



Photo of Penhale Sands courtesy of Aviation Services Cornwall incorporating Channon Photography

PENHALE SANDS — A LEGEND IN THE MAKING

IAN HINES of Cornwall OC sends an irresistible invitation to National Event VI and the Caddihoe Chase on September 24/25th 1988

After a cursory glance at the photograph you could be forgiven for thinking you were viewing some lunar landscape. The picture is, in fact, of Penhale Sands in Cornwall, site of this year's Caddihoe Chase (also National VI).

It may not be the moon but if you've ever wondered what Moon-O would be like you couldn't pick a better Earthly venue.

The terrain, sparsely vegetated fixed sand dunes, really is unique with tremendously challenging navigation and some superb views.

Cornwall O.C. — KERNO — used Penhale in 1986 for a very successful Badge event and are currently busy remapping and extending the area in preparation for their first National Event.

Penhale Sands is situated on the rugged North Cornwall coast just west of Newquay. The area is surprisingly fast and easy to reach. The much improved A30 offers a scenic route around the north of Dartmoor whilst the A38 takes the traveller south, across Plymouth and into Cornwall by way of the Tamar Bridge and the brilliantly engineered Saltash Tunnel (mile for mile Britain's most expensive bypass). From here Newquay is less than one hour's driving.

Travel times are generally favourable. With the new road network the journey from Bristol can be made in less than three hours.



For the more adventurous there is a direct link from Heathrow to Newquay by the West Country's own airline Brymon Airways.

The event itself promises to be as spectacular as the landscape. Day 1 doubles as National VI and as the Southern and South-West Championships and is also featured on the IOF International Calendar. Day 2 is a chasing start which always proves very exciting.

We think it will be a weekend not to be missed — make sure you're there!

See also — *Focus on Cornwall OC*, by Brian Parker, *C/Sp* vol 6, no 8, Jan 1986.