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...HIGHER ADVENTURES

Introducing a Newsletter for Air Scouting

As we head towards the 70th anniversary of Air Scouting in the UK and as the HQ's Specialist Advisor for Air Scouting I am aiming to connect with as many of you as possible in providing you with the specialist information to assist you in delivering an exciting Scouting programme with an "aviation flavour" to your young people.

This introductory newsletter is aimed at Scout Groups that have Air Scout Troops and/or Air Scout Patrols together with their partnering Explorer Scout Units and you are receiving this communication as a member of the respective leadership team of your Group/Unit.

Although I have had the opportunity to meet some of you face to face on visits or at Air Scouting events, direct communications will always be limited and if the response to this newsletter is sufficient it shall be continued to those who wish to continue receiving it.

Should you wish to continue receiving further copies of this Air Scouting focused newsletter please let me know by e-mail.

Leaders in Scouting have always been innovative and keen to help share best practices. In the Air Scouting community you might find this additional specialised (and unofficial) website useful:

www.airscouting.org.uk



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NEWSFLASH - Air Scout Leaders Conference

This has just come in regarding the popular

Air Scouters Conference

Fri Feb 26th to Sun 28th 2010
@ RAF Cottesmore, Oakham
Rutland. Nr Lincolnshire
Sat = Info Bases / Talks
Sun = Hangar Visits (Prov.)

Evening Accommodation available on-site.

For information and joining instructions please contact :

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Air Scouting Brief

Special points of interest:

- > Grants & Scholarships
- > Air Venture 2011
- > Scout Aviation Camps / Young Aviator Events

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Skills Badges



The appropriate Support Teams @ HQ's regularly review the requirements of the various Skills Badges to ensure that they meet the needs of our young people.

This has been taking place for some time

and is hoped to be concluded within the next 6 months.

Some of you have already been approached by me on your input and views on the requirements of various aviation badges and for those who responded I thank you.

Anyone who wishes to make any observations or suggestions please don't hesitate to contact myself directly or make your views known via the Programme & Development team @ Gilwell.

"Every year we hope that your youngsters will apply for these bursaries—but sadly we don't get many applicants from Scouting"

Money, Money, Money!

Scout Groups and Explorer Unit members are always on the lookout for money to fund specific projects or needy individuals.

Many may be aware that there are many general or development funds available from Scout HQ's—for info or advice on these speak to your local development team or District Leaders.

Additionally there are many sources of funding from a wide variety of trusts and grant making bodies. To find them can be a bit of a task— I

would suggest that you make use of such specialised search tools as GrantFinder.

www.grantfinder.co.uk

For assistance in delivering Air Scouting to our young people there is a specialist grant of up to £500 available @ HQ's known as the A.W. Taylor Air Scouting Fund.

For our aspiring young people who wish to learn to fly there are a collection of Flying Bursaries/ sponsorships available — details and application information on some of these can be found on

the following website links.

Royal Aero Club Trust

www.royalaeroclubtrust.org

Pilots & Navigators Guild

www.gapan.org

Light Aircraft Association

www.lightaircraftassociation.co.uk

The Air League

www.airleague.co.uk

Microlight Scholarship

www.gerrybreen.com

G. Stewart Scholarship

www.flyingscholarship.co.uk

RAFA

www.rafa.org.uk

UK Technical Advisors Vacancies

The Activities Team at Scout HQ's currently have some volunteer advisory roles which may be of interest to some of you.

UK Technical Advisers (UKTAs) provide reactive technical advice.

Current Air Scouting related vacancies include:

Flying, Hovercrafting & Parascending

For more details see www.scouts.org.uk/uktavacancies

Many of you will know that our good friends Geoff Rhodes and Ann Underwood

where the Technical Advisors for Flying and Parascending respectively who both recently retired from their roles.

I hope you'll join me in wishing them well and many thanks for all their efforts to steer many of us on the right tracks.

Blue Skies to you both!



Aviation Camp Experiences (ACE) for Scouts

For some years a number of Scout Counties have been partnering with their local branches of the Light Aircraft Association (LAA) to run these highly successful Scout Aero Camps.

Counties include, Devon, Dorset, Gloucestershire, Wiltshire, Hampshire, Kent, East Sussex.

In other counties the

local LAA branches (known as a Strut) organise Young Aviator Days.—these are day experiences for local young people and if the weather is OK then a free flight is offered.

As these Young Aviator events are often over-subscribed check with your local LAA Strut for availability and book some youngsters in—you

will also have more chance if you volunteer to help out with the stewarding on the ground of the YP!!

LAA Young Aviator events meet our POR requirements.

For more info see:

[LAA Struts Info](#)

[Scout Aero Camps Info](#)

Scout Aviation Centre @ Biggin Hill

The Scout Aviation Centre at Biggin Hill on the Kent/Surrey borders provides air related training for Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers.

It is the only dedicated Scout aviation education facility on an active airfield and is able to call upon instructors from Air Groups in the Greater

London area.

The facility also has a full sized working Comet 4 flight simulator and they have organised a great competition for all you budding pilots!



Comet Round Britain Tour 2010

Sat 27th March & Sun 28th March

Event Details:

[Scout Aviation Centre](#)



Lift Off ! - Water Rocket Challenge

The National Physical Laboratory (NPL) sponsors an annual Water Rockets Challenge for Schools and Scouts etc. - here's an extract:

2010 Water Rocket Challenge is on Wednesday, 23 June Registration for the 2010 event is now open.

This annual event has been running since 2003

with over 400 teams (of six) having participated. Scouts regularly enter the event and have won in the past.

Challenges were initially distance and altitude, but presently winners combine landing accuracy (in a zone about 65 m from launch position) with time of flight.

Please ensure that you

read the Rules for the Challenge (which are also included in the Entry Form).

If you are interested in pre-registering for the event or have any water rocket related enquiries, please email waterrockets@npl.co.uk

Their website is:-

www.npl.co.uk



Scout Aviation Camp Badge

Water Rocket Challenge 2010



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We're on the Web!
airscouting.org.uk

This aim of this website is to provide YOU with information, ideas, links and downloadable resources useable by most age sections to help provide an interesting, varied and balanced Air Activity programmes either in your meeting place or near to you.

In conjunction the Forums are a means to assist leadership teams to deliver Air Scouting and to share best practices by other Air Scout Leaders, Instructors and Helpers.

For those of you who are Facebook fans— then why not join the [UK Air Scouts](#) Group?

“If you have any events or best practices to share with the rest of the Air Scouting community then why not share them ?”

Aircraft Recce Competition @ Newark Air Museum

For the first three months of 2010 when you visit the Newark Air Museum you will be able to you're your aircraft recognition skills in a FREE to enter competition, with prizes to a total value of £85 being available each month.

The competition has been organised to celebrate the 85th Anniversary of the official formation of the Observer Corps. The aim of this FREE to enter competition is to appeal to both

the traditional visitors and also to aviation enthusiasts / aero modellers. Don't forget to ask for your entry form when you arrive at the museum!

Based around the traditional types of recognition models used by the Observer Corps for training purposes; a montage of 39 'black models' has been displayed around the Royal Observer Corps dioramas in Hangar 1. Your task is to try to correctly identify each of the models.

Each month £85 worth of vouchers to spend in the Museum Shop will be awarded to the three competition winners, at the following levels:

- 1st Prize £50 ---
- 2nd Prize £25 ---
- 3rd Prize £10

Full details can be found here:

[Newark Air Museum](#)



Air Spotters Badge

