

Anglian Flight Centres

Newsletter April 2017

Introduction

It's been a busy few months with lots happening, not just behind the scenes. Many of you will have seen that nearly all the club aircraft have been updated with the new 8.33 radios plus approved USB double plugs for your tablets and phones for GPS.

I would like to thank Eddy Ford for taking on the role of CFI, if you have any problems or enquiries and I'm not available then please speak to Eddy.

I would like to welcome Tom Woolford to our list of instructors. Tom started at Earls Colne as a young lad at the age of 14 and learnt the ropes first as ground crew and now as an instructor, as did young Matthew, well done lads!

My thanks also go to the ground crew for their continued support with the daily running of the club and for the things they do behind the scenes.

Also thanks to the instructors who keep the aircraft in the air, when the weather permits.

I would also like to welcome Cavendish Aviation. They can provide you with maintenance and aero coating for your aircraft. They also have a Pooleys shop for those items you can't get from the club. Last but not least a big thanks to all members and non-members who when called upon, help out with their professional skills: John Worland for keeping the website up to date, Phil Ryder for keeping the computer systems up to date and running and to everyone else who lends a hand when needed.

Happy and safe flying.

Very best regards to you all.

Mick Manders

Airfield Maintenance- submitted by 'Sad Case One'



Firstly, thank you to all aviators using the airfield movement areas and runway who have followed the 'keep off the grass' regime during the winter months! This regime which I pursue during the winter months means that in the spring, because we have looked after the grass areas, you will hopefully have a greater sense of freedom of movement to replace the inconvenient restrictive practices I have to persuade pilots to try and adhere to during the winter months. The installation of the EAA weather station, an output of which we are lucky enough to have displayed in the radio room, allows the Air Ground Radio Operators to provide much more realistic information on wind direction and speed, forward visibility and cloud base.

We also now have an illuminated windsock for night flying which is situated on the northern boundary at approximately the mid-point of the runway.

Larger aircraft

The benefits of the hard insert of the runway continues to attract the occasional visits from larger and higher performance aircraft to Earls Colne, some of which are arriving for

maintenance at the airfield's resident engineering facility, Cavendish Aviation. The actual arrival and departure procedures for these larger aircraft may involve a runway 'back track', due to their larger wing spans etc. Earls Colne ground crew brief the pilots on the normal arrival and departure procedures and the ground manoeuvring required for their size and type of aircraft. I am anticipating an increasing incidence of such aircraft arriving and departing from Earls Colne and I would like to thank you all in advance for your cooperation and patience during such aircraft movements.

Prop Wash and Parking!

The residents of both Hangar One and Hangar Two have said to me on many occasions, how much they appreciate the efforts of pilots parking and starting up aircraft in such a way that dirt and debris doesn't get blown into their hangars.

Finally, any observations and **reasonable (!)** requests are welcome, as Sad Case One only sees things at a ground level and not from the aerial perspective!



Instructors

Our current list of Instructors/ Examiners and their level of qualification

Brian Alton
- CRI(A)
Les Banham
- FI(A)+IR(R)/IMC
Tony Barber
- FI(A)+Night
Simon Barnes
- FI(A)+IR(R)/IMC
+Aerobatics+Night
Matt Chappell
- FI(A)+Night
Robert Devereux
- FI(A)+IR(R)/IMC+Night
Digby Dogherty
- FI(A)+IR(R)/IMC+Night
Eddy Ford (Examiner)
- FI(A)+IR(R)/IMC+Night+GR(A)
Mick Manders (Examiner)
- FI(A)+IR(R)/IMC+Night+GR(A)
Paul McConnell
- FI(A)+IR(R)/IMC+Night
John Pickering (Examiner)
- FI(A)+IR(R)/IMC+Night+GR(A)
Liz Russell
- CRI(A)
Dave Trowse
- FI(A)+IR(R)/IMC+Night
Tom Woolford
- FI(R)
Malcolm Wright
- FI(A)+IR(R)/IMC+Night

Although instructors do change their days on occasions below is a list of the normal days for our regular instructors.

Monday

Simon, Digby, Malcolm and Liz

Tuesday

Eddy, John, Dave and Digby

Wednesday

Eddy, Simon and Digby

Thursday

Eddy, Simon, Dave and Digby

Friday

Eddy, Digby, Simon and Les

Saturday

Eddy, Matt, Tony, Digby and Les

Sunday

Digby, Robert, Paul, Tom and Les

Thank you to all the instructors for their hard work and continuous support throughout the year. Thanks must also go to Arwyn Jones for his role as RT examiner.

Ground Crew

A lot of people think the fire crew just sit around drinking tea and coffee all day. Hmmm!!!

Without the fire crew and ground staff we wouldn't be able to operate as we do on a daily basis. My thanks go to them.

The fire crew continue to train on a monthly basis, not just in how to deal with fires, first aid and refuelling but also various other areas that help with the smooth running of the school.

We are always looking for fresh blood so if you feel you wish to give something back to the club on a voluntary basis then please speak to Victoria.



We have been very fortunate over the last few years and have been donated fire kit from Stansted and various pieces of equipment to help us continue. We have also been lucky to have had a new fire truck donated to us by the Essex Air Ambulance. Thanks to a number of volunteers, the truck has been transformed into our shiny new red machine!



Flyouts!

Here are the dates for the flyouts currently planned for 2017.

*Sunday 23rd April- Le Touquet

*Sunday 28th May- Skegness

*Sunday 25th June-
Sandown, Isle of Wight

*Sunday 30th July- Le Touquet

*Monday 28th August-
Destination to be confirmed

Membership

Just a reminder that we are now in another new year of membership (our membership year runs from 1st April until 31st March). Everyone who flies club aircraft must be a member and ALL members of privately own aircraft based at Earls Colne must also pay membership.

Membership rates for 2017/8

Full Member- £152.00

Homebased Full Member- £132.00

Temporary member- £35.00

What do I get for my membership?

- No insurance excess on club aircraft
- Free use of club life jackets, headsets and PLB's (limited quantities)
- Computer access to flight planning, Met Office and Notams
- Resident examiners

- Hard runway and taxiways
- Runway lighting
- Reduced landing fees
- Air Ground Radio service
- Fire cover
- Ground staff assistance- refuelling and aircraft preparation
- Certified UK Border Control airfield
- Airfield husbandry and maintenance
- Site security

- Unlimited tea and coffee
- Complimentary WiFi
- Courtesy transport (staff limiting)
- Individual briefing facilities
- TV
- Comfortable heated lounge

ANGLIAN FLIGHT CENTRES EARLS COLNE AIRFIELD

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- Hangar can accommodate aircraft both high and low wing
- Access via a security barrier
- Security 7 days a week
- Hard or grass runway
- Clubhouse with tea, coffee, planning area and access to weather information
- Parking area

Hangar

The hangar is 12.5 metres wide and 10 metres deep.
It's £443.33 plus Vat a month, plus electric and rates.

Hangar to Rent

Available May

Contact Info

Telephone: 01787 223676

ask to speak to Bill, Victoria
or Mick.

Norm and Debs Snack Bar

This voucher entitles you to a sausage or bacon soft roll for £3.00