



Ill-informed newspapers making wild claims about the SBS-1 don't help the enthusiast.

As you can see from comments in the Editorial last month, it was only a matter of time until some tabloid newspaper put the 'terrorist' slant on the SBS-1 system. To be perfectly honest, I thought it would have happened before now. Thanks to SBS Files reader **Maurice Wragg** who kindly sent in the newspaper clipping.

I have to admit that I am totally disgusted with what was written in the paper, as it is completely unfounded. Having discussed this issue at length with many people, including Kinetics, there is no terrorist threat surrounding the SBS-1 System. The article included a very questionable image showing a terrorist firing a shoulder-launched missile at a

landing plane. The point I would like to make is that you do not need an SBS-1 to show when a plane is landing or taking off, that's what timetables are for - but newspapers forget to mention that these are widely available to the general public.

For any SBS users worried about this aspect, don't be. The SBS-1 is for aviation professionals and enthusiasts.

The Kinetic Summer Party

I am happy to report that the Kinetic Summer Party Fundraising event was a total success. Due to an assignment at Leuchars Airshow the same weekend, I am sad to say I missed the event, although I have heard from both Godfrey (Sky High) and Elaine (editor)

that it was a great day. The fundraising for the Children's Air Ambulance raised a total of £2850. Good work and well done to everyone involved.

Interesting Radar Contacts

It has been an interesting month in terms of aircraft picked up on SBS-1 systems around the country. One of these interesting contacts was picked up by **Bill Turner**.

Code 48434F
Reg: P4-MES
Type: Boeing 767-33AER
B763
Owner: Roman Abramovich
In case any of you are

unaware, Roman Abramovich is a Russian billionaire who currently owns Chelsea FC. He is classed as the richest Russian in the world and the second richest person in Britain!

As reported in Military Matters, the USAF had four Hercules aircraft deployed over here for exercises, many of which being conducted at Luce Bay and West Freugh. I subsequently managed to pick up a few of the aircraft while on operations. I was only able to tie up two of the aircraft, so if any readers happen to know what the other two were, it would be greatly appreciated.

Aircraft 63-7885 had the Mode-S code of AE02B2 and aircraft 64-0527 was AE02B5

It also appears that the A380 has been flying around again.

Paul Marshall came back to his SBS-1 to find the A380 had appeared on his aircraft list. Unfortunately, he was not at his desk at the time for a screen capture but the aircraft listing is the next best thing. I only wish that I had my SBS on at the same time, as the aircraft was reported on several groups as flying over Glasgow, which is only about 12 miles as the crow flies from my shack!

3825BB
AIB104
F-WXXLA380
France
36,000ft
478.4kts

SBS Abroad

I have been chatting with a fellow SBS User who has recently moved to Spain. His SBS and radio equipment all went as well. If all goes according to plan, I should have some interesting logs and screen shots from an SBS-1 in a slightly sunnier location than most of us at this time of year. I am sitting anxiously waiting to see the results. I would also be interested to hear from anyone who took their SBS on holiday with them (assuming their family and friends would let them!).

There is a good debate taking place on the Kinetic Avionics forum for SBS users regarding taking things like the SBS-1 on holiday. It seems that several users have successfully travelled abroad, passing through airport security without any problems. Others on the forum have, understandably, been a little cautious.

If you would like to drop in to the forum and catch up on the news and views there, check out:

<http://www.kinetic-avionics.co.uk/forums.php>
and follow the instructions.

Whether you own and use an SBS-1 or are just interested in what they do, the forum is a source of lots of interesting information.



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