



WAYPOINT

Newsletter of Priory Farm Aviators
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Committee Members

John Fielding (chair), Bob Sage (airfield owner), Mik Horne (Treasurer), Alan McNeal (WX station, R/T, Waypoint editor)
Paul Jackson, David Brown, Richard Flagg (webmaster), Steve Foreman, Sue Foreman

EDITORIAL

It's holiday time! Some might say that a proportion of PF members - those with grey hair, no hair, wrinkles.....OK I won't go on.....are on permanent holiday due to longevity and a no doubt well earned retirement from the need to spend their days working instead of flying!

But no - in the last few months we at PF have enjoyed an influx of 'younger people!' - welcome to all of you! Shock horror - youngsters in aviation? Until relatively recently it seemed to me that many aircraft owners are the same people who like me, enthusiastically gained their licenses decades ago, but there are significant signs (post-Covid) that GA in all its forms is alive and well and attracting a new generation of young people who share the buzz of 'reaching for the sky' as we oldies did all those years ago.

Great stuff! Let's hope the cost of everything in aviation, especially the cost of fuel does not nip this trend in the bud.

NEW MEMBERS

By Jove...we've got a new ballooning member...and a lady at that! Jo Scott is a very experienced balloonist.



Based in Suffolk, Jo has been flying in hot air balloons since she was 8. She got her licence in 2012 - soloing out of Old Buck. She started building G-JOVE in October last year with help from the team at Sackville Airfield in Bedfordshire,



"It's just been signed off by an inspector so it's ready to start some flying adventures - there will be some spotters keen to get a pic I expect! I am also Chairman of Eastern Region Balloons which is a branch of the BBAC. Really looking forward to being part of your friendly group!"

A warm welcome to Jo. We look forward to seeing G-JOVE gracing the skies of south Norfolk with Jo at the helm! Probably the wrong term! I was lucky enough to do some ballooning in the French Alps way back in the 1990's as a cameraman. If you get the chance, do it - a magical experience.



MORE NEW MEMBERS

We're not done yet! We've another new member.



Reza Khosravi joins our happy band at Priory Farm with his part-built Skyranger kit. He hopes to complete it this year.

Reza worked at the Norfolk & Norwich hospital for six years as an oral surgeon and is now practising dentistry at several Norwich dental practices.

He started flying in PA28s at Cambridge in 2005, moving onto C42s at Swansea where he got his licence, then moving over to flexwings at Beccles and Cromer International (Northrepps!)

Since 2017 Reza has been flying a Quasar flexwing in which he has come to Priory Farm several times. Once visited - never forgotten!



The Skyranger was a student project at Aston University Engineering Academy. However in 2020, the project was terminated due to Covid and the Skyranger was advertised for sale. Reza took the opportunity to buy the partly built kit. Fortunately he is now has the time and support to complete the project and there is not a better place to do it than the Priory Farm. Welcome Reza and we wish you a speedy completion of the aircraft.

FLYING SKILLS

At the risk of telling you something you already know, we have a 'resident' CAA Flying Instructor and Examiner at Priory Farm:-



Linda Smith - well known to many East Anglian pilots, is a hugely experienced flying instructor and examiner. She has been flying since 1988 and instructing for since Y2000.

She is a flight instructor for :

PPL(A), LAPL(A), NPPL (SSEA and Microlight).

IR(R)/IMC rating and Night Rating.

Includes biennials for re-validation of SEP, SSEA and Microlight ratings.

She is also a CAA Flight Examiner for:

PPL(A), LAPL(A), NPPL (SSEA and Microlight), IR(R)/IMC rating - Ab-initio tests, renewals and re-validations.

Linda is also an aircraft owner at PF, having just acquired Groppo Trail G-CITS



Linda can be available for instructing Priory Farm pilots by arrangement at:-

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OTHER NEWS...

Mike Nice continues to work on re-installing the rebuilt engine in the Group L4 Cub, so let's hope we see it back in the air again soon.

David Brown is getting close to flying his Sherwood Ranger G-SWAB again after a lengthy rebuild of the Jabiru engine. Look out for a profile on David and his flying in next month's Waypoint.

COMMITTEE MEETING

Held in the Priory Farm Airfield clubhouse, Wednesday 6th July 2022

Present:

Alan McNeal, Bob Sage, David Brown, John Fielding, Mik Horn, Paul Jackson, Richard Flagg, Steve Foreman, Sue Foreman

Minutes:

1. Fathers Day. John expressed his thanks to those who made this year's Fly-in a success. As usual, Mik and Helen Horn did a sterling job with the catering. Alan on the radio, John Dunnnett on fire duties, Keith Sowter - ground marshalling and everyone who helped set up and take down the fencing, tables and chairs etc. John suggested that next year, the committee should look at the weather forecast and estimate the attendance. It was agreed that the club would underwrite the food and drink that Mik & Helen bring in for the event, based on the estimated attendance. Alan commented that he was impressed by the high level of airmanship and radio skills shown by the high level of visiting pilots. Richard said he would be uploading dozens of images from the fly-in to the PFA website.

2. Tea & Coffee. John suggested that tea and coffee be provided freely in the clubhouse. The club is well funded and it would create a more welcoming atmosphere for visitors. The voluntary donations box would remain. The committee agreed. John made a note to obtain more coffee and sugar for the club.

3. Waypoint. Alan has recently created his second Waypoint edition and the committee expressed their appreciation for the excellent job he was doing. Alan has been labouring away with unfamiliar software but was enjoying the process. He intends to include aviation profiles of not only the newly joined members but older members, too.

4. Wood treatment. Bob pointed out that his son, John was no longer available to do the work and that we would need to find someone else. Alan agreed to include a member request in the next Waypoint for someone who would be willing, or knew someone willing to carry out the paid work. Bob said he would assess which surfaces would require doing this year.

5. John McLeod Trophy. John asked the committee to look out for a member who they might put forward to be recipient of this year's trophy.

6. Finances. Mik explained that there was currently £23,251 in the bank.

7. Membership. Bob stated that we had 64 paid up members but there were still a handful of people who fly at Priory Farm who had not paid their £40 membership. It was unclear why they expected to be chased up by people working freely for their benefit.

8. Maintenance. Mik had taken down the lamp from outside the clubhouse door with a view to replacing its faulty PIR with one taken from the old, defective lamp.

9. Services. Steve pointed out that Linda Smith was able to provide instruction and checks for pilots. The committee that we were fortunate to have an instructor at our club and that more could be done to promote her services and any other member who could provide aviation services. Alan said he would contact Linda to obtain accurate information with a view to including it in the Waypoint. He would also ask other members if they would like their aviation services freely promoted in Waypoint.

10. AOB. None

11. Next meeting. John explained he wouldn't be here for the next club barbecue on 3rd August and that the committee could decide in the week before the barbecue whether to hold a committee meeting or not.

End of minutes.

FINALLY

MAINTENANCE

In the past we have painted the exterior of the clubhouse with a wood preservative to ensure its life over the years to come.. Bob's son has done this work for us, but he has now moved away, so is no longer available. This is paid work! Would a club member like to volunteer for this job, or knows of someone who would do the job professionally, please contact John Fielding.

MEMBERSHIP

There are a small handful of people who operate from Priory Farm who have not paid their club subscriptions. You know who you are and so do we, so please rectify this by paying Bob Sage your very inexpensive annual membership fee of just £40.

AVIATION SERVICES

If you have aviation skills you would like to offer other members, why not place an ad in Waypoint? This is a service we are happy to offer paid-up members free of charge. Contact the editor to discuss.

COMMITTEE MEETING

There will be no committee meeting on Wednesday 2nd August. The next committee meeting will be in September, location TBA.

FOR SALE



For sale as a whole or in 5 shares: the ex- Paul Jackson 1946 Aeronca Chief 11AC,

Airframe 3365hrs A75 engine 1820hrs. Handheld 8.33 radio Had some recent refurbishment and a new permit. Great little aeroplane for not a lot of money, and it would be nice if the aircraft could continue to reside at Priory.

Do have a look. It's in Hangar 1. £12,500.

Phone Adrian on 07860 – 667 807.