



LFC Newsletter

The Newsletter of the Limerick Flying Club

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Club 2011 AGM...

By Mark Lloyd

The club AGM convened at the Green Hills Hotel, Ennis Road on 8th March. The meeting was attended by the 8 committee members and 34 members. A further 12 members submitted proxies for the election voting.

3 committee posts were vacated by the natural rotation system, and nominations were taken to fill those vacancies. The proposed members were Denis McNellis, Martin McMahan and Joe Sullivan. As there were more candidates than vacancies an election was necessary. 42 valid votes were cast, including the proxies. The outcome of the vote to fill the vacancies has now resulted in the following committee for this year, Finian Gaule, Joe Johnston, Joe Sullivan, Mark Burkley, Harry McNamara, Foncey Hobbins and Jacek Rosik.

After the discussion of 'any other business' the meeting dispanded.

Energy Shortage...

By Mark Lloyd

Over the last two Sundays, the morning Duty Officers have been unable to start the fuel bowser because the master switch had been left in the "on" position from when it was last used. On both occasions, the batteries have had to be replaced in order to get the bowser started and the aircraft fuelled.

After using the bowser, please make sure you have switched **OFF** the master switch. This should be done from the cab before turning off the ignition by pushing the red button on the dashboard.

Full instructions on how to use the fuel bowser are on display inside the windscreen and those should be followed to the letter. Anyone

having problems, please feel free to give me a call on (086) 224 4255.

Duty Officers, please check that the master switches for both the fuel bowser and the fire truck are "OFF" before locking up for the evening.

Treasna na dTonnta-Eastbound...

By Foncey Hobbins

It is our intention to organize a FLY-OUT this year to Haverfordwest (EGFE) in Wales, probably for 29 June - 1 July or alternatively on 6 - 8 July all going well. The three club aircraft will be going plus private owners as well hopefully. This would mean possibly 8 aircraft in total, including, EI-BPL, EI-DRW, N772AM and maybe others. So the seats will be at a premium and if you are interested as a PPL or SPL please let me know. Those taking part will get valuable experience and our contacts at the Pembrokeshire Flying Club have already offered to sort out B&B or Hotel, good pub etc. Four of their members came to our Fly-in last year so it would be nice to return the favour!

The Fly-outs in recent years have been a great success thanks to Harry McNamara and this year we are hoping to spread our wings a little, routing EICN - Tuskar Rock – Strumble and EGFE. We can make it a weekend or an overnight, please indicate your preference.

NOTE: Private owners please indicate also if you will take part as this will firm up seats etc. So, even though it is early, time flies. If you wish to come please advise me and first in will be added to the list. I will update you as more details are required.

IMPORTANT UPDATE...

No more slots available as there has been a great response! It will be sport trying to fill seats with the numbers but I will do my best to



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get as many as possible travelling. I will update everyone on the flights soon but this of course may change somewhat later.

PS: Please indicate your preference for Weekend FRI pm to Sun 1800 or just overnight SAT 0900 to Sun 1800.

Welcome New Members...

We at Limerick Flying Club are delighted to welcome to the club several new members, a mix of PPL's and Students who have joined since Christmas. These include Vincent Mcl, Wayne C, Philip S, Daniel M, Niall McG, Aidan F and John O'K. We wish you years of safe, successful and fun flying. The full names are available but for security reasons we have abbreviated them till we have the member's permission to publish them in full.

Letter to Editor...

Heartiest congratulations to David O'Dowd on his next step to his 'FOUR BARS' command. David has what it takes to be a commercial pilot in today's competitive flying environment, ambition, commitment, professionalism and determination. I look forward to hearing on an Aer Lingus flight in 18 months time 'and your first Officer on this flight is David O'Dowd'. Best of luck David.

Regards, Jim Keane

Bird-watch Coonagh...

By Barry O'Donnell

In regards to our swallow problem has anyone got experience on the effectiveness of any of the products in the websites below? If so please contact me as soon as possible.

<http://brighterimage.ie/Birds/Sonic-Bird-Repeller/flypage.tpl.html?gclid=CKmMsLnSmq4CFQoc4Qod0FV6Hw>

<http://brighterimage.ie/Birds/Ultrasonic-Bird-Rat-Repeller/flypage.tpl.html>

http://www.birdstop.co.uk/bird_repellent_liquid_1_us_gallon_3.8_litres.asp

http://www.birdstop.co.uk/bird_repellent_gel_2_90ml_tube_buy_10_get_2_free.asp

http://www.birdstop.co.uk/decoy_flying_falcon.asp

Groundschool...

By S N Walsh

The groundschool for this season has now been completed. There was a good response and for a change we finished with a reasonable number of students in attendance. However there are revision sessions still going on for the students who have applied for the written exams in March. The radio communication theory class was well attended eventhough it was organised at very short notice. The notes for all the subjects are still available on the club website, all the registered students have been informed how to gain access to them.

The radio communication practical night may be held in Atlantic Airventure Shannon around Easter. Anybody interested please contact me so we can decide whether to go ahead or not.

Articles

The LFC Newsletter is published in the first week of the each month. Articles, letters, etc. must reach the Editor at least two days before distribution. Club members, and non-members interested in our club, or flying are invited to write. Please email it to newscoonagh@gmail.com or give in person or by post. You chose the subject you wish, information, gossip, fun, logistics, or anything else.

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