

Hayling Heli's



Affiliated to the BMFA – Club No 2290

29 December 2001

THE START OF OUR NEW YEAR

Hi to All in the group.

May I first say that I hope everybody had a nice Christmas with lots of “gizmos” and heli bits under the tree and would like to take this opportunity to wish a happy New Year to all.

2001 was not a very good year for any club with the exceptional weather and the foot and mouth, which forced all the farmers to close the fields. As you are all aware, the field we were supposed to use was not forthcoming despite many phone calls to the farmer who, concluded on the last call by saying that we best leave it until the new year. I have not contacted him since October as agreed and will ring him as directed in the New Year, let's hope he has not had a change of mind.

We are still able to use the field at Emsworth provided it is used with respect and our rules are observed. I know that many of you have been there on a regular basis and some have not been down at all. I know that for myself I have been busy with work and have not been flying for about three months and Alan also has only had limited time due to family commitments. If you require help then you must telephone him first (Evgs / Weekends Only) please do not phone Mon – Frid Daytime.

IMPORTANT REMINDER – NO FLYING IN THE MAIN PARK AREA!

Our membership was originally set a target of 20 members (which we have) in order to get the club started and to see how it would go and this was based on using the original large field. As we are using Emsworth temporarily it was just as well we restricted the numbers due to the small space. When we get the large field we will increase the numbers slightly as we have people waiting.

As I mentioned in the last letter we will not be charging any fee until we get the proper field although we are still holding the £20 permit deposits. Your permits will have the wrong date's etc but don't worry, as long as you are in possession of a permit for the time being. When fees become due we will renew all the permits.

As you may have noticed at the top of this letter we are now affiliated to the BMFA as a group but you will still need to renew your BMFA insurance yourself. Simply telephone and renew with your credit card is the quickest.

When you receive your new insurance you must photocopy it and send a copy to me please.

YOUR 2001 INSURANCE RUNS OUT 31 / DEC / 01

Post To:- Clive Jolley, 14 Warren Close, Hayling Island, Hants, PO11 0HP.

Note: Anyone found flying without insurance will be asked to leave the group, hand back their permit and will receive their £20 deposit back. You need to carry you permit and insurance when flying.

We have a few members who like myself, also belong to PADMAC. As you may know the Thicket at Havant is open again to Helicopters –**BUT** – the problem with the radio mast is still there. So if you do fly there “you pay your money you take your chances!”

Well that's it, let's hope we have a good year with safe flying and no accidents.
Keep in touch and see you soon.

Regards
Clive

