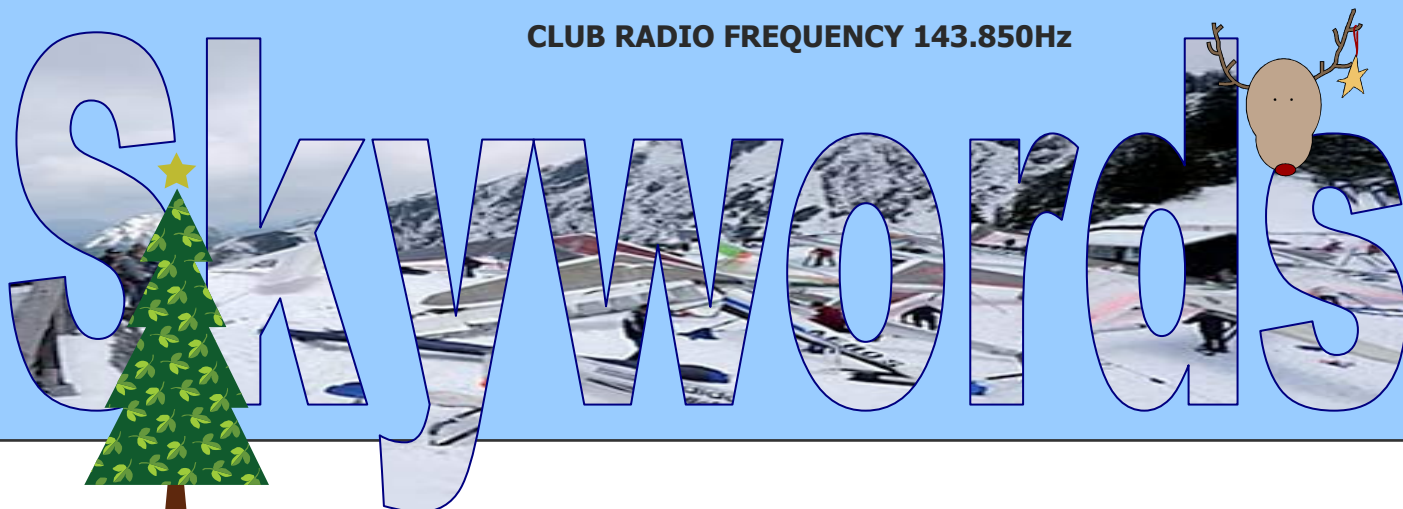


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Email katerawlinson@hotmail.co.uk if you wish to submit anything for next month's mag.

Merry Christmas, Katex



AGM

Club Night Thursday 1st December

7.30 for 8.00pm start



FREE DRINK

Dyneley Arms, Otley Road, Pool in Warfedale,
LS21 1ET

<http://www.viewleeds.co.uk/pubsandbars/dyneley-arms-maps-38906.html>

Advance Notice

Club Night 12th January

Thermalling

with Pat Dower



After his excellent presentation
on Pilotage last year, Pat Dower

returns again next January.

Pat is proposing to do a talk on thermals and thermalling for all levels of pilots.

- 1) Basic and detailed properties of thermals.
- 2) Mountains and flatland flying.
- 3) Five thermalling techniques for different situations.

Dyneley Arms; 7.30 for 8pm

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Chairman's Chat

Our club rules state quite clearly that 'Flying Members must be in possession of current BHPA membership (...)'. One of the reasons that we insist on BHPA membership is that it automatically comes with third party insurance; something that most of our site owners insist upon.

We received the following from the BHPA recently, 'It is clear from the number of calls we receive regarding people who are flying with clubs/schools, but are not actually members of the BHPA, that some clubs/schools are not checking membership cards. If you email a list of your members to the BHPA office we can check whether their BHPA membership is current. (See Club Bulletin 179 - August 2009)'. The bulletin explains that the BHPA will return the list with BHPA membership details and expiry dates; placing the onus on the club to chase up those who are not members of the BHPA.

There are a number of issues that fall out of this:

- Checking each individual BHPA membership card would be impractical. Not only would it increase postage costs but, since both membership databases are constantly changing, it would only provide a snapshot of the current situation. We could achieve the same by sending a list of our current members to the BHPA shortly after renewal.
- Is it our job to police BHPA membership? If we send the BHPA a list of our current members then the BHPA could chase non-members. Our membership secretary spends enough time chasing club memberships, never mind BHPA memberships as well.
- A pilot 'caught-out' by this cross checking of lists has 2 choices: join the BHPA or leave the club. Is it better for non-BHPA members to be in the club or not? Policing of our sites is a very contentious issue. It may be a better to encourage them into the fold rather than imposing an un-enforceable ban.
- If a club member is not a member of the BHPA then he has made a false declaration and is, arguably, therefore not a current member of the club. Let's hope that's the court's interpretation when a paid up member of the club, with no third party insurance, is sued by a landowner.

Our membership secretary has indicated to me that we currently have 4 paid up members who have not registered a BHPA membership number. Some of these have legitimately joined the club from overseas in order to convert their qualification. We are also aware of 2 pilots who fly regularly in the Dales with no club or BHPA membership.

It is a rule of this club that you are a paid up member of the BHPA. You are responsible for complying with all club rules. It is my intention to ask the membership secretary to send the BHPA a copy of our membership list just after the main renewal date in February, and let them chase anyone who is not a member of the BHPA.

As always, if any of you have any views on the subject I'd be delighted to hear from you (mrbaxter@hotmail.co.uk).

Fly safely,
Martin Baxter
Chairman

Folks,

You may have noticed a couple of odd looking entries on Twitter (<http://twitter.com/#!/dalesflyer>) and the website shout box in the last few days. It looks a bit like this:

DalesRASP > TEST Thu 0 ; Fri yes ; Sat 0 ; Sun 0 ; Mon 0 ; Tue 0 ;

I'm trying out a new feature that predicts whether it'll be flyable in the Dales on each day based on forecast data. In addition it'll try and predict whether it'll be a cross country day and how good the day might be on a scale of 1 to 5. The idea is to help with planning your week, a lot like the original Weather Jack website.

Every day the next five days is going to be listed with a 0 if it doesn't look flyable and a "yes" if it does. If the forecast shows it may be a cross country day then "XC" will show with a number up to 5 giving an idea about the quality of the day.

I've chosen some sensible values and limits but obviously a bit of fine tuning is going to be necessary. If you think it got a prediction for a day wrong let me know. Also if you think the data could be displayed a bit better then give me your suggestions. If there's enough interest I could add a feature to email interested people if there's an XC day that shows up.

At around seven each morning RASP is polled for 1pm data and several factors are checked that would prevent it being flyable if they had the wrong values. The wind should be no more than 12 knots, it should be less than 0.3mm rain per hour and the cloud base should be above 2000 feet. If one of these is out then the day is marked as zero or unflyable. For XC conditions, a few more factors are checked. The thermal lift needs to be above 250 feet per minute and the day's start rating needs to be above 1.5. Also the wind can be up to 16 knots because I'm making the assumption that on an XC day you're likely to have taken off earlier than the 1pm time that the values are taken from.

These are sensible values for the Dales but will need to be adjusted for your area of the country. Send your suggestions contacts@dhpc.org.uk and I'll make a tweak.



Pete Logan



Glider/Reserve/Harness Servicing

The club is planning to offer the same service as last year, namely the provision of free transport to and from AeroFix near Keswick. The deal is that you drop off your glider/harness/reserve at the club night on 12 Jan 2012 at the Dyneley Arms, and then collect it again at the next club night on 2 Feb. That saves you a total of £27 in parcelforce collection/delivery fees, or even more in petrol. Simple?

The only proviso is that you need to label you kit with your name and contact details. Payment (by credit card) and any negotiation is entirely your responsibility; if it isn't paid for we won't collect it. Oh yes, and in this horribly litigious society that we live in

I probably ought to point out that if my car bursts into flames (or anything) with your glider in the back please don't expect me to replace your pride and joy .

Our experience of Kirsten & Nick at Aerofix is that they provide a thoroughly professional service. Check out their details at: <http://www.aerofix.com/index.php> Regular users should be aware that they are off to New Zealand shortly, and will be closed until at least the 5 January 2012.

My car is only so big, so if you want to take advantage of this service please book a place by email to mrbaxter@hotmail.co.uk **I need to know your name, what items you want servicing and a phone number.**

Martin Baxter



Trophies

I am collecting back in all the trophies from the 2010 season winners during December and January, please bring to the AGM December 1st or the January Club Night or get in touch 07976510272 and we can arrange to meet for a handover.

Thanks Kate

XC League 2011

Mike Cavanagh wins both the National and the Dales Club XC league 2011. Mike has pushed the boundaries of what was thought possible in the UK, and cunningly used the multipliers on offer under league rules for declared triangle flights to push his score to the highest ever in the UK National league of 1152. He flew a 90K declared triangle in Scotland which scored 338 on its own, and is I believe a UK record.

Second place in the Dales league is Jake Herbert, second is a place he seems to have claimed for himself every year, since he won the league back in 2007. Jake scored 436 his highest ever score and did this after downgrading to an EN B wing!

Third place is claimed by Ed Cleasby our chief coach, scoring 330.

Richard Carter wins the 100k Challenge with 133 points from flights from Wether Fell and Semerwater.

The Dales Club League was sponsored by Niviuk, who will award prizes shortly.

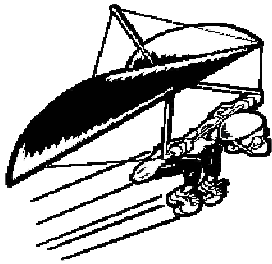
The 2012 league is now up and running and open to any Dales club pilot. The minimum flight distances are now set so more flights than you might think will qualify



for entry. Next time you get out try a small triangle, or an out and return, or a ridge run, you might have a flight in your GPS that will put you top of the league

Kev

Noticeboard



BHPA AGM

The BHPA AGM will take place on Saturday 3rd March 2012 at the Belfy Hotel, Nottingham.

Anyone interested in standing for the Exec should contact Chairman Martin Heywood or another Exec member to find out what is involved. Nomination forms are available from the BHPA office.

For more information contact:
Jennie Burdett, 0116 289 4316
jennie-burdett@bhp.co.uk

Sutton Bank Shooting Dates

The Cayley Club have informed us that there will be shooting taking place at Sutton Bank during the following days and no flying should take place on these dates:

- 12 Dec
- 15 Dec
- 19 Dec
- 26 Dec
- 21 January

Club Coach Course

Individuals wanting to take a course should contact the host club direct to book a place.

The dates for forthcoming courses are:

2012
February 18/19 Pennine Soaring Club
Graham Jones
gkjones@btconnect.com

Top Tip

If you log-in to the DHPC forum before browsing, all the new posts and threads are highlighted in red.

Once you have read them they go black, and you won't have to read them all over again (and again) to work out what's new. Fifteen seconds spent logging-in will save your hours of browsing and make the whole experience more pleasurable.

Martin

Flying in the Dolomites

Pilots visiting Italy and flying in the Dolomites (in particular Val di Fassa - Canazei, and Molveno Dolomites of Brenta) are advised to take note:

In the event you become aware of an accident in your vicinity, you are advised in the strongest possible terms to either land or clear the area immediately. This is because the presence of PGs still in flight in the area has seriously hampered helicopter rescue services which attend casualties on a regular basis, not just for pilots, but also other mountain-based sports such as mountain bikers and climbers.

The situation has become so serious that there is currently a threat to close these sites to flying unless the situation improves. This is a request from the FIVL that the BHPA fully support and we hope you will co-operate so that the sites can be preserved for all.

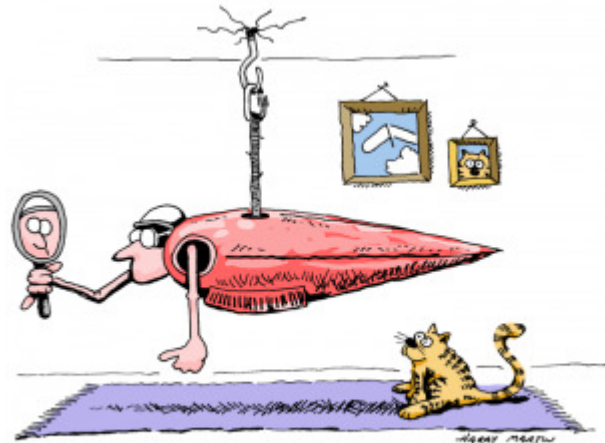
Folks, not as formal as it sounds ;-) you're all invited along for a free beer and a vote this coming club night. All of the committee positions are available to stand for.....

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Held at the Dyneley Arms, Otley Road, Otley, North Yorkshire LS21 1ET
at 8.00pm on Thursday the 1st of December 2011

AGENDA

- 1) Apologies for absence.
- 2) Chairman's opening address.
- 3) Minutes from the previous meeting.
- 4) Matters arising from the minutes.
- 5) Reports from officials.
 - a) Newsletter editor
 - b) Membership secretary
 - c) Treasurer
 - d) Chief club coach
 - e) Safety officer
 - f) Librarian
 - g) Sites officer(s)
 - h) Paragliding competitions secretary
 - i) Hang gliding competitions secretary
 - j) Club secretary
 - k) Social secretary
 - l) Web site officer
 - m) Chairman



Hang check

- 6) Nominations are invited for all of the above posts - some existing post holders will be standing down (see Kev's words below) but if you have an interest in being involved in the running of your club, then please put your name up for election; the precise post can be sorted out later.
- 7) Election of officers
- 8) Debate of proposals
- 9) Any other business
- 10) Date of next meeting

PROPOSALS

1. Proposer: Peter Logan, seconded: Trevor Birkbeck

Competitions

That the DHPC offers the use of club sites for competition purposes to the BPCup, BOS (HG), and other inter-club competitions as appropriate.

Background

The use of club sites for competitions is infrequent but, since it affects members, it has become a tradition to seek approval at the AGM.

2. Proposer: Dave Bradwell seconded: Peter Balmforth

Flying Fund

That the money held within the DHPC Flying Fund can only be spent with the agreement of two thirds of the members present at a properly constituted AGM or EGM.

Background

At the 2005 AGM James Goldsborough proposed that a membership increase of £10 (£15 for joint membership) to be ring fenced into a fighting fund for future sites purchase. Following much discussion (see 2005 AGM minutes) covering site ownership, cost, membership fees, ring fencing and reciprocal rights, James amended the proposal to increase the membership fee by £10 (£15 for joint) to setup a fund for **ensuring the future of flying in the Dales**. The term 'ring fenced' was dropped.

The committee would like to clarify whether they have the authority to dip into this money (not ring fenced) or whether the membership would like to be consulted (ring fenced).

Some words from Kev McLoughlin:

It is my intention to stand down from the Competition secretary role at the AGM. If you would like to take on the role then please let us know before the meeting. The job, as I have carried it out in the past included,

Entering the DHPC into the national XC league. This is really easy now they have the website setup so you can just pay the fee online.

Approach manufactures shops or schools for sponsorship in order to provide prizes for the XC league.

Arranged club spot landing competition.

Be the point of contact for inter-club competitions.

The Baildon Sod (Pete Logan sorted this one for me)

The BP Cup Dales Round (Again Pete has always sorted this in the past)

You may of course have your own ideas on how the Club Comps should be organised, and I think it's time for someone new to take over.

Thanks to everyone for your support over the last few years.

Kev.

See you there, Cheers Pete Logan

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Library News- Melise Harland



The library catalogue is now on the DHPC website! To access it go to the homepage and you will see the library listed in white lettering on the blue band at the top of the page. If you click on the word Library it will take you to the catalogue so you can have a look, see what we have and have a wish list ready for the next club night. If you would like to pre-order any item from the catalogue feel free to send me an e-mail (Melise_Harland@yahoo.co.uk) and I will reserve it for you. Some of the items are now getting a bit dated so if you have any suggestions for things you would like to see here let me know.

Video Review Speed to Fly By Jocky Sanderson

Reviewed by Martin Baxter

2001 – 80 Minutes



Jocky Sanderson has made three important films. ‘Security in Flight’ is all about basic paraglider control and ‘Speed to Fly’ covers all aspects of cross country (XC) flying. Both should be compulsory viewing for novice and intermediate pilots. ‘Performance Flying’ covers XC, SIV and Acro and is aimed at the aspiring advanced pilot.

What the blurb says, *“Join Jocky Sanderson as he takes you on a world tour of some of the best paragliding sites, offers important flying points and gems of advice from some of the world’s best pilots. If you want to get the most from your cross country flying, viewing this film is a must!”*

Whilst the title refers to one particular aspect of XC flying this video actually covers the whole subject of XC, from charging your batteries the night before, all the way through to the retrieve at the end of the day; covering just about everything in between.

Chapter 1 – Manilla, Australia:

- Preparation
- Take offs
- Assessing the day
- Starting the flight
- Flat top mountains
- Finding thermals
- Thermalling techniques and etiquette



Chapter 2 – St. Andre, France

- Coring
- Concentration
- Diet
- Dealing with fear
- Speed to fly
- Flying at cloudbase

Jocky Sanderson is an international expert on paragliding. A respected test pilot since 1986, Jocky competed internationally from 1989 to 1999. Captaining the British team, his highest ranking was 3rd in the world in 1995.

Chapter 3 – Valladares, Brazil

- Leaving cloudbase
- SAT
- Forming clouds

Jocky has made three films: “Security in flight”, “Speed to fly” and “Performance flying”, which use great aerial footage, slow motion and graphics to teach pilots everything from safety in flight techniques to cross country and Acro flying.

Chapter 4 – Valley de Bravo, Mexico

- Competition Flying
- Patience
- Decision making
- Landings

Based in Keswick, Jocky runs courses all over the world and recently featured on the BBC series BRITAIN FROM ABOVE with Andrew Marr.

Chapter 5 – Olu Deniz, Turkey

- Safety
- SIV
- Emergencies

Chapter 6 – Mong Yung, Korea

- Designer tips
- Pilot Tips



Chapter 7 – Stanwell Park, Australia

- Relaxing in the air

Now 10 years old this video really does provide you with all the theory that you need to improve your XC flying. The only things that really date it are a reference to turnpoint sectors (in a time before GPS, when we used cameras to record turn points) and the fact that Raul Rodriguez has moved on from SATs to Infinite Tumbles, and beyond.

There is a very handy hard copy of the dialogue. This is particularly useful as one of the top overseas pilots, Daniel Crespo, acknowledges: he needs to learn more English. But the top international pilots also add to the flavour of the film giving sage advice throughout.

Top video. It has all the theory you need to improve your XC flying. If you haven't seen it, do so.

The DVD version of this belonged to the late Dennis Wray. It was kindly donated to the club by his daughter Alex.

Site Status Warnings

Bishopdale

Permission must be sought from the Gamekeeper before flying. No flying August 12 – December 31.

Great Whernside

The owner has threatened to sue any pilot who disrupts a grouse shoot and that could amount to £Ks.

Kilnsey

Site closed from 1st August to 31st December. No flying during this period.

Nappa Scar

No XC flights between Aug - Dec (shooting season).

Stags Fell (Full DHPC members only)

No XC flights between Aug - Dec (shooting season).

Hawkswick / Windbank / Knipe Scar

When landing at Windbank, do not fly over the plantation, as it contains game birds managed by local farmers.

Windbank - Shooting

Please do not fly at Windbank on the dates shown in the table.

In addition the farmer has asked that we park a bit further away from the wood where the birds nest, say at least 150m. This makes a lot of sense - it's only slightly further to walk; keeps you away from any turbulence from the trees if the wind goes round to the west and gives you a bigger landing area. Besides, when you go XC the bus will drop you off at the gate and you'll have less distance to walk back up to your car ;)

Shooting Dates

November	December	January
Mon 7	Sat 3	Tue 3
Fri 11	Tue 6	Sat 7
Tue 15	Sat 10	Tue 10
Fri 18	Tue 13	Sat 14
Tue 22	Sat 17	Tue 17
Sat 26	Tue 20	Fri 20
	Wed 28	Fri 27

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Hang Gliding Coaches

Name	Availability	Location	Email	Contact Telephone Number
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Alistair Irving	Various	Huddersfield	aliirvin@msn.com	01484 844898
Steve Mann	Weekends	Kirkby Malzeard, Ripon	steve.andbex@virgin.net	01765 650372
Kevin Gay	Various	Ripon	krGay@talktalk.net	07794950856
Ed Cleasby (Senior power coach) Chief Coach	Various	Ingleton	edcle1@tiscali.co.uk	07808394895

Paragliding Coaches

Name	Availability	Location	Email	Contact Telephone Number
Sean Hodgson	various	Haworth	sean@ogi.me.uk	07999606084
Rob Burtenshaw (senior coach)	Sun+various	Oxenhope	burtenshaw@fsmail.net	07747721116
John Lawson (Safety)	Various	Leeds/Horsforth	johnklawson@googlemail.com	07747081978
Peter Balmforth	Weekends	Leeds	peter.balmforth@ntlworld.com	07714213339
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Kate Rawlinson (newsletter/trophies)	Weekends School Hols	Laneshawbridge Colne	katerawlinson@hotmail.co.uk	07976510272

The Dales Club Committee wish you all a very
MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR

