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Wings for the World



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DUXFORD FUNDRAISING LAUNCH

To all our members, supporters and friends

It was announced in the last newsletter that a major fundraising effort would be undertaken over the next two years to purchase an aircraft for humanitarian missions with our European fleet. Now the hard bit...

DUXFORD AIR SHOW 8TH/9TH SEPTEMBER

AWB had a stand at the Imperial War Museum's Duxford Air Show on the 8th/9th September to launch the charity's two year aircraft project. The weather for the weekend event was glorious with big crowds enjoying the sunshine and the air displays were superb. The stars of the show were, of course, the aircraft and the show ended with the usual fantastic display by the Red Arrows.

The star of AWB's stand was our 'wheel of fortune' where an Amy Bear could be won for 50p a spin and many visitors had fun trying. Their efforts helped raise funds towards an additional aircraft. AWB also distributed a quiz with questions about the show for a free prize draw and an appeal will be sent to all who provided their details.

The photographs show five beautiful Spitfires ready to 'scramble' and, in action, the magnificent YAK-50 Aerostars, the largest civilian formation aerobatic team in the world.



SWANSEA SMILING WINGS DAY 23rd SEPTEMBER

The remnants of Hurricane Nadine were due to hit the south west of the UK by Sunday 23rd September but whether or not it would reach the south coast of Wales by then was uncertain. It did, with the inevitable result that flying was cancelled.

It was disappointing, of course, for the ten young carers from the charity 'Time4Me' but it was not all doom and gloom. The event was hosted by AWB and the Cambrian Flying Club and the CFI there, Derek Clyde, and his colleagues did a great job of entertaining the kids. There was a talk on flying, a video from a Cessna 152 flying circuits and tours of the aircraft on the ground. Each child also got a chance to sit in the cockpit.



It was also agreed that the event would be rescheduled for a weekday during the school half term at the end of October and that it would be arranged by the weather rather than by date allowing a bit of juggling of the day to match the best conditions.

The kids were also all presented with their 'certificates of achievement' and their 'wings' in anticipation of the next visit being successful so they did not leave empty handed. The event was kindly supported by EADS (the European Aeronautic, Defence and Space Company) and by Cambrian Flying Club.

CARGO SHIPMENTS TO ADDIS ABABA AND NAIROBI

September

AWB has teamed up with 'Hands Across the World' (HATW) to help them ship hand tools to vocational centres they have set up in Africa. The Monmouth based charity trains young people in basic skills at their training centres in Kenya, Tanzania and Uganda and they are desperately short of suitable tools.

The first load of 100kgs of refurbished, second-hand tools was dispatched to Nairobi on 24th September and will be put to good use at the Paluoc Carpentry Training Workshop in Kisumu. C T Freight has offered to dispatch the load at a reduced price and their help and assistance in the shipping of this cargo is much appreciated. Hopefully this will be the start of a long association with C T Freight and HATW.



August

A small package of thickening baby powder was sent to Addis Ababa on 20th August for a recovering child who had difficulty swallowing normal liquids and who had the potential to aspirate without the thickener.

The little girl, Bezawit, had returned home after treatment at the Royal Brompton Hospital and was running out of supplies but the special powder was not available in Ethiopia. AWB to the rescue! With the fantastic assistance of the freight forwarder, C T Freight, the package was swiftly dispatched and was collected by Bezawit's father a few days later.

CUMBERNAULD (GLASGOW) SMILING WINGS DAY 25th AUGUST

On Saturday 25th August ten children and young people from Aberlour Child Care Trust, with parents and carers, arrived from various points throughout southern Scotland for the fun event at Cumbernauld Airport. The day was hosted by AWB and the Leading Edge Flying Club and was supported by EADS (European Aeronautic, Defence and Space Company).

Fortunately the weather was reasonably good for flying but, with rain forecast by mid afternoon, the flights were started as soon as the first guests arrived. As it turned out the quick start was just as well for, by 2.30pm, all had managed to fly and there was even time to take a group photo. By 3.00pm, with most on the way home, the heavens opened and what can only be described as a tropical downpour fell from the sky. A close call!

The local area is very scenic and with the good visibility there were lots of sights to view.

‘We could see for miles’, exclaimed 14-year-old Sean, ‘and we flew over the Wallace Monument, Stirling Castle and the Falkirk Wheel. It was fantastic’.

Thanks to all at the Leading Edge Flying Club the kids had a great day and the group photo shows the smiles.



AIRCRAFT PROJECT IN KENYA

This project is still stalled owing to lack of funds at St Orsola Hospital in Meru. Discussions are continuing and if any progress is forthcoming all interested will be notified.



FORTHCOMING EVENTS

AGM in London beginning December. Date TBN

SOMEONE IN KULULA AIRLINES, SOUTH AFRICA HAS A SENSE OF HUMOUR.



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