



The TrimTab

The monthly update of the Lancashire Aero Club

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Editor's Bit

A short intro this month - the various articles in the diary say it all really - We're moving into the busiest time of the year, with the run up to the Air Show, plus the added attraction of the AGM. The diary is filling up, and the summer months promise enough activities to please some of the members some of the time, if not all of the members all of the time! If you've got ideas for other events, please let us know, we want to put on what the membership wants - the difficult bit is knowing.

TrimTab Printing & Contributions

Just out of interest, I'll cover some factual points about TrimTab this month. It doesn't cost the Club anything except the paper it's copied on (& the postage). It's all printed via a PC document and drawing package (Word & Charisma). We use a laser printer, hence the quality of text/diagrams/symbols. In theory, pictures can be scanned, but space considerations prevent this. If you want

extra copies please ask via the Tower or bar & more can be supplied; master print copies will be in the Tower for photocopying.

Contributions can be written, typed, computer-generated (PC) or on the back of a fag-packet; as long as articles are concise & relevant, I'll include them. So far I've had contributions from Charles Price, John Lomax & Bob Jones - thanks to you all. If you want to contribute articles that are longer than space would permit, or have photos, etc., then by all means contribute - and I'll pass them on for inclusion in the next Elevator (whenever it comes out!).

However, I Can't take contributions for the 'Barton News' (have you seen it in the clubhouse yet?), mainly 'cos I don't know who the Editor is. It's good to see some humour once more at the club!

Dragon Rapide weekend - The CAA have said this aircraft cannot operate commercially from Barton, due to the length and condition of our runways, therefore this event has had to be cancelled. Daft really - in the 1930's these aircraft operated out of here daily. I'm investigating Woodford as a possibility - does anyone have a good contact?

Events Review

Friday 4th March - Student Pilot's Night

The invitations were delayed getting out in good time, for which we must apologise.... but having said that, 17 students turned up and we had a great evening. Martin Rushbrooke's talk was very interesting (despite, or perhaps spiced up, by some good-natured heckling from the 'old hands'), and certainly gave students a good idea of the opportunities to be had once they get their PPLs. We're planning to repeat the event, with a different speaker and theme - and this time, the date will be made known to all you students in good time.

Saturday 19th March - Lancashire Nite

A great success, & enjoyed by all, the Bolton duo "Me & 'Im" provided a good mixture of traditional Lancashire songs plus some singalong folky favourites. Stirred up with some humour, the (in)famous LAC Hotpot, & a Lanky Dialect Quiz, there was something for everyone. 1st Prize (1 black pudding) was won by the (originally named!) Biggles United, and the booby prize (score 0) was won by (name deleted to protect her reputation, but you'd better sort her out, John).

27th March - Barton Visitor Centre & PFA NW Strut Spring Fly-in was cancelled due to our waterlogged airfield. If we'd let visiting aircraft in in volume, we stood a high risk of accidents on our swampy surface - as it was, we had two incidents on the day with local aircraft. Up to the Saturday night, the balloons were still on, then they too had to cancel because of a high wind forecast (which failed to

materialise of course). Having said that, the BVC itself stayed open, & was rated a great success by visitors & helpers alike. The guided tours by Roger Wareing went particularly well. Many thanks to him for his efforts - he'd lost his voice by the end of the day! We've re-scheduled the fly-in now for April 24th.

We'd now like to keep the BVC open, despite its poor siting in the car park at present (planning permission now granted, but we're stalling the move until after the Air Show). Ideally, we need permanent staffing over weekends, but for now (at least, up to Air Show) we will run using volunteers. If you can give 2 hours of your time on a Saturday or Sunday (say every month), either for counter duty or for guided tours, can you write or 'phone the Tower & leave your contact number. We're also starting an aviation book & map mart - if you have old maps & books you want to get rid of, could you donate them to the BVC? You can leave them at the bar or Tower, addressed to 'BVC Shop'. Thanks!

Forthcoming events:

Saturday 23rd April - Country Rock at LAC "Up For Grabs" is the band - America is the theme, with an all-you-can-eat US/Tex-Mex buffet & service with a smile (well OK, a small smirk). The 4 piece band are not strictly Country and Western, so you don't have to be a Hank Williams fan to appreciate them - there's lots of good dance music, plus some bluesy stuff for the music aficionados. A support act is also on the cards! Ethnic dress is entirely optional. The ticket (£2 on the

night, £1.75 advance) gets you in, the buffet's available as an optional extra i.e. you have to pay more to get it. OK, so Florida's got Sun 'n' Fun, but we've got Muse 'n' Booze! (or Lancs 'n' Yanks? - or Rain 'n' Pain more like...).

24th April - Re-scheduled Fly-In & Barton Visitor Centre. If the field's dried out, this is the most likely date for the fly-in to take place now. Same details as for last month.

28th April - PFA Cheese & Wine evening/quiz

April 29th - LAC Annual General Meeting - What do you want to put on the Agenda? Who do you want to represent your views on the club and its future? What do you regard as the significant issues? The Clubhouse? Flying School? Hangars? Field? Visitor Centre? a Sales Strategy? Social Events? The list is endless, **but it's up to you.** To stand for Committee you need to have been a full Flying Member for at least 2 years. Watch the club noticeboard & your mail, for nominations for Committee members, & for the Agenda. **The only way you can make it *Your club is to come to the AGM & actively participate. Please do so!***

3rd May - Air Show Helpers Meeting - A further meeting to hear instructions & procedures from the organisers & police. All volunteers welcome, even if you haven't come before - we'll fit you in somewhere!

Wanted - Air Show Security Volunteers

On a particular note, if you are considering volunteering for Air Show Security duties, please write to:

Clive Churchward
PO Box 143

Altrincham WA15 5LN.

This will enable him to pre-register you. Remember, we need as many people as possible. Thank You.

17th May - Final Air Show Helpers Meeting

You must attend this one to collect your passes and final instructions.

22nd May - Manchester Air Show, featuring the Red Arrows. Helpers get free entry for themselves & a guest on the day. But turn up early - if you come after 6am, you're not counted as a volunteer! Afterwards, there's a party on in the clubhouse for all the willing helpers who can stay awake, so we're counting this one as the May social event.

6th June - Eccles Festival. LAC participation in this event has been invited by a local councillor. Initial ideas are for a float of some kind, plus perhaps a flypast? Here's a chance for some good PR.

17th-21st June - Great British Microlight Rally. The main flying bit will be on Saturday, when the start of the rally takes place.

25th June - Club Entertainments Night - Act & theme to be confirmed in next TrimTab.

8-9th July - 'Our Girls', 1944 time warp event combined with an evening Hangar Dance.

August - Dawn Patrol Fly-In plus evening/weekend entertainment - to be arranged.

24-25th September - Fly-in & Schools Model Aircraft Competition, with a

review of recreational aviation - ie anything & everything that flies for fun!

Pilot's Shop Information

Tracey & Dawn have now revamped our display cabinet in the Tower. It's stocked with some nice new goodies, including the new Barton T-Shirt ('Barton - Grass Roots Aviation' a snip at £4.95) & Cessna 150/Piper PA140 model kits. Take a look next time you're in.....

Airfield & Safety Information

What Airfield ? Oh, you mean Barton Flash... All grass areas are still waterlogged - please take the utmost care & thanks to all so far for doing so.

SEE YOU NEXT MONTH!

To retain historical value, no changes were made to the wording in this old document when publishing on the www.

However, the original was produced using Word 2, in a single column. I have reformatted the text into two columns and used colour to emphasise headings, with a view to making it easier to read on a computer screen.

Signed **Chris Hicks** (Dec 2006)