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Chairman's Letter

from Paul Coidan

First of all I must apologise for the lack of my missive in the August windsock. In my defence I can offer only severe lethargy and overwork. Anyway, we now have a new club logo which hopefully has been included in this edition of "Windsock". If not then the next few lines are going to mean nothing. As you can see, it is very similar in style to the old logo but is now reflective of paragliding; as well as celebrating 25 years of the club. Many thanks to those of you who entered the competition, we had some first class entries which made it very difficult in choosing the winner, who is Ashley Glenday. It is hoped that in the near future we will organise 'T' shirts and sweatshirts with the new logo, for you all to purchase, as well as a new car window sticker. For those of you who did not attend the 25th celebrations all I can say is you missed out on a good evening. I think that the reason that of lot of you did not turn up was that the evening forecast was not exactly brilliant, extremely moist would be a better description. Oh ye of little faith, for Stewart Swanton not only organised the event he also managed to conjure up a glorious summer evening. On behalf of the committee and the members I would like to thank Stewart for all his efforts in arranging the whole affair, plus Ashley and my wife Julia for helping to prepare the food on the day, Ozzie for organising the use of the pub's field and the wood for the bonfire, Dave, the mad farmer Watts for the loan of his barbecue, and all of you who turned up bleary eyed the next day to help clear up.

Finally on the Sunday after the event I asked a certain paragliding coach and school instructor, "what time did it end?" Only to be answered "we ran out or drink at about 4 am so we all decided it was time to go to bed, we were not drunk".

I found a 4 pack of Stella when I was clearing up in the morning, where they had all been sitting around the bonfire. Enough said.

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According to the Membership Secretary's records, the members listed below have not renewed so far for 1999-2000. They may, of course, have left the area or the flying community - but many have not. All paid-up members who are aware of anyone flying our sites without membership should *advise* both the miscreant and the committee of such freeloading. It is worth mentioning that this list only shows people who *used to be members* of the club - not the people who are using the sites and have never been members, or lapsed a long time ago.

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Table #1: Flights anywhere in the UK, anytime.

										Total
1	Mark Watts	Gin Open	81.3	66.6	48.7	41.2	28.0	25.5		291.3
2	David Newns	Edel Open	79.0	69.0	37.9	35.4	27.6	27.3		276.2
3	Paul Andon	Nova Vertex 26	60.6	48.1	30.0	17.9	17.2	15.5		189.3
4	Simon Oliphant	Apco Bagheera M	39.8	38.8	32.5	31.1	22.1	21.6		185.9
5	Russell Ogden	Apco Open	90.4	48.3	13.5	13.4				165.6
6	David Waits	Apco Open	26.1	25.9	21.2	18.1	17.4	16.7		125.4
7	Steve Purdie	Apco Bagheera M	88.7	18.0						106.7
8	Simon Smith	Gin Bonanza S	37.7	27.1						64.8
9	Michel Carnet	Ozone Electron L	28.2	20.0	9.4					57.6
10	Andrew Heron	Nova Xyon 26	30.2							30.2
11	John Ellison	Nova Axon 24	21.2							21.2
12	Alex Heron	Swing Astral L	11.0	10.1						21.1
13	Dave Lewis	Apco Futura 28	20.0							20.0
14	Dave Howell	Nova X-Ray 20	17.1							17.1
15	David Massie	Nova Vertex 28	11.4							11.4
16	Mandy Sharpe	Perché Saga L	9.2							9.2
17	Peter Impey	Airwave Harmony 30	5.7							5.7

Table #2: Flights anywhere in Sussex, anytime.

										Total
1	David Newns	Edel Open	79.0	69.0	37.9	35.4	27.6	27.3		276.2
2	Mark Watts	Gin Open	81.3	48.7	41.2	25.5				196.7
3	Paul Andon	Nova Vertex 26	60.6	48.1	30.0	17.9	17.2	15.5		189.3
4	David Waits	Apco Open	26.1	25.9	21.2	18.1	17.4	16.7		125.4
5	Simon Smith	Gin Bonanza S	37.7	27.1						64.8
6	Russell Ogden	Apco Open	48.3	13.4						61.7
7	Simon Oliphant	Apco Bagheera M	39.8	21.6						61.4
8	Michel Carnet	Ozone Electron L	28.2	20.0	9.4					57.6
9	Andrew Heron	Nova Xyon 26	30.2							30.2
10	Alex Heron	Swing Astral L	11.0	10.1						21.1
11	Dave Lewis	Apco Futura 28	20.0							20.0
12	Dave Howell	Nova X-Ray 20	17.1							17.1
13	David Massie	Nova Vertex 28	11.4							11.4
14	Mandy Sharpe	Perché Saga L	9.2							9.2
15	Peter Impey	Airwave Harmony 30	5.7							5.7

Table #3: Weekend flights in Sussex.

										Total
1	David Newns	Edel Open	37.9	27.6						65.5
2	Paul Andon	Nova Vertex 26	30.0	17.2	15.5					62.7
3	Simon Oliphant	Apco Bagheera M	39.8	21.6						61.4
4	Mark Watts	Apco Bagheera 28	48.7	11.1						59.8
5	David Waits	Apco Bagheera 28	26.1	25.9						52.0
6	Andrew Heron	Nova Xyon 26	30.2							30.2
7	Michel Carnet	Ozone Electron L	28.2							28.2
8	David Massie	Nova Vertex 28	11.4							11.4
9	Mandy Sharpe	Perché Saga L	9.2							9.2
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11-Sep-99	PG	968	Craig Nicholas	01903 879516
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12-Sep-99	PG	1044	Jez Riches	01798 343783
12-Sep-99	B	1229	Ian Grayland	01323 873128
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2-Oct-99	HG	1327	Richard Darcy	01435 813162
2-Oct-99	HG	1258	Jonathan Eeles	0171 403 5369
2-Oct-99	PG	1052	John Lomax	0171 407 1217
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9-Oct-99	PG	1146	John Connolly	01992 700077
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16-Oct-99	B	1323	Daniel Carlisle	
16-Oct-99	PG	1283	Julian Cohen	0181 444 5732
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A Little Light Relief

from Paul O'Coidan

Two Irishmen walk into a pet shop

Right away they go over to the bird section. Gerry says to Paddy, "Dat's dem". The clerk comes over and asks if he can help them.

"Yeah, we'll take four of dem dere birds in dat cage op dere," says Gerry, "Put dem in a peeper bag."

The clerk does and the two guys pay for the birds and leave the shop.

They get into Gerry's van and drive until they are high up in the hills and stop at a cliff with a 500 foot drop. "Dis looks loike a grand place, eh?" says Gerry.

"Oh yeh, dis looks good," replies Paddy. They flip a coin and Gerry wins the toss.

"I guess I git to go first, eh Paddy?" says Gerry.

He then takes the two birds out of the bag, places them on his shoulders and jumps off the cliff.

Paddy watches as his mate drops off the edge and goes straight down for a few seconds followed by a resounding 'SPLAT'. As Paddy looks over the edge of the cliff he shakes his head and says, "Glory be, dis budgie jumping is too dangerous for me.

A minute later, Seamus arrives. He too has been to the pet shop and he walks up carrying the familiar 'peeper bag'. He pulls a parrot out of the bag, and then Paddy notices that in his other hand, Seamus is carrying a gun. "Hello dere Paddy, watch this" Seamus says and launches himself over the edge of the cliff.

Paddy watches as halfway down, Seamus takes the gun and blows the parrot's head off. Seamus continues to plummet until there is 'SPLAT', as he joins Gerry's remains at the bottom. Paddy shakes his head and says, "An oim never tryin' dat parrot shooten nider"

A few minutes after Seamus splats himself Sean strolls up. He too has been to the pet shop and he walks up carrying the familiar 'peeper bag'. Instead of a parrot he pulls a chicken out of the bag, and launches himself off the cliff with the usual result.

Once more Paddy shakes his head "Glory be, Sean, first dere was Gerry wit his budgie jumpen, den Seamus parrot shooten and now you blimmin' hen gliden"



Alpine Adventures

by Kevin Oversby

A brief account of a recent trip to the French Alps, staying with Mark near Les Arcs. I have been flying regularly for about a year and have 25 flying hours on an Edel SuperSpace 2.

Mark woke us early on the first day – it was looking good after a month of bad weather in April. Local comp pilot Laurent soon arrived and we travelled to a nearby South facing slope “Montgirod”. Maps were studied in another nearby pilot’s house and a 130 km triangle was discussed, although cloudbase was quite low. Mark, Laurent and two other comp pilots launched quickly and within 15 minutes had reached cloudbase and turned downwind. I prepared to launch for some soaring but the sun was behind a cloud and the wind quickly turned katabatic to its prevailing direction. Laurent would fly for over seven hours and complete a 110 km out and return to Annecy. Mark covered 85 km of the same route, later admitting to being consistently scared for long periods including

being lost in a cloud for 5 minutes at 3 m/s constant lift, hoping that he’d taken the correct reading from his compass before he was sucked in. Later that day I flew at Vallandry, Les Arcs, shooting up to 2300 m then spiral diving 1000 m to escape some menacing looking black clouds after an hour and a half. The intense g-force clouded my vision and I felt nauseous for an hour after landing – great fun!

The next day we travelled to St. Hillaire, the site of the famous annual fancy dress competition. Conditions improved quickly and pilots were soon soaring. Mark flew his tandem and soon specked out, completing a 56 km out and return to Grenoble. The sky was very unstable and large storm clouds were developing everywhere. Pilots were falling out of the sky left, right and centre. One man performing tricks above take off was dumped on his back and carted off to hospital by paramedics. Many pilots went down, including me, unable to break through the inversion at take-off. Each time I travelled back to launch on the funicular railway but my three attempts, lasting an hour in total, proved futile. One time I left lift at launch height due to proximity to trees and other paragliders.

Inefficient turns probably contributed to my downfall, burning off all my height before finding an elusive thermal near to the intimidating 500 m cliff face.

After a few days of bad weather we headed to Annecy, tooled up with camping equipment. Two flying days were cut short by monster storm clouds forcing us to land disappointingly, once having thermalled about 700 m in two minutes. Luckily the waterproofing guarantees on our tents proved trustworthy. The third day threatened storms but never delivered thus providing good flying weather. We launched from Planfait at 2pm, I almost went down and spent half an hour working back up to launch. The plan was to thermal back to the Dents de Lanfon (2000 m). Not many pilots made it on this day but I was determined and battled through many collapses to cloudbase at 2200 m. Mark had had time to go to Annecy town but now we both glided across the lake, taking holiday snaps, to Roc de Boeuf, arriving at 1000 m. We soared together, close to the trees, gaining height rapidly, fighting through rough patches of air. Mark rocketed to cloudbase and headed back across the lake on the second leg of the

triangle, the hard work done, telling me to get to 1800 m. I was doing well and flew under a tiny cloud behind the ridge to top up my height. Big mistake. The cloud disappeared, leaving me in 4 m/s sink. I later learned that the lift under small clouds is almost impossible to find. I headed for the ridge on speedbar, mindful of rotor but arrived too low with the sink alarm wailing. I was descending rapidly towards a small farming valley with insufficient glide to escape. I saw a cattle field at the limit of my upwind glide and made an approach. Power cables surrounded the field. As I flew closer I was disappointed to see that the field was divided into small squares by electric fence. I managed to dump the glider into a square and ended up falling forward next to the road unhurt. Mark had seen me land – a small white dot in the valley. Over two hours and three hitches later I arrived at Planfait to meet Mark. His 30 km triangle had taken 4 hours, I flew for two. We headed for take-off for another hour’s soaring then landed for a barbecue in the campsite. Bad weather prevented me from attempting the triangle again but the lessons were well learnt.

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Outstanding flyers, best newcomers, most improved pilot, notable contributions to the Club, and to

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Send nominations to Paul Coidan via PO Box No., or to paul.coidan@tesco.net

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