

Dangerous Police Helicopter Chase over South Wales

On Independence Day, 2004, the police launched their helicopter, from Cardiff, loaded with extra officers armed with a video camera, to chase Maurice across south Wales, to his air strip, next to St Donats Castle as another police helicopter crew, in Gloucestershire, had reported him to be flying whilst his pilot's licence was temporarily suspended. He was suspended due to a conviction of 'low flying' until he won his case against the CAA, in Taunton Crown Court, without the need to give evidence or call witnesses. As with trading in 'machine guns' he obtained not a single penny in compensation.

The video, that was made, was taken so close to the Piper Cub, it frightened the Cardiff air traffic personnel who watched it, after the incident, whilst it was being hawked around 'authorities'. The two aircraft, not even in radio communication, were so close to each other they could even read the wording on Maurice's T shirt.

The Chief Constable has launched more than one expensive piece of flying kit for Maurice, in her time, for duties that could have easily been executed by a single 'bobby', in his Panda Car but who's counting?

Maurice was refused any admission of this incident, let alone disclosure at court stage. He asked for details that very same day. Until this year, that is, six years later, with the video film conveniently shredded. Facts leaked out in the Defendant's 'skeleton argument', currently before His Honour Judge Seys Llewelyn QC, to 'strike out' his eighteen year running action for harassment and false imprisonments.

On that sunny summer's day Maurice had taken the 'pre flight' precaution, the CAA so often having commented on this particular discipline where Maurice was concerned, for Andy, another tail dragger pilot, to sit in the front seat for a change, not that you generally fly a WW2 D-Day cub from that position!