- * Increase the membership cost to £300 per annum to help finance SHGC committee member fact finding tours to Acapulco. (See below)



See you under a cloud

Simon & Joe

PS Simon would like to remind those of you who haven't renewed your SHGC membership, that the next copy of WINDSOCK will only go out to those who have!

CLUB SOCIAL EVENTS

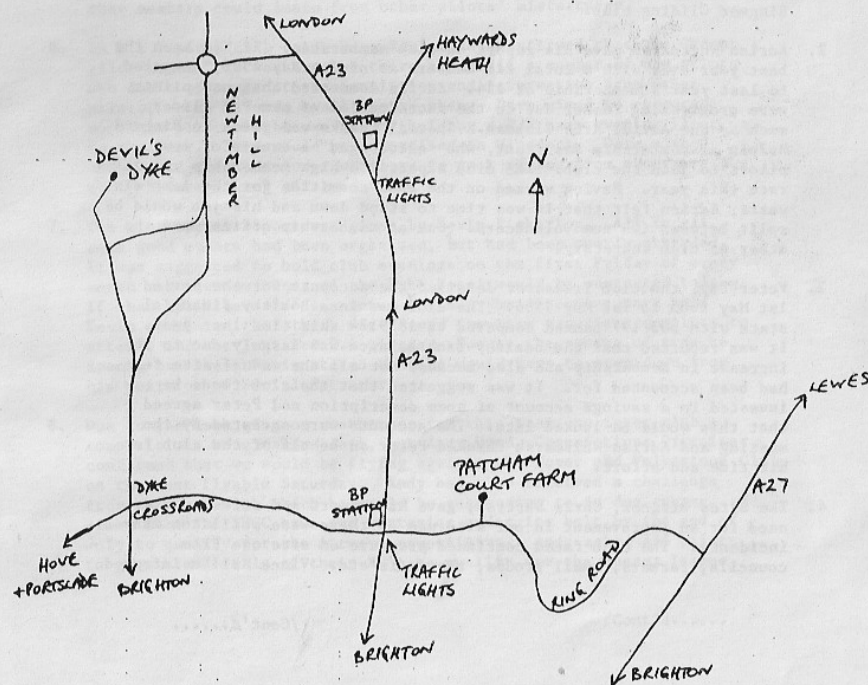
Since it is still uncertain whether we can use the Dyke pub for our social activities, and an alternative is as yet unknown to me, it is difficult to plan any functions. However, to overcome this temporary problem (and save me the hassle of organisation!), the Brighton & Hove Hockey Club have said the SHGC are very welcome to join them at their Annual Barn Dance on Friday 4th July.

There will be a professional live folk band on stage and I understand the 'caller' has a reputation for getting things going! Tickets are £2.50 each, which includes food (probably a ploughmans or similar), and there will be a bar. The venue is PATCHAM COURT FARM, PATCHAM (see map).

Tickets are available in advance either by post or on the hill. Cheques should be made payable to 'SHGC.' Please make your decision asap, as we need to know numbers. Thanks.

Meanwhile, if any Club member has any good ideas for social nights, please let me know what you want and I will endeavour to arrange them.

Sharon Linskill
Social Secretary.



Minutes of the SHGC AGM held on Saturday 10th May 1986

at

The George Hotel, Henfield, Sussex, at 8.00 p.m.

1. After circulaion of last year's minutes the meeting was formally opened by the Chairman, Johnny Carr. He announced that the membership was the highest in the history of the club and asked new members to come forward to help in the running of the club. The SHGC had excelled in competitions over the last year, maintaining a 100% record in interclub competitions. Special achievements were highlighted and included John Pendry's success in the World Championships together with other SHGC members who helped win the world team championships. Dave Rusbridge finished as the highest placed newcomer in the National League of 7th overall, and the Devil's Dyke XC record had just been broken by Michel Carnet with a flight to Deal of about 74 miles. On the towing front, Johnny confirmed that there was a lot of activity and several sites were being investigated, most notably, a site near Ringmer Gliding club.
2. Adrian Whitmarsh gave his report on club membership. It had been the best year ever with a total 228 members as of 1st May 1986, compared to last year's membership of 154. Adrian commented that new pilots were progressing faster due to the introduction of new P.1 gliders such as the Aerial Arts Clubman. Special thanks was given to Richard Halpin as membership assistant, who "encouraged" a number of new pilots to join the club. The club expected a high membership renewal rate this year. Having worked on the SHGC committee for the last six years, Adrian felt that it was time to stand down and his job would be split between two new volunteers. One as membership officer and the other as club secretary.
3. Peter Day, the club Treasurer detailed the accounts for the period 1st May 1985 to 1st May 1986. The club was in a healthy financial state with 3037.97 banked compared to 1859.34 this time last year. It was reported that the healthy bank balance was largely due to the increase in membership and also because not all the annual site fees had been accounted for. It was suggested that the club funds be invested in a savings account of some description and Peter agreed that this would be looked into. The accounts were accepted by the meeting and Adrian Whitmarsh thanked Peter on behalf of the club for his time and effort.
4. The Sites Officer, Chris Bartram, gave his report and stressed the need for an improvement in our site use as there were still too many incidents. The club faced continued pressure on site use from councils, farmers, small groups, the media etc. Vince Hallam informed

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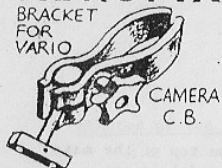
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- the meeting that fencing was being erected around the top of the main bowl at Firle Beacon which could endanger take-offs and landings. It was noted that the club had not received its site fee account from Strutt and Parker (the land agents for Firle) and Chris agreed to investigate the situation at Firle immediately. It was reported that a number of unofficial complaints had been made by Fulking residents about hang gliding at the Dyke and the committee agreed to contact Fulking Parish Council to discuss any matters of concern. Vince Hallam pointed out that Wolstonbury Hill, a possible south westerly site, was up for sale and Chris Bartram agreed to contact the land agents Clifford Dan & Partners.
5. The club Safety Officer, Paul Ray, reported that although there had been no serious injuries to pilots in the last year, a lot of inexperienced pilots were still making basic mistakes, with potentially serious consequences. They should be encouraged more and more to talk to observers or experienced pilots on the hill before taking off. It was agreed that more club observers should be appointed. Paul stressed the need for all accidents to be properly reported so that members could learn from other pilots' misfortunes.
 6. In his report, club Coach Dave Rusbridge, confirmed that the "adopt a pilot scheme" is working but there are still a number of new pilots who don't make use of the facilities and information from other pilots, which is made available to them. Dave aimed to encourage more new pilots to become P.2 by holding a P.2 exam evening later on in the year. This would be advertised in Windsock. Dave also underlined the need for new pilots to seek advice from observers etc., before taking off.
 7. The club social report was given by Kevin Pickering. All in all, some good events had been organised, but had been poorly attended. It was suggested to hold club evenings on the first Friday of every month and the new owner of the Dyke Hotel would be contacted to see if that could be used as a venue again. When lectures were held Kevin commented that there was a need for more experienced pilots to attend, and not just new P.1 pilots. Due to the amount of time he spends overseas, Kevin stated that he would have to step down from his position of Social Secretary.
 8. Due to the lack of good weather so far this year, no inter club competitions have taken place, but Andy Wood, Competitions Organiser, confirmed that we would be flying against the Dover and Folkestone Club on the next flyable Saturday. Andy had also received a challenge from the Avon Club which he would be responding to in due course. He aimed that the SHGC have two victories under its belt by the end of July to qualify for the Airwave competition. Andy asked all pilots to give him details of their XC'c to qualify for the Sussex league.

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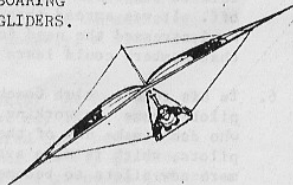
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It was proposed to include tow-launch flights in this year's Sussex league - the motion was carried. Finally, Michel Carnet offered a valuable trophy to be presented to the pilot achieving the best XC from a tow-launch.

9. Jan Martello, Public Relations, reported that media interest in the club had risen due to members of the world championship team, especially the world champion, being in our midst. The club had enjoyed a good year in terms of public relations but Jan reminded the meeting that one bad event could ruin all the good relations and our reputation. Every pilot on the hill can contribute to public relations. Unfortunately Jan stated that she would be stepping down from her position of Public Relations Officer.
10. The "Windsock" report was given by joint editor Ian Carrington-Smith. Ian emphasised the need for more members to contribute to Windsock and confirmed that articles on subjects like safety and meteorology would continue. It was proposed that the editors should be able to reduce the magazine to a "newsletter" every other month if they felt it necessary - the motion was carried. The amount of time and effort that Ian and Chris spend on producing Windsock each month was appreciated by the whole meeting.
11. Ray Swinfield, Towing Co-Ordinator, reported that towing was gaining momentum and that the committee was investigating several possible sites. In view of a lobby by other "air users" against the use of tow launching for hang gliders, each club in the BHGA would be restricted to one permanent site. Negotiations are underway with Ringmer Gliding Club and land owners for the use of a site near Ringmer. This seems to be the best option for the SHGC at present. Ray underlined the fact that the club should be highly self disciplined in the practice of towing due to the political sensitivity. There was a good response from the recent questionnaire sent out to all members and this showed the membership's wish to proceed with towing.
12. Johnny Carr then asked the 85/86 Committee to stand down and called for nominations to the re-elections.

Position	Candidate	Proposed	Seconded
Chairman	Johnny Carr	P/A Whitmarsh	S/P Day
Treasurer	Peter Day	P/J Carr	S/C Bartram
Secretary	Jonathan Cattlin	P/A Whitmarsh	S/J Carr
Membership Officer	Simon Cattlin	P/A Whitmarsh	S/K Pickering

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Position	Candidate	Proposed	Seconded
Membership Assistant	Pepe Martello	P/J Carr	S/D Rusbridge
Sites Officer	Chris Bartram	P/I.C.S.	S/J Carr
Sites Assistant	Martin Young	P/P Day	S/K Pickering
Safety Officer	Paul Ray	P/A Wood	S/A Whitmarsh
Club Coach	Dave Rusbridge	P/J Carr	S/M Carnet
Airspace Officer	Kevin Pickering	P/D Rusbridge	S/P Day
Social Secretary	Sharon Linskill	P/J Carr	S/I.C.S.
Competitions Co-Ordinator	Andy Wood	P/A Whitmarsh	S/P Ray
Public Relations Officer	Jo Wood	P/J Martello	S/A Wood
Windssock Editorial	Ian Carrington-Smith Chris Bartram	P/P Day P/J Martello	S/J Carr S/M Carnet
Towing Co-Ordinator	Ray Swinfield	P/J Carr	S/P Day

The new 86/87 Committee was duly elected.

13. Towing Debate

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In consequence to the above, no other proposals regarding towing, could be made.

14. As a membership list is held on a computer, it was agreed that the club should register under the Data Protection Act.
15. The point was raised that a National League event could be held in Sussex. There were no objections.
16. The point was also raised that it was John Pendry's birthday. Good wishes were expressed by all present!
17. The meeting was formally closed.

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Ray Swinfield, Club Towing Co-Ordinator, has made arrangements with Tony and Rhona Webb for them to come down here and give one day Tow Endorsement courses to a limited number of pilots. The dates set are 19th/20th June and the maximum number of pilots per day is six. Interested pilots should contact Ray as soon as possible (see inside front cover)

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Adverts	86.00
B.B.Q. 85	85.40
Sweat Shirts	55.50
X-mas. 85 Raffle	22.50
Crop Fines	10.00
Baragraph Hire	4.50
Badges	4.00
Site Guide	1.00

£ 4783.20

Receipts up to 30 April 1986
Expenditure up to 30 April 1986

In Hand @ 1 May 1985

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<u>EXPENDITURE</u>	£
Payment to Farmers	990.00
Windsack	438.54
Disco at B.B.Q./X-mas. Party	315.00
Hang Gliding in the South	280.00
Baragraph	275.00
Postage	228.56
Committee Expences	201.26
Air Maps	180.00
Food & Chef @ B.B.Q.	126.70
Trophies & Medals	95.40
Video Equip. Hire	90.30
Badges (85 Stickers)	86.25
Stationery	78.48
Food at Club Nights	70.50
Receipts Pads	45.00
Fines Paid Out	50.00
Site Guide	20.08
Refunds (M/ship).	12.50
X-mas. 85 Raffle	11.00
Repair to Fences	10.00
	<u>£ 3604.57</u>

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SUSSEX XC LEAGUE 1986

positions as at 27/05/86

PILOT	GLIDER	1	2	3	4	TOTAL
01 CARNET MICHEL	MAGIC 4 166	120.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	120.1Km
02 PENDRY JOHN	MAGIC 4 166	78.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	78.1Km
03 PICKERING KEVIN	MAGIC 3 177	21.5	17.7	0.0	0.0	39.2Km
04 CARR JOHNNY	MAGIC 4 166	31.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	31.1Km
05 PAYNE TONY	MAGIC 1	20.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	20.9Km
06 CARRINGTON IAN	MAGIC 3 166	15.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	15.2Km
07 MARNIER STEVE	MAGIC 1	12.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	12.5Km

SUSSEX XC LEAGUE 1986

FLIGHT DETAILS

PILOT	DATE	DESCRIPTION	OS MAP REFERENCE	DISTANCE
PICKERING KEVIN	21 MAR	DYKE/GIB.FARM	TQ257112 TQ470082	21.5K 13.4MI
PAYNE TONY	21 MAR	DYKE/S.HEIGHTON	TQ257112 TQ448027	20.9K 13.0MI
PICKERING KEVIN	01 APR	DYKE/BARC. MILL	TQ257112 TQ430149	17.7K 11.0MI
MARNIER STEVE	01 APR	DYKE/ASHCOMBE	TQ257112 TQ380091	12.5K 7.8MI
PENDRY JOHN	26 APR	DITCH/FAREHAM	TQ328129 SU550066	78.1K 48.5MI
CARR JOHNNY	26 APR	DITCH/SOUTHSTOKE	TQ332131 TQ023096	31.1K 19.3MI
CARRINGTON IAN	26 APR	DITCH/STEYNING	TQ332131. TQ182108	15.7K 9.4MI
CARNET MICHEL	29 APR	DYKE/Nth. of DEAL	TQ257112 TR370562	120.1K 74.6MI

SUSSEX WEEKEND XC LEAGUE 1986

PILOT	GLIDER	1	2	3	4	TOTAL
01 PENDRY JOHN	MAGIC 4 166	78.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	78.1Km
02 CARR JOHNNY	MAGIC 4 166	31.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	31.1Km
03 CARRINGTON IAN	MAGIC 3 166	15.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	15.2Km

CONGRATULATIONS TO GARY HUME AND JONATHON CATTLIN ON QUALIFYING FOR THE CLUB XC BADGES ON FLIGHTS TAKEN IN NORFOLK AND AUSTRALIA RESPECTIVELY.

CHEERS. ANDY WOOD.

TOWING FOR CHARITY AND FUN

I was roped into helping raise money for Cancer Research - a sponsored walk, pub crawl etc were rejected. Instead, I decided on a sponsored hang gliding XC - not too daft until you consider I have never made a proper XC before.

To ensure that I could cover distance even in stable conditions, and because of my paranoid fear of outlanding in hills/strong winds, I planned to winch launch in Norfolk - no fear of wave rotor there!

Sunday May 4th was the day set, venue a small field near Swaffam mid-Norfolk, wind SSE - SE, strong and gusty. Tony Webb briefed me on my flight - he had even phoned R.A.F. Sculthorpe to get permission for me to cross their airspace.

I launched at 10.30 am. releasing at 1,100' ato from the Koch winch. I found only sink and had to pull on considerably just to land in the same field.

Tony quickly relaunched me, saying he would pay out line to allow me greater height and a better chance of going XC. As I drifted over the field boundary waiting for him to give me my third 'step' I twigged, - I had pulled the line off the drum - so I released, with no hope of making the field and no lift.

I landed 2 miles downwind at a turkey farm (Windling airfield disused) despite doing my best to locate lift - what a turkey!! As I struggled to unclip in the strong wind, feeling I had blown it, I saw Phil Chettleburg walking across the field - a retrieval before even unclipping - amazing.

Ready again at 1.15 pm. I launched into weak lift hoping to chase 3 or 4 others who had left the field.

My lift dwindled and I arrived over Windling again at 800'; looking down at three out landed gliders - not again!! I flew over the turkey sheds hoping they would trigger something. Bump, a ragged 1/2 up, I circled and instinctively, and very very slowly, gained height, loosing and gaining the broken bits of lift. Finally at 1,400' the lift matured into a steady 4 - 6 up straight to a nice cloudstreet. Overconfident, I turned downwind under the street and promptly lost the lift though I was covering ground fast.

Down to 1,000' I hit lift, circled and was violently spat out in an 80° dive, totally weightless, not nice at all. I re-entered the unbelievably rough thermal for a heartstopping 800' height gain before being thrown out again. Finding I was now in a zero sink beneath a nice black base I relaxed in gentle wide circles enjoying the misty view, with the west, my goal, in the distance. A dog barked somewhere far below interrupting almost total silence.

Sculthorpe airfield was now in view so I headed crosswind over Fakenham, confident of finding lift over the sunlit town. Instead I found 6 - 8 down, becoming 10 - 15 down as I pulled on speed to escape. As I was losing height like a lead balloon I slowed down hoping to pick up any change in the air.

I stumbled into small violent patches of lift and shouting for joy neared the coast at 2,100 ato. under a nicely developing cloud.

A couple of snaps with my camera and tracking crosswind along the coast to maximise my distance I landed by the coast road just outside Wells by Sea, in very rough air.

Phil and his lovely girlfriend Angie turned up to retrieve me within 20 minutes of my phoning in (Phil had landed a couple of miles short of the coast) - what a lovely end to my first real XC.

Later that evening Tony persuaded Phil and I to go for a declared goal flight to his Mums, three miles distant - we missed by a few fields but it was fun.

A special thanks to Phil and Angie for their time and effort retrieving a complete stranger, to Tony and Rona Webb for all their help, and the members of the Norfolk club who freely gave their time and money towards my charity flight.

Flight Details:

Distance	19 miles approx.
Glider	Magic III + Pitchy
Harness	Sky Systems Supp
Winch	Koch
Tony Webb's towing leg	

Pilot	Garry Hume, Pl
	First flew 10 yrs ago but regularly only for the last three and a half years.

Written by Gary Hume.

Fear over hang gliders

By A Staff Reporter

Hang glider enthusiasts are working to reassure other air users that a new way of getting airborne is safe.

Hang glider pilots usually manhandle their wings to the top of a hill to soar from the summit or glide down again, but it is physically tiring and time-consuming.

The British Hang Gliding Association has developed a system of launching hang gliders by tow wire and winch

and this increases flying time and opens the flattest countryside to the sport.

But reports that some gliders have been flown like a kite by the winch crew to heights of 6,000 feet have alarmed helicopter operators and aircraft pilots.

They are unhappy at the prospect of 6,000 feet of virtually invisible piano wire hanging in the air.

Above: A recent cutting from
The Times.

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Payne on 01-873-8293

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with Nicad batteries.
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0197-66430.

RISING DAMP

By Mark Chesire (Peak HGC).

Vario Suffering from Damp or
Radio Interference ?

R.S. components (Radio Supplies) market a spray-on de-moisturising fluid (stock No. 555-207) which has the advantage of being non-greasy, unlike WD-40 which attracts dust etc. Dust, as well as water droplets can often be a cause of tracking. The same company have just introduced a spray-on radio frequency shield. It is in fact a matt black conductive paint which takes about 2 hours to dry. For the technically minded, it gives approximately 40 dB attenuation over the full MHz wave band (probably less when not earthed). It will hopefully cut down interference from say, the Airwave 130. The R.F. spray can (stock No. 551-570) costs around £12, but should do a number of varios. The de-moisturising fluid spray costs much less at about £1.50.

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LOST: On 24/11/85 at Firle. Gold signet ring with a diamond in the center. Engraved on the inside is "Kevin" and "7-6-80". If found please ring Kevin Turner on 01-518-6410 and the drinks will be on me.

FOR SALE: Large Thinsulate one-piece flying suit. Worn once. Cost £59; £30 for quick sale. Phone Mark Woodhams at Brighton 501043, evenings.

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SMALL ADDS



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