



The Fleet Air Arm Squadron

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Held at 17:30 24th November 2012 at Wardroom HMS Collingwood

2012 Review

Positive Points over the past years

- Membership & Supporters numbers started at 40 now 92
- 62 Squadron Aircraft
- FAA Squadron is a Recognised Military Flying Club
- Waivers for use of MOD Airfields at no cost
- Regular Magazine – The Buzz
- Gliding Awards - Financial Support and Powered Flight Experience
- FAA Squadron Web Site www.faasquadron.org.uk
- Regular Annual Flying Programme Including Deployment to France
- Special Courses Sea Cadets Wings Badge, Flying Companions, Ditching.
- Flying Standards Weekend every April
- Money in the bank

Points for Attention in the next few years (My Suggestions)

- Increase Membership gradually with an accent on Younger Members and current serving aircrew and others.
- Develop the FAA Squadron Web Site and achieve income generating opportunities
- Increase RN & FAA Support activity in cooperation with Fly Navy Heritage Trust and FAA Museum.
- Improve attendance at events by Members especially those with Flying Standards content.

2013 Flying Programme

FAA Squadron Flying Programme (FlyPro) has been assembled for next year but has one or two holes yet to fill and some dates to be set. These issues are being tackled by our new Senior Pilot – Simon Thomas. The programme will be backed by the new Boss Bill Covington and by Phil Moore. A copy of the programme will be circulated in January 2013 followed by an **Intentions** Survey (in February).

Our plans for Gliding Awards support will also be included.

Succession Issues

We are very pleased that Commodore Bill Covington has put his name forward for CO for the next 3 year term. A principle that I established when I was appointed as CO after an 8 year term as Senior Pilot was that these and other key Appointments should not be open ended. I set a time limit of 3 years which can be extended if the



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individual and the Squadron Members agree. I strongly recommend that Members confirm this appointment at this AGM.

We have also been very fortunate in recruiting Simon Thomas as our Senior Pilot. He is now in the job and my recommendation is that his Appointment is confirmed in this meeting. For those who do not know him a brief CV is appended to these notes.

Just to clarify the jobs involved the CO (Boss) looks after overall direction of the Squadron and relationships with outside bodies not the least being the Navy, The Fleet Air Arm, the MOD, but other Flying Clubs, ATC, even Police, CAA and the RAF and so on.

The Senior Pilot looks after the day to day operations working with the Boss and Membership Secretary, Treasurer and the Organisers of each event.


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Notes:

SIMON THOMAS Flying Experience

He has flying experience in Chipmunk, Bulldog, Grob, Cessna 120 (part owner), Horizon, Tiger Moth, Gazelle, Wasp, Sea King, Lynx and Wessex.

RN and GA Flying Total 2750 hrs of which GA 195

Deck Landings 2099 of which 588 night

Simon retired from the RN as a GL Commander having been the Acting Captain i/c Reserves. Since then he has been Director of Finance at the Chartered Institute of Linguists and Burser of Beechwood Park School.

He will tell you the whole story if you ask him!



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