

CHIPFEST at WICKENBY SEPTEMBER 15TH to 18th.2011

NEWSLETTER and PROGRAMME OUTLINE

Greetings to all Instructors and Chipmunk Crews.

You are cordially invited to attend Chipfest 2011 and hopefully this newsletter will answer any questions you might have and provide the “joining and landing & instructions “ that you require.

Charges and Fees

For the Pilots participating in the Formation Training Days and requiring an instructor, there will be a sortie fee of £30 per person which will be paid directly to the instructor.

Where there is a mixed formation of an instructor and pupil plus one or two solo participants a charge of £10 per sortie for the Solo pilots will be payable to the instructor for briefings and debriefings.

Cash or cheques please.

Arriving by Road

Wickenby airfield is just off of the A46 and some eight miles north east of Lincoln

Arriving by Air See downloads for Airfield Plan & Information at:- www.chipfest.co.uk

Please call the airfield on 01673 885000 for PPR and be aware that it is a requirement to call Waddington 127.350 when inbound to Wickenby.

Continental Arrivals suggestion would be to route via HEADCORN where customs are available BY PRIOR ARRANGEMENT

the landing fee is usually halved if uploading 40lts or more of Avgas 100LL

Landing Fees

There will be a £15 landing fee charge per day for Chipmunks participating in the Formation Flying at this event which we will collect and pay to the airfield to help defray their costs.this also includes overnight parking. There will be no landing or parking fees for Chipfest participants arriving on Wednesday or Sunday fee if departing in the morning

FUEL and OIL

AVGAS 100LL and 1litre bottles of oil will be available from the airfield operator and it is hoped that a fuel bowser will be available to come to the aircraft. Aircraft taking part in the formation flying days will have accounts raised for them upon completion of the application form but are required to pay their account at the end of Chipfest or before leaving credit and debit cards, cash and cheques can all be used for payment. Latest price on Avgas at Wickenby is £1.99 per ltr inc VAT.

AIRCRAFT PARKING

Grass areas will be used at all times during the event.

AIRCRAFT TIE-DOWNS

There are no tie-downs on the grass areas so please ensure that you bring your own tie-down kits.

A limited amount of hangarage may be available @ £10 per night.

CASH MACHINE

There is no cash machine facility at the airfield but there is one opposite the Holiday Inn Express on St.Mark's Business Park. There are also three ATM's at Morrisons Supermarket.

TRANSPORT

Unfortunately we have lost the use of the free minibus and have hired a seventeen seater and we will be providing the driver(s). In order to cover our costs a daily rate will have to be levied of £10 per person. Single journeys will be £5 per person.

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Transport –con'td

Transport from the hotel will start at 08.00 each morning making one or two journeys as required. Whilst there are no parking difficulties at the airport, crews or instructors with their own cars need to be aware there is a general car parking levy scheme operating in Lincoln town which also applies to the hotel and is £5 per night. See Hotel parking on this page for discounts available.

HOTEL(s)

Once again we will be using Holiday Inn Express and Janice has managed to secure the same deal *i.e.* £60 per single room and £60 per room with two sharing(single beds)both include breakfast. Evening meals will be three course with tea or coffee for £15(resident or non resident). An online booking system direct to the hotel can be found on the www.chipfest.co.uk website. Crews and participants are responsible for making their own bookings with the hotel via the website. The address is:- Brayford Enterprise Park , RUSTON WAY, LINCOLN LN6 7DB

We have been allocated a certain number of rooms and any unsold 21 days(August 24th) before Chipfest will be taken back by the hotel – the £60 discounted price will only be in force up to August 24th.and anyone booking after that date will be charged £102 per room(single or two sharing inc breakfast).

** It is for this reason that we have sorted alternative hotels and the HOLIDAY INN have agreed a discounted rate of £85 per room with breakfast and bookings can also be made via the Chipfest website. Any rooms allocated to Chipfest that are unsold will be returned to the inventory by August 31st. After that date the £85 per room rate may still apply but subject to number of rooms available – if rooms are in short supply then the rate will be the standard £102 per room – evening three course meal with tea or coffee is £18(resident or non resident). The phone numbers are:- Holiday Inn Express (01522 504200) and The Holiday Inn(01522 504200).

NB.(1) If you book at the last minute and pay full rate at Holiday Inn you can cancel up to 4pm on the day.

(2) Both hotels above will require your credit card details when booking via the Chipfest website.

HOTEL CANCELLATION POLICY

For the Holiday Inn Express the cancellation fee is £60 whether you cancel or no show regardless of how many nights booked. For overseas visitors or very short notice cancellations we have arranged that two rooms can be cancelled with 48hrs.notice with no charge.

For the Holiday Inn you will be charged **the full amount for the number of nights booked**

ALTERNATIVE HOTELS

The White Hart (01522 526222), Charlotte House Hotel(01522 520348), The Castle Inn(01522 538801)

HOTEL CAR PARKING

Drivers need to be aware that there is an overnight charging policy in Lincoln Town which also applies to the hotels. In both cases the charges are:- £5 per car per night, A discount of £1 is available if you join the Hotel Priority Club members and free for Platinum/Gold members

FOOD and DRINK – AIRPORT

The airfield has a cafeteria which will be open all day

FLYING PROGRAMME

Daily weather information will be available and a briefing will be given by 09.00 each day of flying. Weather permitting, a daily flying programme will be organised by the Instructors and a Formation Information and Sortie board will show the status of Aircraft, Crews and areas of operation.

Thursday, Friday and Saturday morning have been set aside as Formation Flying Days and weather permitting we plan to stage a large formation on Saturday afternoon which it is hoped will take in a low flypast at several local airfields before returning to Wickenby by 18.00 local. In order to save time, it is hoped to have the first sorties of the day notified the evening before.

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FORMATION BOOKING OUT DURING CHIPFEST

Booking out forms in the Chipfest Terminal will be handed to ATC - it will be necessary for the formation leader to inform ATC of the formation colour and the number of aircraft - Radio frequencies and procedures will be dealt with during pre-flight briefings.

FORMATION FLYING AREAS

A map of the formation areas can be downloaded from the www.chipfest.co.uk website and will also be available during Chipfest.

INFORMATION ON OTHER AIRFIELD OPERATIONS

In view of the number of military airfields in the area, it will be necessary for ATC Wickenby to liaise with RAF Waddington on a regular basis during the day to inform them of our operations and also to be kept informed of their local area requirements.

NON CHIPFEST PARTICIPANTS – ARRIVAL INFORMATION

It is anticipated that there may be some Chipmunks or other types of aircraft wishing to visit to view the activities at Chipfest and a standard landing fee of £10 will be charged payable direct to the airfield operator. If staying overnight on the grass an additional £5 or £10 if hangared will be levied.

BAD WEATHER PROGRAMME

If flying is not possible:-

- 1) A visit to RAF Coningsby for the Battle of Britain Memorial Flight
- 2) A visit to East Kirkby to see the Lancaster and Dakota and the museum
- 3) An illustrated talk by Rod Brown on Chipmunk history
- 4) A tour of Lincoln City and the Cathedral
- 5) An illustrated talk by Paul Doyle on British Car Ferries

CHIPFEST PILOT and VISITOR LIABILITY WAIVER

All participating Pilots and Visitors will be required to sign a Waiver of Liability which is available from the www.chipfest.co.uk website or was sent by email upon return of your registration form. Additional copies will also be available during the Chipfest event.

Please check with the www.chipfest.co.uk website on a regular basis as there may be further updates to this information.

Please note that the discounted rate on rooms at Holiday Inn Express expire on August 24th. so book as soon as possible

I look forward to seeing you at Wickenby

Rod Brown
August 5th.2011

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RSVP to:- chipmunkflyer@aol.com using the Booking Sheet with this email or on the www.chipfest.co.uk Website.

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