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SILVER CITY NEWSLETTER 2011

Last year we said "Greetings Citizens after a second cold winter". This year unbelievably we are sending our greetings after a third cold winter! At least now that we are into the New Year our thoughts can turn to the warmer days ahead – we hope. As many of you will know, once again we invited our colleagues from Air Ferry and Invicta to join us at last year's reunion and we will do so again this year.

2010 REUNION REPORT – SATURDAY, 17th JULY

Torrential rain until 10.00, then bright and sunny. Just under a hundred attended; not too crowded and very comfortable in the lounge. Once again the catering was excellent. Keith reported that the airport expansion planning application had unexpectedly been approved but that a mini public enquiry had been asked for which could cause some delay. However, a boom in traffic was forecast for 2012 as a result of the Olympic Games. Plans had also been approved for Southampton to build a heritage museum combining aviation and marine topics. Solent Sky would take a major role in the aviation section which will mean that at last we will have some display space. Keith also said that his book 'Silver City Airways' had received excellent reviews and that sales had exceeded expectations with a reprint likely. He extended his great thanks to Paul Ross and Ken Honey for their contributions. Paul had also done a wonderful job in bringing our website www.silvercityairways.com 'on line' on time and on budget. It was slowly being added to and there had been a number of contacts already. Keith once again thanked Steve Hogarth for sponsoring the project. Paul said he would like to hear of any stories or anecdotes he could include on the website.

Britta von Zweigbergk came along with copies of her new book 'Tony's Peace' - a follow-up to her earlier book 'Tony's War'. 'Tony's Peace' has a lot of Silver City content both in text and pictorially with contributions from 'Spud' Murphy, Mike Cole and Ken Honey - all SCA aircrew who knew and flew with Tony in the early 1950s. This book will be of great interest to any SCA member - details from Keith or go to www.tonyspeace.com.

Apologies were received from: Pete Adams, Sue and Liz Bryan, Rosemary Allan, Irene Osbourne, John Smith, Robin Brodie-James, Roy Hawker and 'Spud' Murphy. As usual, sincere thanks to everyone who brought a raffle prize; it is these funds that keep us going. Thanks of course to all those people that made the day possible: Sally, Paul, Frances Shilling, Rae Bark, Gill Rowell and also to Audrey Kennard and Malcolm Finnis for organising our Air Ferry and Invicta friends.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Lympne Aero Classic: 2nd/3rd July 2011. Celebrating the history of Lympne Airfield from 1916 to the 1980s. Lympne Village Hall and playing fields plus 'The County Members' pub. Replica aircraft, re-enactors, Silver City and Skyways Associations, military vehicles, classic cars and commercial vehicles. Free admission.

PHOTOGRAPHS

Ken Honey has kindly refurbished the album containing his photographs that he gave us and they are now in one of our standard blue albums titled 'Ken Honeys' Album'. Your pictures and any memorabilia are still welcome - they form such an important pictorial record in our collection. Sorry no group photographs were taken at the reunion this time; we will do better in 2011!

CARDS, PRINTS AND BOOKS

We still have some cards and prints of 'Crossing in Style'; cards are £1 each or £5 for six and £10 for 15. The large prints are £15 each or £30 signed by some SCA pilots. (Contact Keith for details.) The book 'Silver City Airways' is currently still available from book websites or bookshops at £15 or less.

WANTED

We urgently need a set of Silver City Air Hostess metal wings for our collection.

DEPARTURE LOUNGE

Regretfully since the last newsletter we have lost Cliff Ashley, Maureen Harrison, Ricky Kingdon and Mick 'Timber' Wood. Our condolences to their families and to any other members who have lost loved ones that we are not aware of.

CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

I have been your Chairman now for 23 years and have decided that it is time for me to hand over the chair to a younger person to take us forward.

It is vitally important that the new chairperson should share our desire to keep the reunions and newsletters going and have the enthusiasm to preserve the company's place in aviation history. It gives me great satisfaction to tell you that Paul Ross has agreed to be our new Chairman with effect from 1st January 2012 and that Sally Maycock will continue as our Secretary. I will stay on the committee as Archivist and, of course, I will be at all the reunions – God willing! My sincere thanks to all of you for the great help and support you have been to me and in giving Silver City so much visibility in the aviation eye after all these years; our Association is the envy of a great many airlines. Please give Paul and Sally all the support you can to keep our Association great. Thank you.

2011 REUNION – LYDD AIRPORT, SATURDAY, 16th JULY (12.30 – 17.30)

The reunion will once again be held in the main lounge. There will be a cold buffet and bar; the entrance fee at the door will be £10 per person. Just turn up with your wives, husbands, partners or friends. If you would like to donate a raffle prize please bring it with you. Once again, our sincere thanks for your support either by coming or by E mail/letter. We look forward to seeing you in July.

Keith Dagwell (Chairman) Paul Ross (Vice Chairman)
Sally Maycock (Secretary)