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**Tuesday April 1st
Robin Brown's Slide and Video Show
"What we did on our holidays in Madeira"
Griffin Inn, Bridge Yate, A420**

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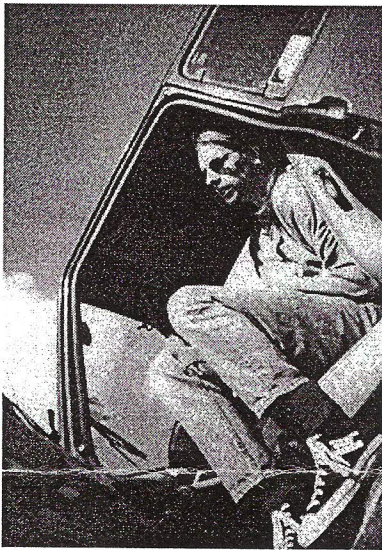
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Avon Hang Gliding and Paragliding Club

Newsletter

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Editors Bit



Hi there this is yet another rush job so I could advertise Robin's talk at next months meeting, hence it's a tad thin. Normal service will resume next month as I have a couple of articles, and I expect you all be dying to write about your first XCs of the year.

As you may have noticed I am no longer using my email address, sorry if anybody has sent email to it, but I have changed jobs and consequently lost it. The Web site is staying put for now but we will need to find a new home for it as soon as possible, can anyone out there help.

Well that's all from me I better get this in the post asap, see you at the meeting or on some windy hill, here's to summer.

Well See you on the hill. 😊

Marcus

NOVA needs your articles now. I have had many comments on how good it is to read about other members exploits so get sending your articles to:-

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**April Meeting Tuesday 1st April
Robin Brown will be giving a slide show and
video on his recent trip to Madeira.**



**Hang Gliding and
Paragliding Club**

Letters

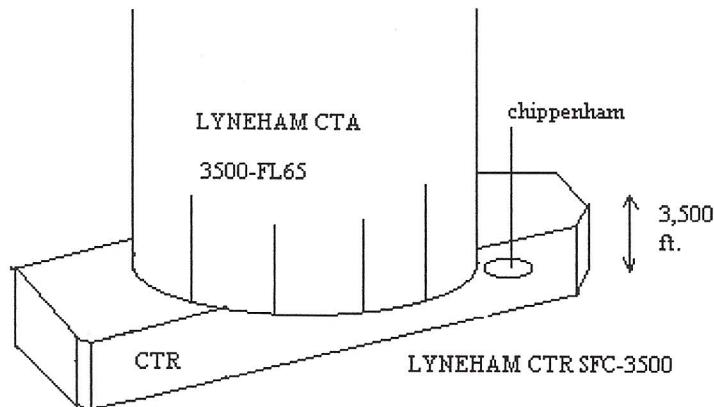
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Dear Marcus,

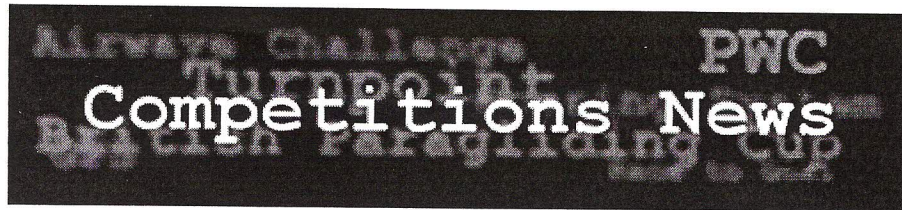
I enjoyed the February copy of NOVA. On looking through the bit on Sites, Airspace is a bit of a headache, with particular reference to Lyneham Class "D". In the article it stated that if you fly to the west of Chippenham, you must fly below 3,500 ft. This is incorrect. This will put you bang in the middle of Class "D" Airspace! I have attempted to draw a diagram of Lyneham Airspace as seen when flying from the North. If you feel it is useful, please bung it in NOVA. In fact west of Chippenham, you must keep above 3,500 ft.



Do you know if Avon are trying to negotiate a LETTER OF AGREEMENT (LoA)? As Lyneham is a military base, I would assume that little flying takes place at the weekend. Perhaps we should be trying to get a LoA that allows access to the Airspace at weekends, along the same lines that we were allowed access to Class D Airspace previously. Yours Sincerely,

Robert W. Davis.

Rest assured Rob and all you other keen XC buffs, Chris negotiating with the people at Lynham as you read this mag



We have now received confirmation of this years Airwave Challenge, and along with it one or two changes in the running of the series.

As in previous years the event is for club teams of between 4 and 6 pilots with the top 4 scoring in any task, this applies to both paragliding and hang gliding disciplines. This year all the clubs are being encouraged to enter as many teams as possible, so I intend to enter both an A and a B paragliding team which will help ensure that everyone who has already expressed an interest in taking part will get a good crack at the whip. Also new to this years event is a proposed tandem paragliding competition, so all you ambitious tandem pilots take note. A tandem team will consist of one pair i.e. Pilot/passenger and if enough support is forthcoming it is Airwave's intention to hold a tandem competition along side the main final event. It should also be noted that unlike the solo paragliding teams tandem pilots can be current nationals pilots.

Finally there is one major change concerning the qualifying rounds, it goes like this. On receiving confirmation of our entry we will be given a list of other teams drawn at random from around our region, and we will be expected to fly against these teams to qualify for the semi finals. The likelihood is that we will still end up flying against the same teams as in previous years so it will probably make little difference.

If we do enter both A and B teams this year, I am anxious to gather as much support as possible so once again if you wish to take part and haven't yet told me then give me a bell and make yourself known. The proposed pre Airwave challenge training weekend will be going ahead somewhere in SE Wales on the 5th and 6th of April with the following weekend as a fall back should the weather prove troublesome. Please let me know if you would like to attend there are still some places available.

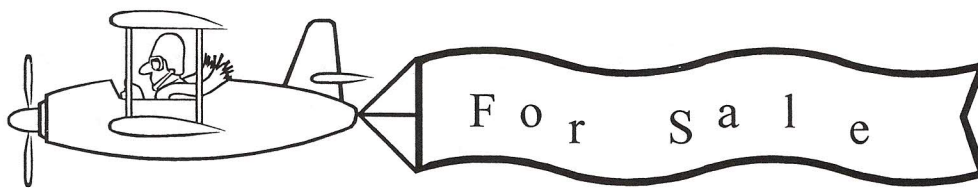
Lastly I must apologise for jumping the gun regarding this years BPC. The organising committee with impeccable timing announced a revision to last years series just after NOVA went to the press. If you haven't already discovered the word is that you must first register as a BPC competitor with the general committee, this will cost you £5 and along with your confirmation you will receive a number (yours for all BPC events this year) and the requisite number of application forms for the various rounds you have requested a preference to fly in. These must then be filled out and sent on to the individual organisers with your application fee. At the last meeting Marcus had a number of registration forms so at the risk of incurring his wrath I suggest you give him a call and perhaps he can forward you one. It should also be noted that this year you must be pilot rated or higher to enter. Please ignore the piece about the Welsh Open in Skywings March Comp Lines it is incorrect. That's all for this month.

May the thermals be with you

Simon Kerr

Addendum to the above If you want to enter the Paramania round of the BPC which is confirmed for the first May Bank Holiday, you MUST apply to Paramania directly. Make sure you do it soon coz the places are going quickly. The Fly In is an excellent event and I thoroughly recommend it.

We are still looking for sponsors for the PG and HG teams, if you can help give Simon or Marcus a Call.



Gliders & Bits For Sale

Edel Energy Large, White/Purple. Only 30 hours airtime, new lines. Excellent sink rate, suit pilot 70-100kg
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Contact Judy Leden 01298 871498 (2)

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Edel Sector Medium (74-95kg) ACPUL Competition. THE 1997 competition glider, pink, red white. Suitable
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Phone Tim Pentreath on 01225 424953 - evenings

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*Adverts will automatically come out after they have been in three issues of NOVA. If you sell your stuff before
then, let the editor know so your advert can come out and you will not be hassled by thousands of eager
buyers!*

*A BLUE BRAUNIGER VARIO WAS LOST AT THE RIFLE RANGE MERE
ON MARCH 6th IF YOU'VE FOUND IT PHONE GEORGE JONES ON 01179 291560*

Nova on the Web

You'll find an online version of Nova at <http://www.avon-plc.demon.co.uk/avonhgpg>. This contains news and up to date XC results as well as some of the articles from the magazine with colour photos. The site is now frame based and includes links to many other flying related sites, both in the UK and abroad. So point your browser at the site and check it out. PS if you have anything you want to see on the site or have something to contribute drop me a line.

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Finally the following videos and books are missing from the club library, can you please have a look for them.

Missing Books

Hang gliding for The Advanced Pilot, last taken by N Green 03/95

Pilot's Weather, last taken by T Pentreath 03/96

Understanding the Sky, last taken by D Garbe 07/95

Missing Videos

Touching Cloudbase, last taken by B Pullen 05/96

Otto Lilienthal, last taken by Underhill 09/95

The Ager Tape, last taken by A Richards 01/90

Sierra Cloudbase II, last taken by Ian Dibble 11/96

Instability Video, last taken by D Collin 08/96

Extra Video





The Pilot's Sky, I know this is a boring video but I now have two copies has any one brought it along instead of one of the missing ones.

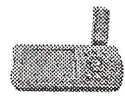
At least two of the videos above were replaced last year which costs the club money, will we have to start imposing fines. Please bring back your videos to me at the club meetings or give them to a member of the committee.

Rob Wheeler

STOP PRESS...

Paraglider Flies over 180km from Bratton Camp Westbury. The unknown pilot was flying a new canopy on the market by the as yet unknown company Aprila, apparently backed by the Italian motorbike company. The pilot is rumoured to have said "I just got high and stayed high. Any fool could have done it!" It's not sure what else he said coz everybody else in the bar were driven to sleep by his incessant talking.



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Spring has sprung and here we go!

Reserve throw and repack evening: Friday 18th April, 5:00 PM to 10:00 PM.
 Have you ever tried to throw your reserve? even in a simulated situation the experience
 can be very revealing! 10:00 Pounds per reserve, at Kemble, ring for info.

New Gliders

Trading up for the new season? We are always interested in part exchange on good S/H
 Intermediates. Try the Edel Sabre and Trekking Urraco, two very different performance
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Previously enjoyed Gliders

Nova Xyon Small.	As new, not even ex demo.	2,100:00 Pounds
Apco Spectra Large.	Very good condition, still all crispy!	1,400:00 Pounds
Firebird Barracuda Large.	Very good condition, low airtime.	1,200:00 Pounds
Harley Scirocco Small.	Absolutely New!	1,000:00 Pounds
Edel Space Medium.	Plenty of life yet, bit dirty...	800:00 Pounds
Edel Rainbow Large.	Good condition, new lines, best of era.	750:00 Pounds
Fun to Fly Profile M/S	Very good and very pink, with harness.	675:00 Pounds
Trekking Thermic Medium.	Life in the old dog yet...	550:00 Pounds

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