## CENTRAL SOUTHERN CLASSIC FLYING CLUB



## **UPDATE & RACING 2016**

I would like to begin by thanking everyone who very kindly donated pigeons to the late bred sale on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> September. The quality of pigeons was outstanding with 38 lots being sold. The total raised on the night was £3,140. Thank you also to Sarisbury Green RPC for all their help this season with the sales evenings and marking days.

At the Classic's Autumn Committee meeting held on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> September, racing details for next season were the main topic on the agenda.

The Classic will continue to use the British Barcelona Club's transporter for 2016. The British Barcelona Club have confirmed that modifications are being made to both the transporter and trailer to enable a racking system to be included for the crates to be placed in to. This will produce an air flow above and below the crates and also on the sides of the crates as well. Feeding and watering will still continue to be done from inside the transporter. Once these modifications have been made, pictures will be printed for you to see. Also, after each race the data logging taken from inside the transporter will be included with the race report.

From the race programme for 2016 you will see there are some changes. As we already convoy other organisations to Pau, it has been decided to incorporate an Open Race from Pau along with our Pau Race in June. There will one joint liberation taking place but there will be two separate races, the Classic Blue Riband Race as normal and also the combined Pau Open Race. Classic members who enter Pau Classic as normal will automatically be duplicated free of charge in to the Open Race.

The first and second old bird races and young bird/old hens race will see a change of racepoints. The first old bird and YB/OH races will be flown from Coutances. From the picture you will see Coutances is situated at the bottom of the French Peninsula which enables the birds to have a run up before crossing the channel. Some approximate distances are: Southampton 130 miles, Chichester 123 miles, Bournemouth 121 miles, Weymouth 119 miles Exeter 127 miles, Salisbury 142 miles, Basingstoke 152 miles, Reading 169 miles, Oxford 178 miles, Swindon 176 miles, Hereford 213 miles, Gloucester 195 miles, Bristol 172 miles, Weston Super Mare 173 miles, Cardiff 187 miles.

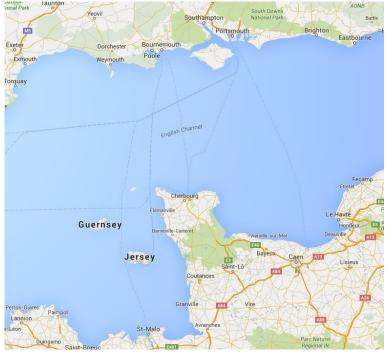
The second old bird race will be flown from Ancenis. This racepoint is between Nantes and Angers (see picture) with the distance being approximately 247 miles to Southampton, 312 miles to Gloucester, 284 miles to Reading, 329 miles to Hereford, 300 miles to Cardiff and 250 miles to Exeter.

The breeder/buyer race will still be flown with the Coutances YB/OH race. Breeder/buyer auctions will take place in Gloucester on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> April and Southampton on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> April and Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> April.

**2016 Race Programme.** Coutances 7<sup>th</sup> May, Ancenis 28<sup>th</sup> May, Pau & Open race 24<sup>th</sup> June, Bergerac 15<sup>th</sup> July & Coutances YB/OH & breeder/buyer 20<sup>th</sup> August. Finally, the Committee also agreed that Part B of your race entry form must be filled in completely with all the birds ring numbers which are entered in the race.



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