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Treasure Hunt Flew at Last

By Foncy Hobbins

The long awaited treasure hunt finally took place on Saturday 26th June. As was the case during previous attempts the weather was not ideal, and this time it was the wind that caused the problems. The competition had to be cut short on the day and it transpires that only five people actually flew and took part in the event.

However that in no way takes from the success of the winners and the prizes are as follows:-

First prize and a nice flying jacket went to Mark Lloyd



Following hot on the heels of that success came Lindsay Brislane who managed to pick up a lovely 'altimeter' clock for his efforts



The third prize of a nice headphone satchel was awarded to the participant who gained the third prize, namely Dave O'Neill.

Young Eagles Day

Yet again the club facilitated the EAA and arranged to fly a 'Young Eagles' session. The flights were carried out in very good weather on Saturday 20th June.

Most of the club aircraft and some of the private owners participated and at least 35 young people were presented with a complimentary flight. The young eagles project aims to encourage an interest in aviation among young people and hopefully lead them toward a rewarding career. Jane and Harry wish to thank all the members who showed up to help with the various tasks of registration, crowd control and general operational tasks on the day. When the day was done most of the help sat down for a well deserved little tipple in the local hotel, some were even spotted there.



But sure why not?



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Farewell EI-BFP

By S N Walsh

Some weeks ago a great 'work horse' of the club departed for the final time. That was our very trust old Ralleye which had served the club gallantly for some years after a long life at Weston.



Now that it appears here many of you will remember the aircraft and indeed many of you flew in it, even first solos and flight tests.

What is not so obvious though is that the machine had flown many thousands of hours safely, and even on one day in Weston it actually flew an enormous thirteen hours in one day. Another remarkable feature of this trustworthy old machine was that it is among the few that actually left Coonagh without being involved in any kind of incident.

The machine was flown to Waterford some time in June to have a final check before its delivery flight to its new home somewhere in the UK. We all hope that whatever registration 'FP' has in the future will give its new owners as much service and pleasure that it has delivered to us all here in Ireland. Many of us in both Coonagh and Weston will have fond memories of this very faithful workhorse. Bye-bye EI-BFP.

The IAA is at it again!

By Agravated Avaitor

Many of you will have seen the request for the completion of a survey requested by the IAA.

In my view this is a most intrusive and foul snoop into the private matters of individuals and Clubs. There are questions about what club you fly in, whether you are estimating your time or reading it from the logbook and of course how many hours you fly and what kind of licence you hold. What a load of rubbish! The IAA already hold most of this information for anybody who holds a licence, and if they have not got it they will acquire it from the next renewal. It is any of their business where a person flies, or whether they own they actually own aircraft or not?

I would be very much opposed to this kind of unnecessary snooping into the affairs of the flying community. It is bad enough to have to deal with the new logging system that has been proposed, where the club has to have a record of all the routes that its aircraft are on and approximately where they are at any one moment, without this further nonsense.

Of course it appears that a statistician has been acquired by the IAA, probably on a short term contract, and since that is the case this is as good an excuse as any other to launch a further deep snoop into the affairs of the flying public. When will they give up? They don't need to because they already know that the Irish flying community is a toothless organisation that can be 'ridden'. I am definitely not inclined to taking part in the survey and I strongly encourage everybody else to ignore it also. Of course the 'carrot' is that it is supposed to be anonymous but all of us know that since the general flying community is so small in Ireland there will be no doubt about who is talking when the survey submissions are examined. Shame on you!



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Next Social Activity

By Harry McNamara

The next date for your diary is the Fly-in and BBQ which is always good fun.

The Fly-in and BBQ are scheduled for 20th and 21st August. Keep an eye on emails and the club website for further updates. However please put the date in your diary. The BBQ is open to club members and their better halves. It is the main social event of the year so we look forward to seeing a big turnout.

More of it! This time a Minister

By Agravated Aviator

The following article appeared on the WWW on 20/06/2010 14:43:47

Gormley to restrict use of quad bikes and jet skis



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The Environment Minister has moved to restrict the use of quad bikes and jet skis. John Gormley wants to regulate their use in areas where they disturb or damage species protected under EU law.

Minister Gormley says power boats and jet skis can swamp the nests of water birds and damage sand dunes, whilst quad bikes destroy vegetation. Farmers who use quads will not be targeted and landowners can object to any direction affecting their land.

[When will the use of club aircraft start to worry the environment, horses, cattle and the local new babies? The possibilities for the

curtailment of private leisure activities seems to be endless under the present government!]

Club team at the Special Olympics



Some club members who took part in the co-ordination of communications during the visit of the Special Olympics to UL Limerick recently. The members say that they were expected to work hard during long hours but they are also very glad to report that they gained enormous pleasure and benefit from being in a position to lend a useful helping hand.

Articles

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