

PEMBROKESHIRE FLYING CLUB - NEW YEAR 2014 NEWSLETTER

EGD 202

John Brady, who is the Light Aircraft Association spokesperson on airspace and is an active campaigner for challenging airspace utilisation, has approached me. This is an extract from his email:

“Can I ask you about the West Wales UAV Centre at Aberporth - you may know someone local to it or who flies from there. After EGD 202 was established the CAA should have held a Post Implementation Review to see if it was working as stated but they did not. They have now deferred the review again and the attached is couched in words that suggest it is barely used if at all and certainly insufficiently for it to pass a review! We have asked for utilisation records from the CAA. However, when I visited the UAV centre during the consultation for D202 I found it was a unit in a development on the edge of the airfield - it was an empty office with a phone on the floor!

I want to consider this with the other airspace work the LAA presently has going on.

It would be useful to know if the facility actually exists or if it is a Welsh Assembly Government project that has come to nothing”

Unless I receive replies from members that are contrary I plan to reply with words to the effect of “EGD 202 is active from time to time (by NOTAM) and rarely affects Haverfordwest users. If a flight to West Wales (Aberporth) is planned they can be telephoned and will give the active times of EGD 202 and they have proven to be very accommodating – a PFC member is one of the radio operators.”

****** I intend to reply by 2 Feb 2014 so if you wish to give an input please email me. ******

CHRISTMAS DO

Over thirty attended on a miserable January night but the warmth of the conservatory and the friendly atmosphere made for a very convivial event.

SKY DEMON

A unanimous vote to allow Sky Demon to be available to all users of the Club PC was received and has been actioned.

Please note SD on the club computer is for members and guests **to use on the club PC only** (limitation of a club license).

If you log out and try to use it on your own device, or log into your own account to access your cloud, you will deny the use of SD to others as you/they will not be able to log back in as the Chairman/Treasurer are the only two who have access to the password.

Please be considerate - unlike one member, with an Android device, who recently wasn't!

SURVEY

I have received 3 returns of the simple survey enclosed within the last newsletter (and available in the club room) - and one of those was from the outgoing Chairman! I'm afraid

this level of indifference sends out a strong message to me. I am not going to waste my valuable spare time organising events if I don't know whether members want them or not.

PFC WEBSITE

www.pembrokeshireflyingclub.co.uk is once again live but with a host that allows me to easily update/upload files. It is work in progress but needs inputs from the members to make it what it is - thank you to those who have helped so far. Please send me any articles or ideas [here](#)

WEATHER STATION/WEBCAM

The weather station kindly donated by Malcolm is live on the website and the slightly higher resolution Webcam is also live. The only issue so far is that they both rely on the PC and if it is rebooted they both go down as they are installed in the Admin section of the PC - to prevent people fiddling, which sadly they do!

I propose to get round this by connecting them to an old laptop, which will be locked. I have one myself but the battery is U/S and I cannot get a replacement. DOES ANYONE HAVE A LAPTOP/NETBOOK TO DONATE? It will ideally have Windows XP or 7 and have two USB ports. Please contact me [here](#) if you can help.

FLYOUTS

John has given me some info to put on the website and I suggest this is the best place to keep an eye on and will be updated regularly.

I appreciate that there are essentially two elements to PFC - renters and owners. The range of the renters aircraft for a given time is normally less than those of the owners so we would like to have destinations to accommodate both. Not all renters are grass strip "qualified" but a longish strip destination could make a useful training trip.

If you have destination ideas please email them to me [here](#)

PRESENTATION

I have been approached by the Pembrokeshire Aviation Society to give a presentation so I will tie this in with PFC and will probably announce a date in early Feb. I have also asked John and Martin to give a "Planning and Flying an International Trip" as some members have expressed a wish for one - date will be announced probably for March

[Safety thought "Rules are for the obedience of fools and the guidance of wise men"](#)

Blue Skies

Bob