

The Sky Systems Team wish Happy New Year 1993 to all BHPA Members

THE SAS GAVE PROVEN SAFETY AND COMFORT -
THE SAS II IS EVEN BETTER!
SAS II The best paragliding harness in the world is now upgraded - more safety, more comfort. Come to our shop and hang in one today!



SEND NOW FOR SKY SYSTEMS MAIL ORDER PRICE LIST - FREE P&P WITH ORDERS OVER £15. OTHER P&P £2 FROM NOVEMBER 1st 1992 UNTIL JANUARY 31st 1993

H/G and P/G BOOKS:

HANG GLIDING FLYING SKILLS by Dennis Pagen. £6.90
HANG GLIDING TECHNIQUES by Dennis Pagen. £5.90
TOUCHING CLOUDBASE by Ian Currer. new edition £7.99
PARAGLIDING FLIGHT by Dennis Pagen. £9.99
INTRODUCTION TO PARAGLIDING by Z. Frankel. £6.00
THE ABC OF PARAGLIDING by Hubert Aupetit. £9.99
AIR RIDER'S WEATHER by Alan Watts. £14.99
UNDERSTANDING THE SKY by Dennis Pagen. £12.00
METEOROLOGY & FLIGHT by Tom Bradbury. £13.99
INSTANT WEATHER FORECASTING by Alan Watts. £4.99
INSTANT WIND FORECASTING by Alan Watts. £7.99
UNDERSTANDING FLYING WEATHER by D. Piggott. £8.99
FRENCH SITES GUIDE. Complete guide. H/G & P/G. £25.00
WE HAVE MUCH MUCH MORE IN OUR SHOWROOM - OR CALL TODAY FOR OUR MAIL ORDER LIST

WE STOCK O.S. MAPS

1993 CALENDARS

A3 FORMAT - SPECTACULAR PHOTOS
HANG GLIDING CALENDAR £12.00
PARAGLIDING CALENDAR £12.00

SKY SYSTEMS PARAGLIDING SCHOOL - We offer expert tuition to all standards - FROM ONLY £39.60 PER DAY. BHPA APPROVED - 7 DAYS A WEEK - Send for info. pack or video

SKY SYSTEMS SUPPORT THE AIMS & IDEALS OF THE



WINTER WARM WEAR

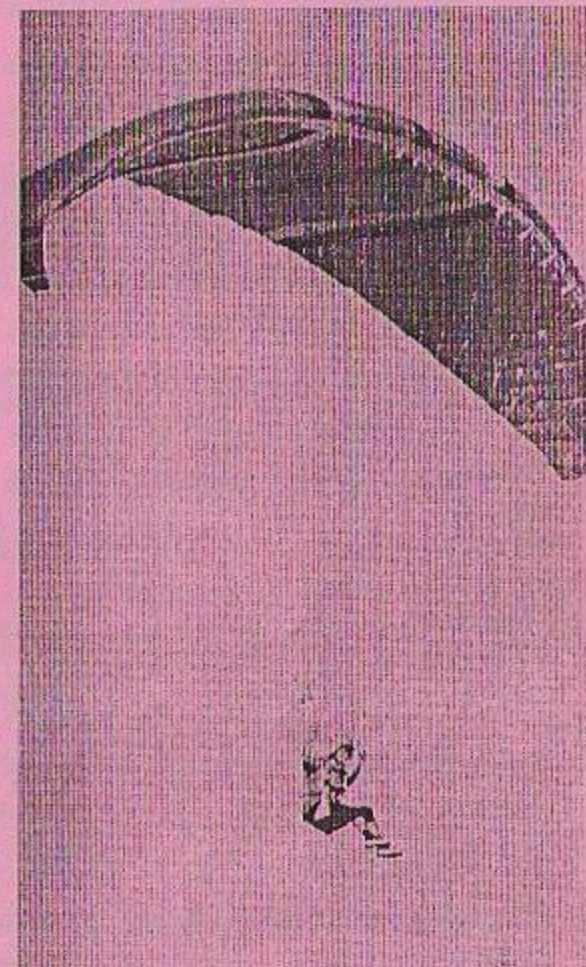
As well as our Sky Systems Suits, we stock a range of items to keep pilots warm -
Ozee Thinsulate (3M) Flying Suit - the original, good-value flying suit. 2 lengths, 4 sizes. £81.00
Ozee Aquatex - waterproof version of the original Ozee. £138.00
Gul Facemask - ideal neoprene face protection for hang gliding or paragliding. £9.50
Gul Neoprene Gloves Snug fitting, warm, with a generous cuff. Recommended for both hg and pg. £19.99
We also stock Helly Hansen thermal Glove Liners, Balaclavas and Hoods

SKY SYSTEMS Ltd. Edburton, Near Henfield, West Sussex BN5 9LL
Tel: Brighton (0273) 857700. Fax: (0273) 857722
Opening Hours: Monday-Friday 9.00-6.00 Saturday-Sunday 9.30-5.00

THE JOURNAL OF THE SOUTHERN HANG GLIDING CLUB
WINDSOCK

DECEMBER 1992

Free to SHGC Members



IN THIS ISSUE:
A Brand New Editor and Layout
A Couple of New Books reviewed
Free Flight's Golden Rules
SHGC League Results & Competitions News
Club Coaching Update
MUCK RAKER
Top Tips with the one and only
Bernie





**THE SOUTHERN
HANG GLIDING CLUB**
P.O. BOX 1359,
BRIGHTON,
EAST SUSSEX BN1 4QX

YOUR COMMITTEE, '92

President & Chairman

Johnny Carr
0444 84217

Schools Liaison Officer

Mark Woodhams
0273 501043

Secretary

Martin Brady
0444 233346

Club Coach

Adrian Caple
081 660 0824

Treasurer

Peter Day
0734 421481

Airspace Officer

Tim Cox
0273 671214

Membership Secretary

Gary Cook
0273 857700

Home Competitions

Tony Lucchesi
0474 812106

Safety Officer

Michel Carnet
0273 857700

Away Competitions

Kevin Pickering
0273 846319

Sites Liaison Officer

Tony Turner
0825 762969

Towing Representative

Michel Carnet
0273 857700

Assistant Sites Liaison Officer

Fionn Kennedy
0273 858221

Paragliding Representative

Irwyn Jehu
0903 723884

Sites Control Officer

Nigel Gibson
081 890 7476

Social Secretary

Ian de Haan
0737 762895

Windsock Editor

Ian de Haan
Send ALL contributions to:
Flat 4
113/115 Fountain Road
St. Johns, Redhill
Surrey RH1 6QD
0737 762895 (phone/fax)

**Check That Your Friends
Have Joined the SHGC**

Especially if you're friends with
Mark Watts, Jean Collin or Tim
Macdonald!
Keep our sites the best in Britain-
don't subsidise freeloaders!

Devil's Dyke
Weather Machine:
0273 857002

**Advertising
Display Rates:**

| | | | | |
|-------------|-----|-----|-----|------|
| No. issues | 1 | 3 | 6 | 12 |
| quarter pg. | £7 | £13 | £24 | £42 |
| half pg. | £12 | £21 | £37 | £65 |
| full pg. | £21 | £37 | £66 | £105 |
| back pg. | £31 | £48 | £75 | £125 |

Small Ads:

Small ads are free to members
or £2 to non-members. They
will appear in the mag for 3
issues before being removed.

Cheques or postal orders
should be made payable to the
Southern Hang Gliding Club,
and sent in with your copy.

SHGC Committee Meetings:

Committee Meetings are held on the
first Wednesday of every month at the
Devil's Dyke Hotel.



The SHGC
supports the
aims and
ideals of the
British Hang
Gliding and
Paragliding
Association

READERS PLEASE NOTE:

- Contents of this magazine
MAY NOT be reproduced
without the EXPRESS consent
of the SHGC Committee and/or
author, in any form whatever.
- The views expressed in
articles, letters, etc. in Windsock
are not necessarily those of the
SHGC, the Windsock Editor, or
the SHGC Committee.

Editorial

by Ian DeHaan



As the new editor of Windsock, I
would like to introduce myself to you.
I am Ian de Haan, I have been flying
paragliders for a couple of years now
and am probably better known to
many people as the person who
collects site fees and asks for sight of
membership stickers when I am on
the hill!

Thanks must go to Mr. Chris Bartram
for his work as editor for the last year
or so in spite of being overworked,
unpaid and not even a member of the
Club! We look forward to seeing him
on the hill, and flying again once he
has paid his subscription!

The club magazine is the best means
of communication we have amongst
club members, so if you have any
comments to make, no matter how
contentious, libellous or half-baked,
then please send them in so that we
(the committee) know your views.
By having a good feedback the club
will reflect the way the members feel,
and will be able to try and
accommodate necessary changes.
This can only happen if your views
are made known, so write in to me!
Please note that we can now scan and
reproduce photographs in the
magazine - so send in your pics., too!

Chairman's Letter

by Johnny Carr



Hello Folks!

Just a note to wish every one a Merry
Christmas and a very happy New
Year!

The weather of late has been
appalling, so lets just hope the New
Year brings us better flying weather, it
will be long overdue.

I shall be flying again soon now that
my ankle is well and truly on the
mend and I look forward to seeing
you on the hill!

**IMPORTANT NOTICE
Possible Low Flying Jets!**

The R.A.F. have asked us to advise
members of the following -
On 19th and/or 20th January
1993, a Falcon Jet on a Radar
Testing Mission will descend from
controlled airspace above Lewes,
and fly at 600ft AGL along the
South Downs. The exercise is
weather dependent, and probably
depends on the weather being,
quote "bad". It will happen
between 14:00 and 16:00 hours -
SO WATCH OUT

Design Copyright Keno 1992

Book Reviews by Gary Cook

Weather Facts by Dick File

(Oxford Reference - £6.99)

This is a great new meteo. book by Dick File, who has written a regular column in the Guardian for some years. Dick is a Met. Office forecaster, and he provides readable and often entertaining explanations of all weather phenomena with a particular bias towards the UK's weather.

Perhaps not as technical as some books, such as Bradbury's "Meteorology and Flight", this book has one big advantage - it's a great read!

Mr. File has made many of the topics entertaining, filling his book with fascinating statistical information and "weather anecdotes", as well as tackling the usual subjects in a fresh way. The short sections and very clear diagrams make this book ideal bedtime or "by-the-karzi" reading, and his journalistic style of writing clarifies the sometimes complex information.



Touching Cloudbase

Revised Edition by
Ian Curren & Rob Cruickshank

(Leading Edge - £7.99)

Based in large part on the first edition, this upgraded book offers an almost complete guide for most types of paragliding flight.

The many photos (including one of my Missus) and diagrams as well as concise and relevant text make this a number one exam primer for BHPA paragliding exams, and a perfect introduction to people who are new to the sport, but want all the information they can get. The book also includes up-to-date air law and airworthiness info.

Both of these books are excellent within their fields - they should be available now from your local school or shop. Recommended.

Free Flight

have written in to draw the Club's attention to their site rules, a copy of which is published on page 5 for our readers to learn & inwardly digest. They would also like to point out that their site fee is now £5.00 to non SHGC members.

Unfortunately a few inconsiderate people, by climbing over the fence at Steyning Bowl nearly lost Free Flight this site and therefore the club, think before doing this, this time the matter was resolved - next time it may be one of the club's best sites that this type of action loses!

- Ed

(below) A Trip down memory lane - Andy Napolitan and Robbie Whittall misinterpreting their instructions to "bugger off and play with a paraglider". No wonder some people thought paragliding would never catch on!



STOP THE PRESS!

It's that man again...

It looks like SHGC Member Richard Carter has done it again... In South Africa on 2nd December, he achieved 217.3km, witnessed by two witnesses and distance confirmed by his Trimble GPS system.

Flying his UP Katana, he took off at 14:00 from Vryburg airstrip from a tow launch, and landed at 18:10 to the east of Viljoenskroon.

FREE flight



PARAGLIDING

SITE INFORMATION

Due to overcrowding and the popularity of the Steyning Bowl site we have to place some restrictions on it's use. These are for your own safety and for the good of this unique site, which if misused could be lost forever.

The Steyning Bowl produces it's best with winds from South, South East and East. In the summer, thermic activity combined with sea breezes can produce severe conditions. WARNING: Strong winds can produce exceptionally dangerous conditions.

SITE RULES

Do not park in the road - only use car park.

Speak to site marshal or instructor before flying.

£5 per day site fee must be paid to site marshals or instructors.

Restrictions & directions given by site marshalls or instructors must be obeyed.

Have proof of current BAPC/BHGA insurance and rating.

No more than 3 aircraft in the air at any one time.

Obey the country code - close gates, do not leave any litter.

Follow all rules laid down by BAPC/BHGA.

These site rules are all common sense but failure to comply with them could mean your organisation will remove your rating! Please help us and follow these simple rules and ensure your friends are aware of them. By being sensible, mature and aware, we will always have a site to fly.

Never fly alone - If the school is not training, it is probably a good indication that conditions are unsuitable.

If you have any queries about the site or you are interested in any level of tuition and equipment 'phone Eddie for friendly, practical advice.

Ground Floor, 274 New Church Rd, Hove, Sussex BN3 4EB

0273 411239

Devil's Dyke Marshalling Rota - the latest version.

PLEASE ENSURE THAT IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND ON YOUR ALLOTTED DAY THAT ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE TO COVER YOUR DUTIES...

| Date | Forename | Surname | TelHome | TelWork |
|----------|-------------|-------------|--------------|----------------------|
| 12/12/92 | David | Williamson | 0273 604752 | - |
| 12/12/92 | Elizabeth | Wild | 01 674 9427 | - |
| 12/12/92 | Chris | Williams | 0403 731519 | - |
| 13/12/92 | Philip | Wood | 081 671 9257 | - |
| 13/12/92 | Nigel | Barrett | 0273 583698 | - |
| 13/12/92 | Stuart | Wilson | 081 959 1174 | 081 540 8300 |
| 19/12/92 | Mark | Woodhams | 0273 501043 | 0444 245733 |
| 19/12/92 | Richard | Wragg | 0689 853732 | - |
| 19/12/92 | Philip | Wraight | 0622 850258 | - |
| 20/12/92 | Jane | Ferguson | 081 874 7793 | 071 831 6262 |
| 20/12/92 | Peter | Butt | 081 751 3644 | - |
| 20/12/92 | Tony | Wye | 081 897 9369 | 081 479 3628 |
| 26/12/92 | Paul | Rankin | 0293 775021 | 0293 785544 |
| 26/12/92 | Jon | Reid | 07373 63231 | - |
| 26/12/92 | Warren | Travers | 0273 220850 | - |
| 27/12/92 | Herbert | Prohl | 0273 685689 | 0273 609925/685689 |
| 27/12/92 | Steve | Pugh | 081 692 8554 | 0793 619999 |
| 27/12/92 | Barry | Puckey | 081 693 8722 | 081 693 8722 |
| 02/01/93 | Laurence | Adey | 0424 434093 | - |
| 02/01/93 | Mike | Allen | 0444-450892 | - |
| 02/01/93 | Bruce | Argue | 081 342 9595 | 081 342 9595 |
| 03/01/93 | Mike | Backhouse | 0279 506896 | 071 324 7176 |
| 03/01/93 | Robert | Banfield | 0323 720872 | - |
| 03/01/93 | Denis | Aulier | 071 402 7006 | 071 355 2000 |
| 09/01/93 | Peter | Banner | 0306 884588 | - |
| 09/01/93 | Ian | Barnes | - | - |
| 09/01/93 | Ernest | Bayliss | 081 390 7891 | 081 942 2233 |
| 10/01/93 | Peter | Bernon | 0903 245447 | 0903 245447 |
| 10/01/93 | John | Benfield | 081 857 5351 | 071 938 9498 |
| 10/01/93 | Chris | Bere | 0273 452370 | 0860 400747 |
| 16/01/93 | Marlin | Brady | 0444 233346 | 0273 745318 |
| 16/01/93 | Eddie | Bilous | 0273 411239 | - |
| 16/01/93 | Ken | Besfor | 081 651 4573 | - |
| 17/01/93 | Bill | Blunt | 0342 810928 | - |
| 17/01/93 | Stephen | Boalch | 0304 374901 | 0304 361396 |
| 17/01/93 | Mark | Blackledge | 071 231 5384 | 071 437 6136 |
| 23/01/93 | Charles | Blackburn | 081 840 1875 | 071 324 8325 |
| 23/01/93 | Richard | Bonwick | 0892 655754 | 0892 655754 |
| 23/01/93 | Joao Carlos | Borges | 0273 202893 | 0273 642256 |
| 24/01/93 | Lisa | Brewer | 0403 710739 | - |
| 24/01/93 | Steve | Brewer | 0403 710739 | - |
| 24/01/93 | Michael | Broadbent | 0424 210951 | - |
| 30/01/93 | Arthur | Brooker | - | 0322 66550 |
| 30/01/93 | Charles | Brockis | 04834 27218 | - |
| 30/01/93 | Sue | Brooks | 0273 834984 | 0444 451881 ex 356 |
| 31/01/93 | Chris | Bryson | 0425 272535 | - |
| 31/01/93 | Chris | Brough | 081 671 0653 | - |
| 31/01/93 | David | Brown | 0403 54469 | 0403 210345 |
| 06/02/93 | Adrian | Caple | 081 660 0824 | - |
| 06/02/93 | Peter | Bruce | 081 689 2813 | - |
| 06/02/93 | Duncan | Caird | - | 071 867 7362 |
| 07/02/93 | Johnny | Carr | 044484 217 | - |
| 07/02/93 | Michel | Carmel | 0860 667874 | 0273 857700 |
| 07/02/93 | Andy | Chad | - | 071 712 6825 |
| 13/02/93 | Bernard | Clifford | 081 948 5536 | 071 873 3000 ex 3601 |
| 13/02/93 | John | Clements | 0227 70803 | - |
| 13/02/93 | Clive | Chippendale | 081 878 1081 | - |
| 14/02/93 | David | Cole | 081 868 0905 | - |
| 14/02/93 | Steven | Cook | 0903 725724 | - |
| 14/02/93 | Andrew | Cooper | 0903 850788 | - |
| 20/02/93 | Tim | Cox | 0273 871214 | 0273 609925/685689 |
| 20/02/93 | Jerry | Cooper | 081 674 9427 | - |
| 20/02/93 | Graham | Cooper | 0634 842 853 | 0372 222688 |
| 21/02/93 | Francis | Cracknell | 081 568 4184 | - |
| 21/02/93 | Tim | Day | 071 701 9313 | 071 387 7050 ex 2747 |
| 21/02/93 | Russell | Crowley | 06098 73873 | 06098 73873 |
| 27/02/93 | Rob | Croad | 081 641 6193 | 0737 370 370 ex 6413 |
| 27/02/93 | Sue | Day | 0883 349845 | - |
| 27/02/93 | Tony | Crowley | - | - |
| 28/02/93 | Dave | Perrin | 0273 600450 | 0273 424861 |
| 28/02/93 | Ian | Dehaan | 0737 762865 | - |
| 28/02/93 | David | Drake | 081 508 9019 | 081 529 3501 |
| 06/03/93 | Amada | Elias | 0483 755101 | - |
| 06/03/93 | Warwick | Dufour | 081 677 5858 | - |
| 06/03/93 | John | Elkins | 04027 51310 | - |

Devil's Dyke Marshalling Rota - the latest version.

PLEASE ENSURE THAT IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND ON YOUR ALLOTTED DAY THAT ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE TO COVER YOUR DUTIES...

| Date | Forename | Surname | TelHome | TelWork |
|----------|-------------|------------|-----------------|----------------------|
| 07/03/93 | Ben | Forrester | 0903 692589 | 0903 47171 |
| 07/03/93 | Andrew | Elphinston | 0737 240719 | 0763 71976 |
| 07/03/93 | Ken | Fox | 0753 866139 | - |
| 13/03/93 | Vanya | Gant | - | - |
| 13/03/93 | Robert | Gastman | 081 722 8855 | 071 636 2294 |
| 13/03/93 | Paul | Gardiner | 0444 881 387 | - |
| 14/03/93 | Nigel | Gibson | 081 890 7476 | - |
| 14/03/93 | David | Goepel | 0273 419645 | - |
| 14/03/93 | Frank | Golding | 0273 305636 | - |
| 20/03/93 | Kim | Gouldstone | 081 715 4706 | 071 233 0288 |
| 20/03/93 | Paul | Goodyear | - | - |
| 20/03/93 | Damian | Gordon | - | - |
| 21/03/93 | Harry | Greene | 071 482 4927 | - |
| 21/03/93 | Paul | Gurling | 081 764 8301 | 081 750 0380 |
| 21/03/93 | Ian | Gravatt | 071 733 5259 | 071 924 1282 |
| 27/03/93 | James | Gurney | 0483 768719 | 0483 740958 |
| 27/03/93 | Neil | Hallsworth | 081 395 6046 | - |
| 27/03/93 | Alexander | Hammond | 0978 861381 | - |
| 28/03/93 | Bernard | Hanning | 081 908 1549 | - |
| 28/03/93 | Jim | Hardiman | 081 311 0683 | - |
| 28/03/93 | Jerry | Hansen | 0273 461783 | - |
| 03/04/93 | Les | Hedges | 081 847 1815 | - |
| 03/04/93 | Liz | Johnston | 0273 556160 | - |
| 03/04/93 | Ron | Harrington | 0252 625246 | 0420 86616 |
| 04/04/93 | Anthony | Hobden | 0273 473467 | - |
| 04/04/93 | Bernie | Hewing | 071 737 4849 | 081 986 3123 |
| 04/04/93 | Keith | Henson | - | - |
| 10/04/93 | Albert | Holder | 0273 514383 | 0273 513818 |
| 10/04/93 | Robin | Hooper | 071 978 8664 | - |
| 10/04/93 | Eddie | Horsfield | 081 657 93076 | fax 081 689 2076 |
| 11/04/93 | Patrick | Houston | 0323 440331 | 929 0951 |
| 11/04/93 | Rob | Howe | 081 748 0735 | 081 748 1700 |
| 11/04/93 | John | Hulcherson | 081 810 5050 | 081 879 3252 |
| 17/04/93 | Colin | James | 081 399 6278 | 071 753 5881 |
| 17/04/93 | Andrew | Jackson | 081 524 4944 | 071 939 0267 |
| 17/04/93 | Inike | Jansen | 081 390 3076 | - |
| 18/04/93 | Nigel | Jarvis | 0883 349845 | - |
| 18/04/93 | Vicky | Jones | 0424 222630 | 0424 32281 ex 320 |
| 18/04/93 | Irwyn | Jehu | 0903 723884 | - |
| 24/04/93 | Andrew | Keyte | 081 464 3355 | - |
| 24/04/93 | Ian | Jenkins | - | 0980 630351 |
| 24/04/93 | Neil | Kinnear | 081 697 1363 | - |
| 25/04/93 | Fionn | Kennedy | 0273 858221 | - |
| 25/04/93 | Robert | Kelly | 081 755 2592 | 0836 533410 |
| 25/04/93 | Kelvin | Kincaid | 0483 428653 | 0276 71617 |
| 01/05/93 | Stephen | Langridge | Balcombe 811731 | Cranley 532875 |
| 01/05/93 | Nick | Langford | 081 541 1376 | - |
| 01/05/93 | John | Leggott | 081 657 0725 | 081 318 7511 |
| 02/05/93 | Owen | Leigh | 081 946 2552 | 071 236 8000 ex 2286 |
| 02/05/93 | Robert | Klee | 081 543 2646 | 081 990 2985 |
| 02/05/93 | Amanda | Lansbury | 081 470 0986 | - |
| 08/05/93 | Richard | Lewis | 0273 417465 | - |
| 08/05/93 | John | Lovell | 081 689 0926 | - |
| 08/05/93 | Simon | Lewis | 0372 363009 | - |
| 09/05/93 | Antony | Lucchesi | 0831 276309 | 0892 669295 |
| 09/05/93 | Simon | Lyon | 081 693 2366 | 0293 612 648 |
| 09/05/93 | Edward | Lockhart | 071 673 6827 | - |
| 15/05/93 | Alison | Maddock | 081 341 3383 | - |
| 15/05/93 | Philip | Maillardet | 09592 3742 | - |
| 15/05/93 | Stephen | Marnier | 0273 770186 | 0293 654749 |
| 16/05/93 | David | Mathews | 0273 604752 | 061 797 6000 |
| 16/05/93 | Janel | McGill | 0279 876327 | 07 248 4444 ex 2083 |
| 16/05/93 | Ian | Maskell | 0273 540755 | - |
| 22/05/93 | Bob | Middleton | 0843 596126 | - |
| 22/05/93 | Mike | Millwood | 0273 400372 | 0273 857700 |
| 22/05/93 | Stephen | Millson | 081 675 7062 | 0860 236470 |
| 23/05/93 | Gary | Cook | - | - |
| 23/05/93 | William | Morris | 081 648 0255 | - |
| 23/05/93 | Brian | Milton | 071 263 5475 | - |
| 29/05/93 | David | Morrison | 0342 716701 | - |
| 29/05/93 | Alan | Mortimer | 0424 434879 | 0424 853481 |
| 29/05/93 | Christopher | Morley | 0273 588578 | - |
| 30/05/93 | John | Moss | 081 644 6504 | 071 228 8551 |
| 30/05/93 | Steven | Murray | 081 977 9907 | 071 934 7071 |
| 30/05/93 | David | Newns | 071 622 1501 | 081 305 1505 |

MEGA STOP PRESS!
Literally as we're printing, news has arrived:
SHCC Member & Superstar Judy Leden has filed for the World Paragliding Record by South Africa.
128 kilometers (Women's World Record)

Your Letters - keep them coming, folks! This is your magazine - let us publish your comments, opinions, articles, opinions, photographs, etc.

Black Day

Saturday 17.10.92 was a black day for HG/PG at Devils Dyke due to the ludicrous number of irresponsible PG on just the NW face, out numbering HG by 10 - 1 to 20 - 1.

Some were hovering, touching canopies, the others leaving no safe space for 95% of HG pilots therefore pushing out even the most experienced that have been flying the crowded Dyke for years.

One childish PG when asked by a marshal "Are you a member?" replied "I don't think so", in an amused voice, then proceeded to take off. Another annoyed at not being able to fly during the Red Ribbon time was indignantly wandering about shouting, "It's ridiculous". There was never less than 6 in front of overshoot. The majority's awareness in the air is practically nil, it's like children on a motorway.

Do they have the right to swamp out HG completely or are there going to be mass collisions? To the minority of considerate, responsible PG I say it's time now to make others aware.

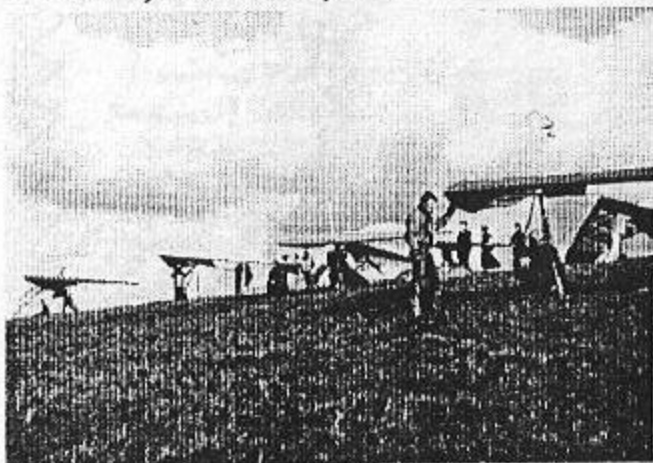
P.A. Rolinson

Editors comment:

Ron Richardson went cross country in HG time when thermals were working well, there were no PG in the air due to marshalling so the system does work very well.

Johnny Carr was hobbling due to his broken ankle and I was the other marshal. We were both satisfied that the air law had worked that day; if it had not then there would have been collisions.

More comments please, from anyone who was flying at Devil's Dyke on that day. - Ian



Black day on the Dyke? Hang gliders ready and waiting to take off on 17.10.92

Who's that man ?

The new editor of "WINDSOCK", better known as the big, tall, incredibly polite and articulate chap that collects site fees, if you can not produce your membership sticker within one nanosecond!

When I first met him, I thought he was a flying "teacosy" cos' he always wears a woolly hat over his crash hat! but it was Ian de Haan our new editor.

Keep up the good work Ian!

- Jerry Hansen

Editors comment:

Keep this up Jerry!

1 9 9 3

Annual General Meeting

The date for the next

AGM

is Saturday 13th March 1993
at 7.30pm.

Please make a note of the
date in your diary.

This is a very good
opportunity for members

to make their views
known and if you want
change,

this is the time to do it.

We will publicise the
venue nearer the time.

The Sky Systems Team wish Merry Christmas 1992 to all BHPA Members

SAS II

**Shock Absorber System:
A New Dimension In Paragliding Harnesses**

THE SAS II - Big reserve compartment, with superbly designed deployment system - new adjustment handles on each buckle - more storage - backplate facility - pulley or stirrup facility - water ballast bag compartment - velcro pad for stirrup - arch colours - semi-cross bracing for safety - padding for warmth and comfort.

FREE! GROUND RISKS INSURANCE (1 YEAR) + FREE INDOOR STRIPDOWN & REPORT VOUCHER WITH EVERY HANG GLIDER PURCHASED

FREE! GROUND & FLYING RISKS INSURANCE (1 YEAR) + FREE CANOPY CHECK OVER & REPORT VOUCHER WITH EVERY PARAGLIDER PURCHASED

WE SELL GLIDERS! AIRWAVE - ADVANCE - APCO
AVIAN - EDEL - FALHAWK - FIREBIRD - ITV - LA MOUETTE
NOVA - PRO DESIGN - SOLAR WINGS - U.P. - WILLS WING

SKY SYSTEMS HANG GLIDING & PARAGLIDING
MAIL ORDER SERVICE

WE OPERATE 7 DAYS A WEEK - ALL YEAR:

A SELECTION FROM OUR BIG PRICE LIST -

- FLY HELMET good protector with a rigid shell and comfortable padding. £56.00
- PICK UP HELMET sun visor, air vents. Recommended protection. £52.00
- HELLY HANSEN HOOD quality polar fleece for cosy warmth. Navy blue. £14.50
- HELLY HANSEN BALACLAVA Thermal material, covers nose and mouth. £7.25
- BOLLE EDGE SUNGLASSES - The best protectors for pilots, or skiing. £59.95
- HELLY HANSEN GLOVE LINERS for extra warmth. They really work! £7.00
- GUL NEOPRENE GLOVES snug fitting, warm, with a generous cuff. Ideal. £19.99
- GUL FACEMASK covers nose, chin and mouth. Neoprene, keeps the chill out. £9.50
- SUPER PITCHY the original floating hang point for hang gliders - upgraded version £49.99 or part-exchange your old pitchy (old or new style) for a new super pitchy for only £19.99
- KEY-RING KARABINER Perfect stocking filler in various colours. £2.50
- AIR SAVE KARABINER special harness-riser krab, minimises webbing distortion. (each) £9.40
- HARNES-RISER QUICKLINK traditional maillon rapide link (each) £4.80
- RISER-LINE QUICKLINK the traditional maillon rapide link (each) £4.30
- TWISTLOCK KARABINER in aluminium £10.00 in steel (each) £11.35
- SCREWGATE KARABINER in aluminium £8.00 in steel (each) £9.00
- SKYWATCH FUN pocket-sized, battery-powered windspeed indicator. Very accurate. £47.00
- HANG GLIDING MAP HOLDER by Ben. Easily fits on yer base bar. £11.50
- PARAGLIDING MAP HOLDER allows easy take off and landing, Holds OS or CAA map. £9.95
- HALF MIL. AIRSPACE MAP Latest version £12.00
- WATER BALLAST BAG. Easy to fill and empty. 11 litres. £6.00

VIDEOS TO BUY (Some available to hire at £6 per week)

- INSTABILITY. Recommended BHPA guide to aerobatics and emergencies. £15.00
 - TELLURIDE! Hot aerobatic hang gliding from Colorado. Beautiful scenery. £27.00
 - MOUNTAINS HIGH 1 hour of superb flying filmed in Colorado. Spectacular! £27.00
 - THERMIK John Pendry and Robbie Whittall. Paragliding and Hang Gliding. £37.50
 - PARASOL The 1991 World P/G Championships. Thrilling flying throughout. £37.50
 - SUPERMAX 1 and 2 The 2 classic films together on one tape. The progress of "the worlds worst student". Great paragliding stunts throughout. Very funny. £35.00
- We have many more videos available for sale and/or hire - send for our list.

SKY SYSTEMS Ltd. Edburton, Near Henfield, West Sussex BN5 9LL
Tel: Brighton (0273) 857700. Fax: (0273) 857722
Opening Hours: Monday-Friday 9.00-6.00 Saturday-Sunday 9.30-5.00

SKY SYSTEMS FLYING SUITS

Sofitex material:
Breathable, weather-proof. Great cut, great colours. Fully zipped.
£89.00

As worn by the 1992
British PG Team.
Now available with
a super-warm 3M
Thinsulate lining
for £179.00

(The Thinsulate suit is
ideal for skiing, too).
The standard suit is
also available in 3
scaled-down kid's
versions - phone for
details and costs.

SHGC League Results 1992

compiled by Tony Lucchesi

(HANG GLIDING IN MILES - PARAGLIDING IN KM)

HANG GLIDING

MARTINI TROPHY

| | | | | | | | | |
|---|-----------------|------|------|------|------|------|-------|------------------|
| 1 | Steve Cook | 75.0 | 32.3 | 26.0 | 18.3 | 15.4 | 167.0 | Apco Santana |
| 2 | Johnny Carr | 70.0 | 30.0 | 14.0 | | | 114.0 | UP TRX/Rumour |
| 3 | Tony Lucchesi | 23.5 | 17.5 | 14.4 | 13.0 | 11.3 | 79.7 | Airwave Mylar K2 |
| 4 | Dave Williamson | 20.9 | 12.4 | 8.5 | | | 41.8 | Airwave Magic IV |
| 5 | Tony Callow | 7.0 | | | | | 7.0 | Ace |
| 6 | Steve Uzochowu | 7.0 | | | | | 7.0 | Ace |
| 7 | A Mortimer | 6.3 | | | | | 6.3 | Rumour I |

SUSSEX LEAGUE

| | | | | | | | | |
|---|-----------------|------|------|-----|-----|--|-------|--------------|
| 1 | Steve Cook | 75.0 | 18.3 | 6.0 | | | 125.3 | Apco Santana |
| 2 | Tony Lucchesi | 23.5 | 17.5 | 8.3 | 6.0 | | 61.3 | Mylar K2 |
| 3 | Dave Williamson | 20.9 | 12.4 | 8.5 | | | 41.8 | Magic IV |

WEEKEND LEAGUE

| | | | | | | | | |
|---|-----------------|------|------|-----|--|--|------|--------------|
| 1 | Steve Cook | 75.0 | 18.3 | 6.0 | | | 99.3 | Apco Santana |
| 2 | Dave Williamson | 20.9 | 12.4 | 8.5 | | | 41.8 | Magic IV |
| 3 | Tony Lucchesi | 17.5 | 8.3 | 6.0 | | | 31.8 | Mylar K2 |

PARAGLIDING

MARTINI TROPHY

| | | | | | | | | |
|---|--------------------|------|------|------|------|------|-------|----------------|
| 1 | Mike Millwood | 45.6 | 41.8 | 25.7 | 21.3 | 19.0 | 153.4 | FalhawkApexMR |
| 2 | Michel Carnet | 64.8 | 43.6 | 12.5 | | | 120.9 | Falhawk Atoll |
| 3 | Dave Perrin | 49.2 | 34.2 | 15.5 | 9.2 | 6.0 | 114.1 | Airwave Voodoo |
| 4 | Tim King | 38.1 | 27.6 | 14.8 | 9.8 | 5.1 | 95.4 | FalhawkApexMR |
| 5 | Stewart J. Swanton | 34.7 | 14.1 | | | | 48.8 | FalhawkApexMR |
| 6 | Nigel Gibson | 27.0 | | | | | 27.0 | Airwave Voodoo |

SUSSEX LEAGUE

| | | | | | | | | |
|---|--------------|------|--|--|--|--|------|----------------|
| 1 | Tim King | 27.6 | | | | | 27.6 | FalhawkApexMR |
| 2 | Nigel Gibson | 27.0 | | | | | 27.0 | Airwave Voodoo |

GENERAL "RULES TO REMEMBER" ON ALL SITES -

WHETHER THEY ARE CONTROLLED BY THE SOUTHERN CLUB OR NOT:

Please always use the proper car parking where provided.

Walk up the agreed pathway to the site - this applies to Mount Cabum in particular.

Do not go climbing over fences. Cross over at the purpose-built styles if available.

Farmers are often nearby the sites and are watching, it is their land which we use by agreement, if they are upset the Club and the members lose out.

SO PLEASE, OBSERVE THE SITE GUIDE RULES AND THOSE OF THE COUNTRYSIDE

Southern Hang Gliding Club Competitions Scene

by Tony Lucchesi

Well - that's the XC season over again for this year, but there's always winter XC flying, even small distances. Any flights done, please send me details at my now hopefully permanent address which is printed below, and I'll compile a winter league.

I will also be organising impromptu friendly competitions on Southern Club sites for both Hang and Paragliding. Please see me on the hill or read the board at the Dyke.

Congratulations must go to Steve Cook on an epic 75 miler to Deal in just 3 hours on his Santana - and he has gained a place in the League - well done, mate!

It is also nice to see some good distances being flown by our paraglider pilots who had a few good flying days and made the most of it. Unfortunately, due to continuing bad weather, the "Convergence Classic" (ourselves versus Thames Valley Club in a duel between both Hang and Paragliding) has just not happened this year, so I suppose we get to keep the cup for another year.

On the competition scene generally, our Club is pathetic.

Kevin's brave attempts at pulling a team together for the Airwave final and other competitions failed due to apathy by you !! SO GET BEHIND US, HASSLE US, LET'S GET OUR CLUB A BETTER POSITION IN THE CLUB COMPS NEXT YEAR.

Out of all our members, we MUST be able to put a team/teams together for all the competitions. *Fly safe...*

TONY LUCCHESI, THE LUCAS HERON, HILL LANE, HARVEL, KENT DA3 0DL Tel: 0474 812106

The annual Christmas Dinner and Dance

was held this year at the Ravenswood Hotel at Sharpthorne.

Everyone thought the food was excellent as were the portions, though someone who shall remain nameless tried a very novel way of getting a bread roll down a ladies cleavage by throwing the roll at the light fitting at such an angle as to cause it to glance off into the said ladies cleavage.

Is this member a snooker player by any chance?

The disco was less successful due to the fact that there were not quite enough lady guests and the blokes refused to dance around their wallets on the floor.

Congratulations go to Liz Cook for her luck in the raffle winning a return flight in a private aircraft to France, who will Liz take with her?

Everyone who attended the Christmas bash this year said how much they had enjoyed it, and how better the standard was this year than in previous years and hoped it will continue. Glad you all enjoyed yourselves! Tell the others what they missed out on!

Especially Ian! ++++

The Southern Hang Gliding Club's Achievements

The Southern Club is probably the biggest hang gliding and paragliding Club in the UK.

Based mainly on the South Downs of Sussex, the Club has been operational since 1974. We currently have about 300 members, flying hang gliders, paragliders or both. On a perfect day we can expect quite a few flyers to arrive at our largest site, Devil's Dyke. Many of these probably only joined the Club "because they had to" - many of these folks may be unaware of the heritage of excellent flying within our club.

The "South Downs Heritage" of excellent flying has continued since the early days of hang gliding - some of the UK's top pilots have used the South Downs sites for training, and many of the elite have been members of the Club over the years.

Hang Gliding and Paragliding are not sports that currently get much media attention - except when the occasional accident occurs - and it's easy to forget that these forms of aviation are pursued by dedicated people from all walks of life - people who share a dream in common - a dream of flight. At its highest level, hang gliding and paragliding is a national and international sport at which many young (and not-so-young!) people excel. Imagine seeing the results below in another sport - windsurfing perhaps - and picture the exposure and excitement that this would generate!

On the right, we list just some of the major achievements by members of the Southern Hang Gliding Club (and this does not include the many silver and bronze medallists and competitors within our ranks).

It is a timely reminder of how excellence and achievement sometimes go almost unrecognised - and a reminder too that the sites that we all share thanks to our landowners are perfect for training the very best pilots.

One of our newest SHGC members is the current British Paragliding Champion and three-times British Distance Record Holder, Richard Carter, who will be spending some time in the South East during early 1993.

It is interesting to note that Richard has qualified to compete in the British Hang Gliding League in 1993 by virtue of distance flights done on Paragliders - certainly a unique first, and a measure of the increasing competence and performance that is emerging with paragliding in the UK.

ROBBIE WHITTALL: British Hang Gliding Champion 1988 - World Hang Gliding Champion 1989 - World Paragliding Champion 1991 (current).

JOHN PENDRY: British Hang Gliding Champion 1986 and 1990 - World Hang Gliding Champion 1985

ANDY NAPOLITAN: British Paragliding Champion 1988 and 1989.

JUDY LEDEN: Women's World Champion (twice)

MICHEL CARNET: British Hang Gliding Champion 1984 and 1987 - British Paragliding Team Manager 1991

JOHNNY CARR: British Hang Gliding Champion 1981 - British Open Champion 1982 - Spanish Open XC Champion 1984

ALISON SYRETT: British Paragliding Champ. '90

MARK TURNER: British Paragliding Team Member 1991

MIKE ALLEN: British Paragliding Distance Record Holder 1990

NICK PRZYBYLSKI: British Team Leader 1992

RICHARD CARTER: British Paragliding Champion 1992, British Team Member, British Distance Record Holder 1992

THE SOUTHERN CLUB ALSO MADE A GOOD SHOWING IN THE NATIONAL PARAGLIDING CROSS-COUNTRY LEAGUE THIS YEAR, WITH NO LESS THAN 9 OUT OF THE TOP 25 BEING SHGC MEMBERS, as follows:

| Pos'n | Name | Glider |
|-------|-----------------------|------------------------|
| 1 | Richard Carter | UP Katana |
| 9 | Mark Turner | Airwave Voodoo |
| 11 | Mike Millwood | Falhawk Apex MR |
| 13 | Howard Travers | Nova Phantom |
| 15 | Dave Perrin | Airwave Voodoo |
| 16 | Tim King | Falhawk Apex MR |
| 19 | Stewart Swanton ... | Falhawk Apex MR |
| 20 | Michel Carnet | Falhawk Atoll |
| 21 | Irwyn Jehu | ProDesign Challenger C |
| 34 | Nigel Gibson | Airwave Voodoo |
| 38 | Mike Allen | Airwave Voodoo |
| 47 | Nick Przybylski | Falhawk Apex MR |
| 73 | Andy Shaw | Harley Ultima |
| 83 | Steve Brewer | Falhawk Neo |
| 89 | David Newns | Falhawk Apex MR |

Coaching News

by Adrian Caple

TOP PILOTS

Our top pilot rating is A.P.C. (P3+), I now have the exam papers for this rating as well as for the C.C.P.C. (P2) and C.P.C. (P1+) ratings so come along to the Dyke on committee evenings and have a go.

BETTER PILOTS

We have just completed another B.H.P.A. coaching course attended by 15 pilots from both hang gliding and paragliding. We also welcomed visitors from the Thames Valley and Oxford University Clubs. These pilots will return to the hill with more knowledge about how to improve their own and others flying. If there is demand for another course, I will arrange it - please contact me.

CLUB COACHES

The current list of qualified club coaches is given below. If there are any low airtime pilots who need any assistance please give your local coach a ring they will be glad to help.

| Coach | Location | Phone | Discipline |
|-------------------|----------------|--------------|------------|
| Michael Broadbent | Bexhill on Sea | 0424 210951 | H.G. |
| Steve Cook | Littlehampton | 0903 725724 | H.G. |
| Francis Cracknell | Isleworth | 081 568 4184 | P.G. |
| Nigel Gibson | Feltham | 081 890 7476 | P.G. |
| Chris Jones | Ealing | 081 579 2830 | H.G. |
| Rodney Lees | Brighton | 0273 300328 | H.G. |
| Tony Lucchesi | Harvel, Kent | 0474 812106 | H.G. |
| Dave Matthews | Brighton | 0273 604752 | H.G. |
| Steve Pugh | Greenwich | 081 692 8554 | H.G. |
| Ron Richardson | Keston | 06898 56723 | H.G. |
| Dave Williamson | Brighton | 0273 604752 | H.G. |

☆ * * The Things They Say on the Hill...

A lot of disinformation and confusion on the hill about canopy ACPUL testing lately. Some answers herewith from AFNOR, the testing standards body (since Feb. '91).

PRINCIPALS OF FLIGHT TESTING

(ie. all the tests except the two structural tests).

- TESTS ARE **ONLY** CARRIED OUT IN AEROLOGICALLY CALM CONDITIONS.

- **THE PILOT** INITIATES THE MANOEUVRE (closure or other).

- **THE PILOT** RELEASES THE BRAKES AND REMAINS PASSIVE FOR 4 SECONDS, ACCEPTING TO BE THROWN TO THE SIDE OF ANY CLOSURES DURING THIS PERIOD.

- **IF THE CANOPY DOES NOT AUTOMATICALLY RE-INFLATE**, THE PILOT CAN ONLY MAKE A RECOVERY MANOEUVRE AFTER 4 SECONDS HAVE PASSED SINCE COMMENCING THE TEST.

We at Windsock Towers hope that this puts to rest a few doubts and rumours which are circulating regarding the testing of some canopies. Thank you.

MUCKRAKER continued...

Dave "Free Flight" Whymark makes one of his rare appearances at the Dyke to fly his K4. Unused to its amazing glide (Airwaves words, not mine) he overshoots the paddock. The second approach is made a lot further back, forgetting the compression factor. The next thing he knows, he's roosted in the trees at the back of the paddock *a la* Rod Lees, Herbert Prohl etc.

The Michel Carnet roosting trophy has never had as many potential candidates as it has this year. He's also now a strong contender for the upright trophy with one upright and a leading edge destroyed.

This incident lead to the following conversation: Tim Cox to Rude Kid: "I thought that was you!" Rude Kid: "Not likely, your instructors are the world leaders in that department!!!"

Billy and the Wild Boys in Spain part two: Billy (the dear heart) alleges he spent three days and nights behind closed doors in a hotel room instructing a new lady pupil, painstaking 5 minute "top to bottoms" (fnarr, fnarr) for her first dual flights. Alternative information reaching the ears of El Muck leads one to believe that the pupil was in fact a pilot of several thousand hours experience and the "flights" were two-up experiences lasting several hours... serious Ugandan activity... sounds to me like Billy was the one doing the learning...

Marshall "Six Pack" Lambert has managed to trash his glider - without flying it this time. The glider is alleged to have bounced off the centre reservation on the A 12 on route from the roof of Marshall's car to a hundred foot skid along the road... He decided to consolidate the days destruction by breaking both uprights on a borrowed Rumour. All this from a man who once ordered his uprights in packs of six.....

John "no, seriously" Charlton and Tony "Che" Callow pioneer between them a new "Fly on the Bush" technique. Similar to the fly on the wall but using a bush instead of a slope.

It takes an hour to get your glider out of the bush but tends to save you breaking any aluminium, a good point when you're as deeply in contention for a bent upright award as these two are...

101 reasons for not flying your TRX no. 97: You've broken your ankle.

Heard upon the hill one day after attending his local church service.

"COR, I feel like an Angel". The listener immediately fell to his knees to say a prayer and then saw it was Stuart Swanton hovering over the Dyke.

"Stuart the Angel" has a ring about it, don't you think so? Your comments please to : THE POPE, ROME, ITALY

Sunday 15 November on the DYKE. POOR OLD TIM COX was having a terrible problem landing (can't he fly yet). Hovering 15 Feet up and well back on the hill (what's new) he shouts down "I can't get down" (yawn).

Reply from hill: "Throw us a rope and we'll pull you down." Later this pilot has managed to get to 6 feet above the Dyke where it was reported that Liz Johnston jumped up and grabbed his leg/foot and pulled him down to earth, as he landed Stuart Swanton rushed in and pulled his 'B' lines in, so all was well.

TIM was back with us, his leg well and truly pulled. He has since been reported to have one leg longer than the other, but this has not been confirmed!

Judy "Classic Adventurer" Leden has gone to South Africa, no less, to try for paragliding world records.. without camera crews this time to record heavy or embarrassing landings... there's no aluminium to bend on a paraglider... taking with her one Richard Carter as a technical adviser... a man who has flown so far on a paraglider that he has qualified for the hang gliding league... which he will probably fly on a paraglider rather than his Amour...

- 'cos the paraglider has more performance!

Jes Flynn quits League... Steve Cook joins!! Will the Red Santana sky out? Or will Airwave or Solar twist his arm with a free glider?

SMALL ADS: Send small ads in to the ed. - they appear for 3 Windsock editions.

Free to Southern Hang Gliding Club Members, non-members £2 for 3 insertions.

FOR SALE: P/G

FALHAWK APEX MR 120 (large): green. Immaculate - the top performer with high internal pressure and easy handling. Must sell, as bankrupt! £1,400 : offers? Call (0273) 604051 (eves). (1)

EDEL ZX RACER immaculate medium in white; 5 hrs airtime. Accelerator kit, 4-riser system. List price £2,200 sell for £1,400 to experienced XC pilot. Outflies everything need next size down as losing weight. Tel. Ed 0273 411239. (2)

EDEL APOLLO. Suit pilot 45-65 k. Ideal from beginner to intermediate. Stable, big ears, b-line and a trendy pink design. You have probably seen me flying above you on the Southern sites! Good condition, only 20 hours airtime hence £850ono. Tel. Nigel on 0825-768657. (1)

AIRWAVE BLACK MAGIC 24 with paradise 1 harness. ACPUL/Guteseigel Grade 1. £650 ono. Also ACE spares. Tel. Steve 0622 36219. (2)

FALHAWK NEO medium. I'll give you a better chance to persuade me to sell this safe canopy. Here's my real 'phone number. 0737 760435. Make me an offer I can't refuse - Tony. (2)

VOODOO 26. Yellow/white. 10 months old. Very good condition. Less than 50 hrs., £1,500 ono. or £1,650 with custom SAS harness and backplate. Call Dave Perrin on 0273-600450.

PRO-DESIGN CORRADO pink. Med - 60-90 kg pilot weight. Good condition. Less than 10 hrs. Excellent 1st canopy, Guteseigel, intermediate performance - very stable. £750 ono. Call Laurence on 081-6728199 or 0714103347. (1)

FALHAWK NEO. Small, yellow. 30 hrs. use. Excellent condition, with Sky Systems Flightstyle harness. £700 ono. Tel: 081 906 1640. (2)

FOR SALE: H/G

SOLAR WINGS S4 180 TYPHOON. Recent service. Registered fly two up intermediate glider for heavy pilot. £425 ono. Tel: 081 644 6137. (2)

SMALL RUMOUR (CofA). Remarkable performance + easy handling excellent condition. Admired colours. Stored indoors - wheels. £1,200 ono. Call Paul on 0293 775021 pm. (2)

MAGIC IV 160. V.B. + aero-wheels. Top condition, low airtime. Very bright colours. £650. Also harness, vario and altimeter available. Tel. 081 644 6137. (2)

GENERAL

BED & BREAKFAST. about 15 mins' drive from Dyke. 1 double, 1 twin, 1 single. B&B £15 single £25 double. T+coffee facilities. Stay in local pilot's home and OD on paragliding! Good pub within walking distance for cheapevening meals. Tel: 0403 710739. (1)

COMPLETE Quality Hi-Fi System

Comprising: DUAL CS5000 Record Turntable - PD-4100 CD Player - F-223 Tuner - GR-331 Graphic EQ - A-333 Amplifier - PIONEER CT-443 Cassette Deck - EAGLE Speakers. All as new, still with boxes & instructions £625.00 the lot. Phone (0273) 604051 - (evenings) (1)

MORE MUCKRAKER

Tony "BOTTOM LANDING" Lucchesi, having just RETRIEVED HIS GLIDER FROM THE BOTTOM LANDING FIELD AT HE DYKE, NOTICES THE FARMER SETTING FIRE TO THE STUBBLE IN THE FIELD BELOW, AND DECIDES THAT THIS IS THE MOTHER OF ALL THERMALS. HE LAUNCHES INTO THE RISING COLUMN OF SMOKE AND AFTER TWO MINUTES OF COUGHING AND SPLUTTERING FINDS HIMSELF ONCE AGAIN AT THE BOTTOM.

"POSTMAN" PAT (OR IS IT JUST PAT THESE DAYS?) SEEN SPENDING A FORTUNE ON THE PINBALL MACHINE AT THE DYKE. OUR "GAMESMASTER" CORRESPONDENT TELLS US THAT YOU CAN GET ABOUT 60 GAMES OF "HOOK" FOR THE PRICE OF A NEW UPRIGHT.

Regarding Air Law

by Ian de Haan

It is becoming increasingly apparent that a growing number of pilots, the majority of whom are low air time pilots who do not have a very clear idea of how air law works in practice.

Knowing the theory looking at a plan in two dimensions is one thing, but knowing how this all works in three dimensions and with all the aspects of air law coming in to play simultaneously is more than a little different.

Always fly with an acute awareness of where others are above you, below you, behind you and on your outside.

Always be aware of where the strongest lift is and be aware that other pilots will fly into this and will be possibly flying faster than you and are able to climb much faster than you and most important is that lower pilots have the right of way, **SO DO NOT HOVER / WAIT IN THIS LIFT. YOU MIGHT HAVE A CANOPY WRAPPED AROUND YOUR FEET AND CAUSE BOTH YOUR DEATH AND THEIRS.**

It does amaze me just how many people spend their time looking where they have flown from and never where they are flying to and are flying in the wrong leg of a beat, **IS THIS REALLY WISE, SAFE AND CONSIDERATE FLYING ?**

If you are not sure of your air law then ASK, better to ask or check something if you have the slightest doubt at all that to be a statistic on an accident report form.

On 15 November this year at the Dyke a foreign pilot was flying with no regard to air law at all, despite being shouted at, he took no notice of any one and finally bum landed and skidded off down the Dyke leaving his canopy draped over a small Hawthorn bush. He was a classic example of how not to fly in the company of others, more to the point he caused just about everyone to have to fly around him and often nearly into other pilots.

A classic example of how to really be DANGEROUS in the air.

The most common complaint I hear is of people hovering over the take-off/landing area thereby stopping other pilots from landing. Again this is something that should not be done, be aware of other pilots at all times, keep your eyes open and watch what they are doing or want to do, try not to get in their way, think ahead of where you will be and where the other pilots will be if they assume their present course. Never assume that they are flying at a constant speed or a constant rate of climb. Be aware that if you turn too suddenly in front on the pilot behind you, and his canopy is not as high performance as yours when he attempts to make a turn and has to put more brake on to turn more quickly than he/she is used to, the turn, when increased may put their canopy in to a spin/stall, so be aware that YOU may cause that to happen, or at the very least you may frighten a low airtime pilot. We were all beginners once and were all concerned as to how the canopies would react in certain conditions, don't force low airtime pilots to find out very suddenly just because you were not thinking far enough ahead.

Make sure that low airtime pilots are given all the room they may need, they may not realise sometimes how much room they need for certain manoeuvres in certain wind conditions.

If you have any doubts over your air law then look it up in the training issues of SKYWINGS or ask but above all fly with consideration to other air users whether hang glider pilots or paraglider pilots, find out about the other types of gliders turning requirements, lines of sight or blind spots in order that you know where they will be able to see you or if not to let them know you are above / behind / aside where they can not see you.

Airspace News

by Kevin Pickering

Good News!

Full details of the airspace changes which directly affect the Southern Club (for the better!) next month. The changes are now official, and basically mean that the ceiling above the Dyke, Ditchling and Caburn has been raised to 5,000 ft. The line passes just across our sites, and a map will be forthcoming next month...

More Good News!

Members may now have the latest edition of their air charts posted to them as soon as they become available, by arranging a credit card standing order direct with the CAA Chart Room.

Write or Fax. the Chart Room, giving them the following details:

1. Your name as it appears on your credit (or Switch) card.
2. Your address.
3. Your credit card type (mastercard, visa or switch).
4. Your credit card or switch number.
5. The card expiry date.
6. Which charts you require (ie. SHEET 2171CD SOUTHERN ENGLAND and WALES (1/2 MILL') and/or SHEET 17 S E ENGLAND (1/4 MILL').
7. Laminated or plain, rolled or folded.
8. State whether or not you require the current edition, and that you wish to receive the latest editions as they are issued.

Finally, sign and send to:

CAA Chart Room

Room T1120

CAA House

45-49 Kingsway

London WC2B 6T

or Fax to: 071 379 7311.

A CAUTIONARY TALE ?

Earlier in the year a pilot who was not a member of the SHGC flew from Newhaven and crashed at Saltdean lido.

Apart from mousse-ing himself and his craft on to the concrete pathway he nearly took with him a blind person, innocently walking along the path minding his own business, when a voice from above shrieks at him to get out of the way, only he does not know which way to turn.

Point was that the tide was out and the pilot could have landed on the beach safely away from all pedestrians, instead the police, ambulance etc. are all called out. The pilot bust a bone or two but what about the blind person?

This could have involved the club if he had been a member, but he was not.

This is yet another reason to stop this irresponsible type of action by non members. Stop non members flying our sites and fouling our clubs reputation!!!

Ever Decreasing Circles ...and how to break the cycle

by Ian de Haan

The old problem of some members not renewing their membership subscription but still flying the SHGC sites at YOUR cost is on the way out. With YOUR help, this will become a thing of the past.

The behaviour of these types is antisocial and after all, why should all of us who have paid our subscriptions, subsidise these few - perhaps not so few!

The problem was very well highlighted on the 17 October this year. Johnny Carr and myself were marshalling at the Dyke and took the opportunity to ask every one there for their membership stickers. This has a two fold effect, firstly we can keep a check on non members and collect site fees,

secondly, we can familiarise our selves with the members and listen to your comments, views and opinions.

That particular day we collected £300.00 in site fees and membership subscriptions. This shows just how much of a problem there has been in the past and potentially currently.

When people become aware that the sites are marshalled by its members than the incidents of people flying the sites when not members of the SHGC will decrease, especially when they know they WILL be asked to pay a £5.00 site fee.

At the Dyke that day there were some spectacular excuses:

Marshal: "Hello there, are you a member of the club?"

Pilot: "Yes I am"

Marshal: "Of the SHGC, can I see your sticker please?"

Pilot: "Oh! I'm a member of the Thames Valley Club, I thought that we could fly anywhere in the U.K."

Marshal: "Our site fees are £5.00 and you must pay this before you fly, or in other words NOW"

RESULT £5.00 collected for the club!

Marshal: "Hello there are you a member of SHGC?"

Pilot: "I don't think so, how much is the fee?"

Marshal (hand held out): "The site fee is £5.00 payable before you fly, and as your canopy is all laid out and you are strapped into your harness, I can safely assume that it is your intention to fly in the immediate future."

Famous Pilot to Girlfriend: "Can you please give them £5.00?"

Marshal: "Thank you very much"

Small Girlfriend: "That's a rip off for flying here, absolutely outrageous, how can you justify that?!" (Stamps her feet in a fit of pique)

Marshal: "To validate our fees for membership of the SHGC, to encourage people to join our club, however if you do not wish to pay then do not expect to fly on our sites, these are our rules"

Girlfriend: "I'm not paying that to fly here"

Marshal: "O.K."

(LATER) Marshal To Girlfriend (flying the canopy her boyfriend had been flying): "Can I please have your site fee?"

G/Friend: "I thought the fee was for the canopy not the number of pilots who flew it"

Marshal: "That's the best one I've heard yet"

She landed (after getting in everyone's way) and was obliged to pay the site fee which she did!

The point of all this is that people will stop freeloading on our sites if WE ALL make the effort to check on membership by asking people to show their stickers if they are not visible on their crash helmets.

If we don't then the circle is that the membership decreases - funds are reduced - then there will not be enough to pay the rent on the sites we all fly. The sites are on private land and are open to the club through careful negotiation with the landowners. Let's make sure the few don't spoil it for the majority.

The other peculiar thing is that these few say they can't afford the membership fees but still bring out a canopy, often costing £2000.00 harness, backplate, vario, flying suit, fancy helmet often costing up to £400, talk about their recent holiday, how they flew recently in the Alps etc... And still maintain they can't afford the membership fees, Funny that?

Some other excuses you will hear when asking for the membership stickers:-

Can I pay you later I'm about to take off?

My sticker is at home.

My washing machine ruined it.

My wallet, containing my sticker, is in the car.

I've sent a cheque months ago but it has not been cashed by the club, so that's the club's problem

I've shown it to that bloke up there and I'm not showing it to anyone else.

I'm not sure where it is anymore, it was here just now.

Bugger off.

I'm a visiting foreigner (in perfect English).

Oh God! I've been caught.

My Mother told me never to speak to strange people and I don't know you.

£5.00 just for a single top to bottom flight (actually spent an hour or so flying).

If you have any that I have not listed here please write to me and tell me what they are so I can publish them.

Top Tips With Bernie

Reduce site crowding by not going flying and go train spotting or cheese tasting instead.

Reduce bar pressure and increase your gliders top speed by lengthening the luff lines. Renew your life insurance first making me -Bernie- the benefactor in event of a claim.

If the above doesn't increase your top speed cut off your head. Doing so will reduce your drag and if you did the above you've obviously got no use for your head or its contents anyway.

Avenge yourself on nasty farmers by flying around with small bags of animal excrement to drop on their heads.

Make people think you are a top XC pilot by loudly announcing that the day doesn't have 3 figure XC potential and its not worth rigging for a 20 mile XC. Feign surprise when your friends take the piss or call you Scott Gorham.

Endear yourself to farmers and reduce site crowding by landing amidst flocks of sheep.

Ensure swift service in the Dyke pub by practising your PLFs into cow dung first then going into the pub.

Be assured of a good uncrowded flight at the Dyke by waiting until four am for the land breeze to come through.

Fit the wide wheels off your Escort MkII 1100 or a pair of tractor wheels on your base bar. Ignore any purpose designed wheels. Tip from M. Shallowcurve of St Retired by Sea.

Fit a pitchy to your Calypso to reduce the horrendously high bar pressure on this glider. Thankyou Mr Shallowcurve.

Ring up all and sundry to ask why they're not flying when there's a 40 mph gale outside. Feign surprise when you're asked to assess the conditions - Mr S. again.

Avoid getting into Muckraker by not crashing or engaging in dodgy activities people find hilarious!

- 'till next time, Bernie xxx

SITE NEWS - URGENT SITE NEWS - URGENT BEACHY HEAD CLIFFS

All members please note: The Cliffs at Beachy Head (not the bowl - see your site guide, page BH03) **ARE EFFECTIVELY CLOSED FROM JANUARY 1st until further notice.** This is necessary due to the request/order of The Warden and the local authorities. The reason is the nesting of Perigrine Falcons along the cliffs. Although the breeding season of the falcons actually starts a little later than January, we must abide by this decision. Note - this only applies to flying THE CLIFFS - we *can* still fly THE BOWL, as long as the flags are out and rules obeyed, etc.

MINUTES OF THE SHGC COMMITTEE MEETING,

4th November 1992

Present : J. Carr, M. Brady, G. Cook, I. Jehu, M. Woodhams, I de Haan, N. Gibson,
M. Carnet, K. Pickering, A. Caple

Apologies : C. Bartram, T. Cox, A. Turner, F. Kennedy

In Attendance : S. Brooks

1. Minutes From Previous Meeting

These were accepted.

2. Matters Arising

2.1 Club Coaching Course

Details have been published in Skywings!

2.2 Markers at Caburn

F. Kennedy will make a board on which the site rules will be displayed (needs to be A3 landscape).

The new issue of the Sites Guide will be used.

2.3 Acquisition of Flares

K. Pickering has had difficulty in getting in touch with the person who may be able to supply some spare flare guns. *He will attempt to obtain the guns before the next committee meeting.*

2.4 Club Badges

G. Cook has obtained some quotes. The best were 77p each screen printed or 98p woven for 500 badges.

It was agreed that a re-order should be held in abeyance until after Christmas when the Club's financial position for the year can be assessed more accurately.

2.5 Liaison With Mid-Sussex Council

M. Brady had written to the Council, giving details of site usage at Devil's Dyke.

M. Carnet had been visited by a Council official regarding the erection at the Dyke of a warning sign for passing horse riders. A suitable location was identified. It was suggested that the sign should include a map of the area. *News on financing the sign is currently awaited.*

N.B. The landing area in the field at the bottom of the Dyke has been renegotiated with the Lee brothers.

The cost is the same but the shape and position are better for the Club's purposes. The area will be outlined by markers until the crop grows.

2.6 Club Members' Achievements

Information about Club members achievements has been placed on the notice board at the Dyke.

2.7 Receipt Books

These have been produced and passed to J. Carr. They will be distributed to those members of the Committee most frequently on the hill.

2.8 Sites Guide

A meeting was held to agree changes to the Sites Guide. M. Woodhams has applied the updates. *N. Gibson will proof read the results and pass comments back to M. Woodhams.*

2.9 Airspace Changes

T. Cox is awaiting official notification of airspace changes before writing article for Windsock.

2.10 Internal Club Comps.

I. Jehu has written an article which is ready to be published.

3. Xmas Bash

A deposit of £100 has been paid to the Ravenswood. Due the non-appearance of Windsock, about a month has been lost in notifying the members of the event. The current view was that the publicity artwork should be able to get on the cover of the next Windsock.

In view of the uncertainty regarding when Windsock would be sent out, it was decided to notify the

members of the event separately. *G. Cook and I. de Haan will envelope and despatch the mailshot on Friday 6th November.*

4. Windsock

Serious concern was expressed at the failure of Windsock to appear on a regular basis.

M. Carnet said that it was more important to communicate with the members rather than necessarily produce a magazine.

As a temporary measure fact sheets/information bulletins could be issued to maintain this communication.

M. Carnet pointed out that the editing and publishing functions could be performed by different people.

I de Haan offered to take over as editor after the next issue goes out. This was unanimously accepted.

J. Carr said that, in future, the deadline for Windsock publication would be set strictly at 2 days after the committee meeting.

The future address for contributions will be supplied with notification of the Xmas bash.

5. Club Trophies

J. Carr now has the trophies. S Brooks said that she had had some difficulty in recovering them from some current holders. To avoid this problem in the future, it was suggested that the trophies be kept in a display cabinet, possibly in the Dyke Hotel.

Nominations were as follows :-

Hang Gliding :-

Best Newcomer : *T. Cox to be consulted*

Most Improved Pilot : *T. Cox to be consulted*

Ron Steadman Trophy : Paul Rankin

Andy Napolitan Trophy : Judy Leden

Outstanding Achievement : John Pendry

Longest flight from a : Steve Cook.

Sussex Site

Winners of the competition trophies will be obtained from A. Lucchesi.

Paragliding :-

Best Newcomer : Jerry Hansen

Most Improved Pilot :- Dave Perrin

Winners of the competition trophies will be obtained from A. Lucchesi.

It was agreed that there should also be a trophy for the furthest paragliding

flight from a Sussex site.

6. PR Officer

M. Brady said that the a PR officer was an extension of the idea to publicise the successes of Club members. In addition to communicating with the local media, the position could involve the production of a Club video.

I. de Haan will advertise the position in Windsock.

7. Christmas Gifts for Local Schools

J. Carr suggested that the Club provide Christmas presents for the local school children. This last took place 5 years ago. It would provide good PR for the Club. It may be impractical to arrange in the available time. *J. Carr will talk to T. Cox. Other committee members will think of ways of achieving this for the next meeting.*

8. Officers' Reports

8.1 Hang Gliding Coach (A. Caple)

A coaching course has been arranged. Requests have been received from the Thames Valley Club and Oxford University to attend. A. Caple is looking for about 6 or 7 each of hang glider and paraglider pilots for the course.

The TVHGC have also asked for details of the Club's marshalling system.

cont...

HANG GLIDER & PARAGLIDER ANNUAL INSPECTION

| | |
|------------------------|------------------------|
| £45.00+VAT | £12.00+VAT |
| SAIL | LINE CHECK |
| WIRES | QUICK LINKS |
| ALL TUBING | RISERS |
| NUTS,BOLTS,FITTINGS | BRAKE LINES |
| BATTENS,CHECK PROFILES | BRAKE LOOPS |
| HANG LOOPS | CANOPY FABRIC |
| NOSE, X-BOOM PLATES | LINE ATTACHMENTS |
| WASHOUT RODS | HARNESS CHECK |
| TRIMMER (VB) | STITCHING, MAILLONS |
| TEST FLY AND TRIM | SEAT,DEPLOYMENT SYSTEM |

ENTERPRISE UK
THE OLD BARN, RHYLS LANE, LOCKERIDGE
NR. MALBOROUGH,WILTSHIRE.SN83EE
0672 86554-5 - FAX 0672 86554
MOBILE 0836 554554/0860 236555

MINUTES (CONTINUED...)

8.2 Paragliding Coach (I.Jehu)

I. Jehu expressed concern at the failure of some pilots to conform to a flight pattern. He suggested displaying a system on the marshalling notice board at the Dyke. He felt that it was important that Windsock was issued regularly to keep in touch with Club members regarding the standard of flying.

I. Jehu will write an article for Windsock emphasising the need for pilots to fly in a predictable fashion. He also felt that this could be aided by setting up the launch gate at the extreme right (i.e. NE) of take off at the Dyke. The article will point out that paraglider pilots should give way to hang gliders that are scratching.

Committee members will think about documenting airlaw/airspace before the next meeting.

8.3 Schools Liaison (M. Woodhams)

In comparison to last year at this time, receipts from schools appear to have increased (£180 for the whole of last year as compared with £146 so far this year).

To ensure that schools are paying all receipts due to the Club, committee members were asked to log schools activities including dates and the number of students.

On a busy Saturday recently, several schools were seen to have a significant number of students at the Dyke. Schools use of sites are now being noted by committee members and payment is expected accordingly.

I. Jehu suggested that, when a school is seen training, they should be given an invoice and copy sent to M. Woodhams who would expect to receive payment. regularly flying and instructing on Club sites.

M. Carnet suggested that M. Woodhams write to registered schools to the effect that they should reapply for the use of Club sites at each AGM.

It was also suggested that the number of members joining the Club from each school should be publicised.

It was pointed out that Mark Watts and Dave Jones, neither of whom are Club members have been seen

8.4 Social (I. de Haan)

I de Haan put out a request for raffle prizes for the Xmas bash.

8.5 Secretary (M. Brady)

A letter had been received from John Clarke, the national Sites Officer requesting financial support for the Derbyshire Soaring Club's battle to keep Bradwell Edge.

M. Carnet proposed donating £100 to the fighting fund. This was seconded by A. Caple. The motion was carried unanimously. In spite of a degree of reluctance to support the Derbyshire Club in view of its members-only policy, it was felt that, on balance, it was more important to defend hang gliding/paragliding interests wherever they are under threat.

6 Membership Secretary (G. Cook)

Current membership is 312. Up to date lists were distributed to verify membership on the hill.

8.7 Safety Officer (M. Carnet)

M. Carnet had been very impressed with the operation of the marshalling system on Saturday 31st October (in the absence of J. Carr!).

A. Caple expressed dissatisfaction with the circulation of accident reports by the BHGA. More hang gliding accident reports have appeared in GASIL than in Skywings! M Carnet said that this should be changing under the BHPA.

8.8 Away Comps (K. Pickering)

A letter has been written to Windsock regarding next season.

LTMA airspace changes have been notified. They are likely to appear in the air map to be issued next May.

8.9 Chairman (J. Carr)

J. Carr expressed his appreciation to Sue Brooks for helping with the Club trophies.

He had received a suggestion for a swaps column in Windsock to enable members to publicise where they need to change their marshalling date.

8.10 Sites Control (N. Gibson)

N. Gibson said that he had seen some paraglider pilots inflating their canopies in the paddock at the Dyke. This is in contravention of the site rules. *I. Jehu will include this issue in his article for Windsock.*

M. Woodhams has received the letter for Skywings! from N. Gibson regarding day/temporary membership.

9. Any Other Business

I. de Haan will get tickets for the XMAS Bash produced on Friday morning.

M. Carnet reported the tragic death in Lanzarote of a CPI who, at the time, was trying to prevent another pilot from launching when

8something was wrong.

I. de Haan will obtain a free windsock being offered by Trekking, for use at the Dyke.

M. Carnet suggested that the Club obtain First Aid videos which could be loaned out to members. A.

Caple suggested introducing a discount for qualified first aiders. He will aim to arrange a course in January.

10. Date Of Next Meeting

Wednesday 2nd December, Devil's Dyke Hotel