FLYING FARMERS ASSOCIATION LTD

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Visit to RAF Binbrook

The best attended flyin of the Association ever to take place was on Friday 8th April.

We were hosted by Group Captain Barcilon of RAF Binbrook, and the event was attended by 44 visiting aircraft, 5 parties in cars, and 109 of our members, their families and friends, sat down to lunch in the Officers' Mess.

Low cloud at about 1000', with one or two holes, made the V.F.R. arrival of 44 aircraft in an hour something of a challenge to A.T.C., who were amazingly flexible and most complimentary about our flying.

We were split into three parties, each in a coach, and taken to various activities on the airfield. The day ended with a spectacular display by the Red Arrows who gave their usual excellent performance.

We owe the deepest debt of gratitude to Group Captain Barcilon and all his staff at RAF Binbrook, and an equal debt to Dick Walgate who initiated the idea of the visit, and who put an enormous amount of time into liaising with RAF Binbrook to ensure such a successful day.

Very sincere thanks to all concerned.

The prize for the shortest flight went to Henry Kirke, who flew from his strip less than ½ NM away !

Focus on Oilseed Rape - 18/19 May

This event is being held at Langar Airfield on 18/19 May. Dick Walgate has visited the site, and made arrangements with the organisers for members to fly direct onto the site.

But -Beware !

The runway which will be available for landing is only the southern end of runway 01 - Dick estimates this to be 500-600 M. The northern end of this runway is being used for static demonstrations - so LAND SHORT. BUT - beware concrete blocks at touchdown end of runway. Also, beware Waltham Mast, 8 miles SE - very tall. There is now no NDB at Langar, and no A.T.C. But there MAY be a ground station "Langar ground" on 18th May - provided by Dick Walgate, and operating on 122.35 Khz.

Do not forget to call East Midlands (and Tollerton if applicable) and, having landed, park on the west side of the section of runway 01 available, as near to the static area as reasonably possible.

Please telephone Dick Walgate before using this facility - Swallow 203 (home) or 234 (office).

The Scilly Islands visit

Those who were at RAF Binbrook know that the date has been altered. The chosen dates are 14/15/16 June, instead of 23 May as originally proposed. The delay in notifying members about this has been due to election date uncertainty - had the election been 23 June we might have felt it unwise to proceed with these plans.

The outline proposals are as follows:

Tuesday 14 June Those who do not wish to fly direct from their own base to St Mary's Island on the morning of our visit, will assemble in Cornwall at either Bodmin or St Mawgan, in accommodation which we hope to arrange.

Wednesday 15 June Fly to St Mary's, boat trip to Tresco. Day on Tresco. If weather unsuitable for flying, we hope to organise a wet weather visit in Cornwall.

Thursday 16th June This is a standby-day in case Wednesday is not a flying day. Visit to Tresco this day if Wednesday not possible.

As organisers, we have to face the following tasks for this particular visit:

Accommodation 14/15 June, and transport from Airfield (s).

Flight plans.

Transport from airfield to harbour.

Boat trip and return.

Lunch at Tresco.

Alternative visit in Cornwall.

Therefore, we need to know quickly and accurately members' intentions. There is a comprehensive tear-off return at the end of this newsletter, which please forward to Bart Woodall as quickly as possible.

Firm details of the visit will only be sent to those who notify their intention of attending by sending the reply slip to Bart Woodall.

Sprays and Sprayers

This event is being organised by CIBA - GEIGY on 28 and 29 June. The location is Hill Farm, WHITTLESFORD, Cambridge. Hill Farm is within one mile of Duxford Airfield - but Duxford is not open on Tuesdays, so only 29th June will be suitable for a flying visit.

The theme of the event this year is "Sprays in Crop Management" and this year there will be a mini-conference as part of the overall event, the subject being "Lamb production on the Arable Farm".

Those members who wish to attend should contact the organiser, who will then forward the necessary vouchers:

Mr G. R. Shankland, CIBA-GEIGY AGROCHEMICALS,
Whittlesford, Cambridge. (0223) 833621

Air Traffic Control at Duxford (mr Hotchkiss) is (0223) 833963

Membership List

We have just issued membership no 204. A number of recently joined members have not received membership or airstrip lists, or maps, because we have run out.

These will all be updated and reprinted in June. This is your final chance to send me any amendments to the details of your entry.

We have already found several alterations required - but please will each member check his details and let me have any changes needed (most probably to telephone numbers) before the end of May.

Alterations to: D. U. Corbett,
The Ox House, SHOBDON, Leominster, Hereford.

Aircraft for Sale

Our President, Colonel John Williams-Wynne, has very reluctantly decided that he is unlikely to regain his P.P.L. medical certificate. He has therefore decided to sell his aircraft.

So if anyone wants a very well equipped , one owner from new, Rallye Commodore 180, here is the specification. Colonel John's telephone number is (0654) 710328.

Aircraft Registration	G.AXOT
Type	MS 893 A
Constructor	Sud-Aviation No 11.433
Date of Construction	1969
Engine	Lycoming O.360.A3A
Propellor	Hartzell HC-C2YK-13 C/S
Total Flying Hours	914 Hours as at 23.03.83
Engine Hours	914 Hours
Propellor Hours	914 Hours Notice 75 15.01.81

Two axis Badin Crouzet Auto-pilot (Coupled to ADF, DG and VOR)

Avionics

KX 160 -	King Transceiver	528E -	Arc Nav/Comm
KS 505 -	King Power Supply	525 -	Arc Indicator
KI 201 -	King Indicator	KT 76A -	Transponder
ADF 31A -	Narco A.D.F. Receiver	ART 500 -	Digitiser

Farm and Airstrip wanted

One of our newest members, at present a pig farmer with no pigs, is anxious to acquire more land, if possible with an airstrip already available.

If any member has any suggestions or ideas, would he please contact Mr T. W. R. (Terry) Case,
Crabtree, Mill Lane, KIDMORE END, Reading tel: (0734) 722213

POSTSCRIPT - Oilseed Rape

A radio frequency of 122.35 MAY be operated for landing aircraft. Please call "Langar ground" for information: if no reply, carry out a normal left hand circuit, reporting positions on the above frequency so that other aircraft know what you are doing.

Keep an extra good lookout as well!

The Scillies Fly-in

From Name .....

Adress .....

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Tel. no .....

Post to:
Bart Woodall, Esq,
Russhett Farm,
CHESSINGTON,
Surrey.

Please answer the following questions in capitals.

1. Name of Pilot .....

2. Type of Aircraft .....

3. Names of passengers 1.....

(please indicate by "M" or "G" after name, whether passengers are members of FFA or guests) 2.....

3.....

4.....

5.....

4. Will you be going direct from your own airstrip to St Marys (yes or No) .....

5. If the answer to 4 is No, will you be able to arrange your own accommodation in S.W. England for night of Tuesday 14 June (Yes or No) .....

6. If the answer to 5 is also no, do you wish the FFA to arrange accommodation for your party for Tuesday 14 June. .....

7. If the answer to 6 is Yes, please state the number and type of rooms (ie double, twin, single) ..... which you need for your party.

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8. If, in reply to question 7, you have asked FFA to book accommodation for Tuesday 14 June do you wish us also to try to reserve the same rooms for Wednesday 15 June in case we cannot get to St Marys and Tresco that day Yes or No .....

9. If we go to the Scillies on the Wednesday, would your party wish to stay to make the non-flying visit on the Thursday Yes/No

Notes

(i) If FFA arranges accommodation, it will be based on either Bodmin or St Mawgan airfields: we have contacts near both.
(ii) If Wednesday is a wet-weather day, we will try to organise a non-flying visit within reach of both Bodmin and St Mawgan. This visit could also be available for Thursday - see question 9.
(iii) Please remember to bring one lifejacket per person, and a life raft if you have one.
(iv) We will include details of flight plan requirements when we circulate firm details.