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Just a quick reminder of the rules:

1. Flights must be entered within 30 days of making the flight
2. A flight can only be entered if you are a full Avon member at the time of making the flight
3. Airspace restrictions must be observed during your flight - study an airmap before the flight and use one during the flight
4. Flights can be made from any UK site
5. Flights must be over 3km
6. Witnesses are not required

So there you go - get out there and give it a go! I look forward to receiving details of your flights - Date, Canopy, Site, TO grid ref, LZ grid ref. (Ideally send it to me on a copy of the Apco Aviation XC league form - see Dec 95 Skywings)

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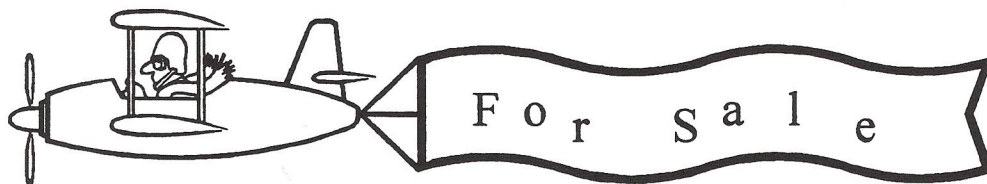
Mobile Phones

The list is slowly growing, so cut it out and stick it by your phone, and if your not on it and want to be, drop me a line.

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| Pete Corcoran (pg) | 0374 742830 |
| Marcus King (pg) | 0585 813736 |
| Tim Pentreath (pg) | 0421 398343 (weekends only) |
| Fiona Macaskill (pg) | 0468 743613 (weekends only) |

Tim Brunskill has suggested that I publish a list of people who are happy for people to phone them in the morning on flyable days to discuss which hill to go to etc. I think this is a good idea, so if you are willing to have your number published drop me a line. I will start it next month.

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Chairmans Bit

My flying season seems to start later every year. A combination of work, OU exams, and the weather delayed my appearance on the hills until June this year.

This meant my second flight of the year was at the Manx TT. An interesting weekend at the hotel from hell. Four of us dossing down in the TV lounge, living off strange meals, cheese sandwiches and Guinness. For some reason it was easy to tell the pilots from the bikers. There was one flyable day, and after a wet Sunday in Douglas we did a runner for the early ferry. The full story will be told elsewhere.

The next weekend was the Avon club outing to Kemble, well it seemed everyone was there. Except for a problem on Friday which closed the conversion courses (and everything else) down the organisation seemed much better than previous years; proper weather, lots more people flying, good food, and wonderful ice cream. The black cloud hanging over the weekend was Dave Garbe's collision with a concrete bunker which led to a broken leg and fractured pelvis. Hope you are up and about soon Dave.

pete

Avon Hang Gliding XC League

As of 22/05/96

| Pilot | Flight 1 | Flight 2 | Flight 3 | Flight 4 | Flight 5 | Flight 6 | Flight 7 | Flight 8 | Total |
|---------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|--------|
| Kevin Winter | 114.00 ? | 111.00 ? | 156.00 ? | | | | | | 381.00 |
| Jim McMackin | 188.28 | 61.96 | 71.00 ? | | | | | | 321.24 |
| Neil Atkinson | 42.33 | 26.45 | 29.21 | 36.48 | 43.95 | 72.34 | | | 250.76 |
| Jason Board | 151.00 ? | | | | | | | | 151.00 |
| Colin Hale | 75.00 | 45.85 | | | | | | | 120.85 |
| Nick Romanko | 40.00 ? | 20.00 ? | 43.00 ? | | | | | | 103.00 |
| Ray Bass | 51.50 | 32.19 | | | | | | | 83.69 |
| Paul Wooley | 29.21 | | | | | | | | 29.21 |

Legend O/R - Double Distance Out and Return
 CC - Club Competition non Avon sites
 ? - Tell me how far! I know you've been XC
 All flights in Km's.

Colin Hale almost claimed the Easter Shield with two flights totalling 120 Kms, but Jim McMackin did 188 Kms (117 miles) on Monday 6 May, to claim the Easter shield, the new site record for Ubley and ahead of Jason in the club league.

Stop the presses.. Kevin Winters 156 Kms (97 miles) on Wed 15 May puts him in the lead of the club XC table...

Now that Hang Gliding Nirvana has arrived and NE is the prevailing wind direction, this year should see Avon well placed in the National XC League, so make sure you enter your flights! Unfortunately, I was unable to convince any pilots to attend the Airwave comp in SE Wales, and until I can be certain of at least 3 other pilots willing to travel away from Ubley there's not much point in organising any other HG comps. So call me if you want some organised.

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SKYFLOATING NEWS

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ALL OUT AT KEMBLE

Aero Mania

All out proved to be a great success with fantastic weather and over 1500 entrance tickets sold.

Aerotowing

This year the sky was full of tugs hacking through huge thermals. The Discovery Skyfloaters were put through their paces being dragged through the air at 40 Mph. in strong thermals, despite the fact that the Discovery was designed to waft around the sky at slow speeds it handled the tugs and conditions perfectly and was a real delight on tow. Tow tensions appeared to be easier to maintain with the Discovery than the faster flying wings and tug pilots commented on the easy ride. We have no hesitation in recommending the Discovery for aerotow or winch.

Great Conditions

Conditions for skyfloating on the Friday were classic, light winds and small punchy cores. Designer Bill Pain was seen over Cirencester 5 miles up wind from Kemble wafting around at cloud base (4700 asl) mean while Colin Lark got a corker from an early release at 400 ft to 4150 ft in under 8 minutes from take off, a truly fantastic day. Offpiste apologize to all pilots that waited patiently for a go on the Skyfloaters, we thought that

LOAD TEST

DISCOVERY



it's a whole loada fun

four demonstrators would of been enough, we promise to do better next year.

Load Test at Kemble

The Discovery was successfully load tested 6 times at speeds of up to 82 Mph in front of over 1000 onlookers. This Discovery had already been load tested 3 times before, amazing.

School Trainer

The Discovery 160 and 195 are now certified for day one students, any standard Discovery can be used for training providing the cross boom tension is backed off 2 inches and wash out rods fitted (phone Offpiste for details). This is great news for Paragliding pilots that are considering a conversion to Hang Gliding. Pilots can now train on a wing that is ideal for cross country flying ensuring safe and easy progression.

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This is an annual glide angle competition. Andy Lumb entered on a 195 Discovery and was in second place right up to the last minute when Gorilla Trevor Birkbeck (Klassic with wing tips) pushed Andy into third place. Still a great result for the Discovery proving that low speed glides are as good as any hot ship.

Price Rise

The new retail price for the Discovery 160 and 195 has been increased to £1650 including v.a.t. as of the 17th June.

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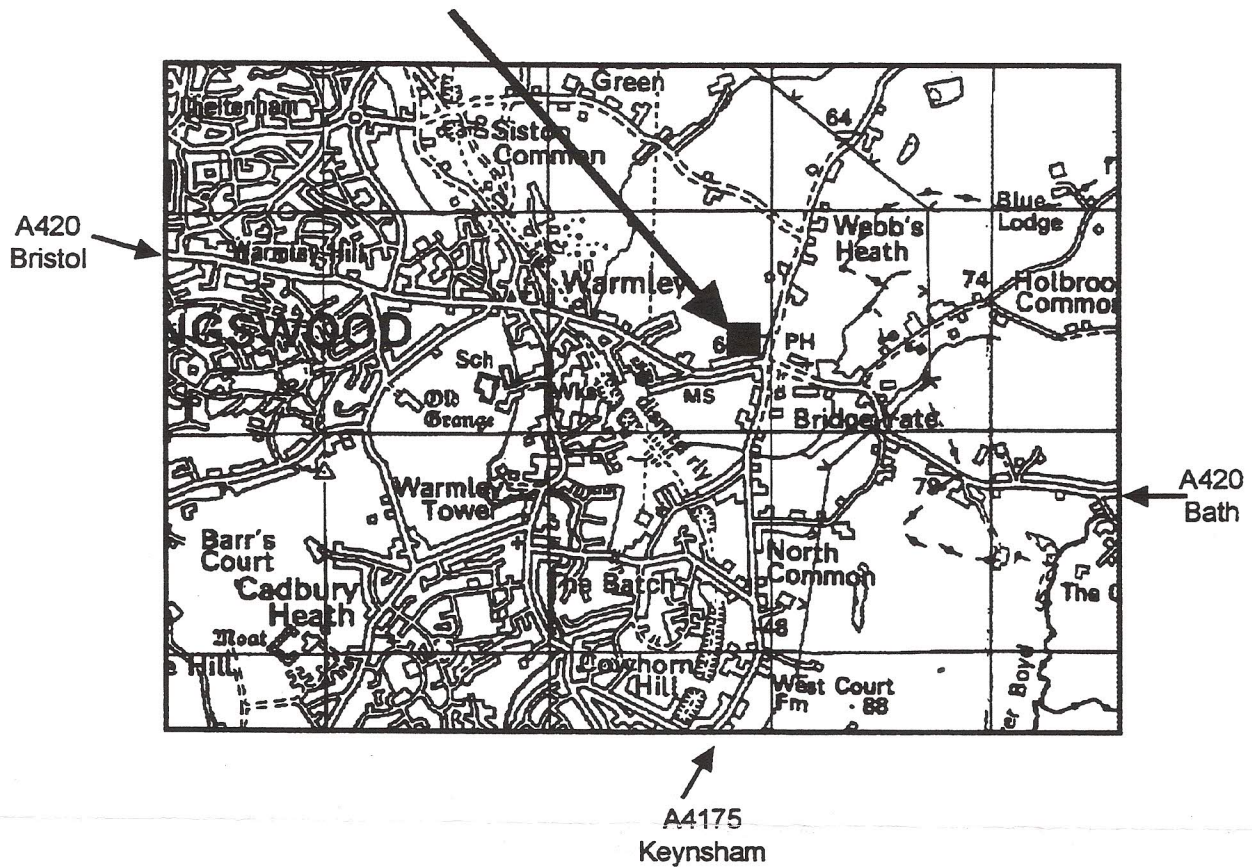
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8 pm Tuesday July 2nd

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