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Newsletter of the PFA Bristol Strut

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NEXT MEETING— MANUEL QUEIROZ



After the summer break, we will resume meeting at BAWA on September 14th, and look forward to seeing Manuel again to learn about his record breaking adventure when he flew around the globe in his home-built RV6a.

Now you will have the opportunity to ask him those questions which came to mind when **you** thought about flying around the world!

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JUNE MEETING -

Although we were disappointed at being unable to arrange a Bar B Q for the June Meeting, a good handful of members met at BAWA for a social evening's get-together. Others took the opportunity to share their aircraft with members who don't normally have the chance to fly often and they enjoyed the wonderful summer weather.

GOOD NEWS

The more observant readers will have noticed that we now have an Acting Strut Co-ordinator. We are very grateful to Steve Neale for offering to step into the breach temporarily until he and Pat can decide on their permanent home location. Steve has recently completed his tail-wheel conversion at Old Sarum - well done Steve!

FUTURE MEETINGS

October 12th - AGM	Thursday 8 March 2007 -
Nov 9th - (Hopefully) Ultimate High	CAA Safety Evening Presentation with David Cockburn
Dec 14th - The Strut Quiz	
Jan 11th 2007 - Roger Hopkinson	BAWA Room 1, starting 19:30 hrs

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Places to go this summer

Free landing vouchers valid for August are in:

FLYER magazine for

Campbeltown, Enstone, Islay, and Sherburn-in Elmet plus, for the last month, Pajala in Lapland.

PILOT magazine for

Bagby, Brimpton, Chiltern Park, Huddersfield, Lundy and Old Sarum.

Today's Pilot for Wick, Manston, Fishburn and White Waltham.

Some local events in August -

5 - 6th: European Luscombe Rally - Oaksey Park

6th: Devon Strut fly-in - Treborough

6th: Wings & Wheels at Old Sarum

13th: Devon Air Day & Fly-in at Dunkeswell

18 -20th: PFA Flying for Fun '06 - Kemble

26th: Bank Holiday Bash - Henstridge

27th: Devon Strut fly-in - Roserrow

Don't forget - check first and call PPR before going!

Looking ahead...

2nd/3rd Sept Chiltern Park - in aid of Thames & Chiltern Air Ambulance Trust

9th & 10th September Jodel Fly in at Boxted Airfield

10th Sept - Kemble Open Day - 10.30 - 16.00

17th Sept - WPPAF's 7th annual fly-in to be held at Lower Upham.

Members News

Young Eagle is now fully fledged!

Tom Kinsley, one of our first Young Eagles, has finished at Manchester University and has passed out with an Aerospace Engineering honours degree. Her Majesty requests him to report to RAF Cranwell (and get a salary) on 8th Jan 07 as Acting Flying Officer Kinsley. He will pass out of Cranwell on 7th Oct 07 and then on to RAF Linton-on Ouse to continue his flying training on the Tucano. Well done, Tom - we knew you could do it!

Help needed

John Mapplethorpe is building an RV9, and writes as follows:

Presently I am building an RV9 in the Chew Valley area and having now completed the airframe am approaching, with some trepidation, a mass of issues relating to instrumentation, electrics, comms etc, etc.

Perhaps there is a member in the area willing to offer technical/hands on assistance for which I would be happy to reimburse their time or return the favour in some other way. As I am self employed I can usually fit in most times to suit, although evenings are more difficult.

If you can help, call the editors number (page 1).

Fly a Teacher - update

Bristol Strut members have now completed ten successful air experience flights for local teachers, and two Young Aviators were also made very happy.

If you have a spare seat and would like to take a part in this programme, let us know and we will find a contact for the schools local to your base airfield. A leaflet is available for download from the Youth and Education website: www.flyers.org.uk

Click this link and select 'Fly a Teacher' from the menu to download the leaflet, and pin it up in your local school.

Rally News

PFA Flying for Fun 2006

Bristol Strut will once again be on site running the Used Aircraft for Sale facility, and will be in the same location as last year. John will bring his caravan along and we hope to have extended space in which to park aircraft for sale. If you are planning to attend the Rally this year and can spare an hour or so to help out, please come along and see us - all welcome!

Strut picture board.

A board has to be prepared for display in the marquee which illustrates what the Strut gets up to. If any member feels able to take on this project please call the editor's number and we will get the base board to you. Remember, we haven't got much time left!

Other jobs...

Bernie King needs more helpers in the *booking in tents*. They will need to attend his briefing on Thursday night. Pilots or 'airside aware' preferred if possible. If anyone can help either contact Bernie or let Steve know and he will pass on your details. They run a shift system so people get a rest and plenty of time to 'do' the exhibition.

Ian Lawrence has asked for volunteers to join his team of *marshallers* as he expects Cadet numbers to be down this year. If you can spare some time to wave at aeroplanes, make yourself known at the workers van or Rally information who will contact Ian on the field.

National Council Meeting - 17th June

NC Minutes

As our NC Rep couldn't go this time, we are grateful to Steve Neale who went along to represent Bristol Strut together with fellow member Dave Hall who wore his Education Strut hat as well. A copy of the minutes, including the engineering report, is available from the editor; please call if you want to read them. (Contact details page 1).

Airspace changes

By now, all pilots in the Bristol/Cardiff area will be aware of the new Class D airspace recently approved by the CAA department of airspace policy (DAP). Details have been available for some time on the Brissle Website, and following a recent hazard evaluation meeting at Bristol Airport, the Charts department have agreed to produce a new edition of the half-mil chart which will include these and all other changes made since February. This chart, known as Edition 32A, will be available around the 25th August. The new airspace will become effective on 31st August 2006.

The CAA have announced this airspace change on AIC 96/2006 (Yellow 217) which was published on July 20th, and changes to associated flight procedures will be notified in UK AIP Amendment AIRAC 9. A copy of the map on the AIC is also available for download from our website (click the green button).

For us in the Bristol area, NATS will be making a presentation to explain the changes and answer any questions at Bristol International Airport in the Administration Building (old terminal) on **Monday August 21st at 1930 hrs.**

Similarly, for the Cardiff area, at the Cardiff Academy of Aviation at Cardiff International Airport on **Wednesday 9th August at 1930 hrs.**

PFA Awards - nominations wanted

A list of the various awards for presentation at *Flying For Fun 06* follows. If you know of anyone deserving, do let PFA HQ have your nomination very soon.

THE LOIS PARKER TROPHY

Awarded for distinguished service in an administrative function of great Benefit to PFA.

The trophy was donated to PFA by her many friends in the organisation. Lois Parker was the much loved wife of Frank Parker a former Chairman of PFA. Until she was incapacitated by an ultimately fatal illness Lois was a devoted and inspired secretary to the PFA. The Parker's front room was the PFA office and due to their efforts a sound foundation was built from which the PFA has grown.

The award is restricted to PFA Members.

THE FRANK HOUNSLOW TROPHY

For Services To PFA In Engineering

Presented to PFA by Rollason Aircraft and Engines in May 1994. Frank Hounslow who worked for Rollasons for many years was also PFA's Chief Inspector until his death.

Awarded to the PFA member who has made a major contribution to PFA's engineering function, e.g. in Inspection.

THE CHRIS PAUL TROPHY (Presidents Joy -Stick)

Awarded for services to the PFA.

The trophy, an AVRO 504N control column, was presented to the PFA by former President Air Commodore G.J.C. Paul.

The award is made to the individual who has received no other award but deserves recognition for a particular act of devotion to the PFA cause, often behind the scenes and in connection with the PFA Rally, and of great benefit to us all.

THE PETE CLARKE TROPHY

Awarded to the person who has made a major contribution to air safety.

The cup was presented by Ivan Shaw to the PFA at its 50th anniversary Rally in memory of Pete Clarke who was killed during a flight demonstration at Old Warden in a Slingsby Firefly. Pete had carried out most of the test flying on the Europa during its development.

It is awarded to an individual or group who have greatly contributed to air safety.

DID YOU KNOW??

Dave Hall reports the following:

You can fly in to Middle Wallop at weekends, even when the airfield is officially closed, to visit the museum.

Give the airfield manager 01980 678727 a call, say a week before you plan to go. He'll give you an authorisation and ask you to send a cheque for the landing fee. If you don't arrive they will destroy the cheque or hold it until such time as you re-arrange a visit.

On the day before your proposed flight call ATC before 16.00 hrs for a briefing 01980 674380. I'm told no cheque received = no briefing :-)

Someone visited on a Sunday and was briefed to maintain a good lookout, make blind calls and to park on the grass in front of the Fire Station, from where it's a short walk to the museum. Well worth a visit.

Stall:

Technique used to explain to the bank why your car payment is late.

CAA to Hold Mode S Workshop - 15 August

In Conference Rooms 1 and 2 at CAA House, 45-59 Kingsway, London WC2, from 10 am to 2 pm.

The workshop has been timed to give everyone an opportunity to discuss any points, or get answers to any questions, before responding to the consultation which ends on 29 August.

Numbers are limited, so confirmation of attendance will be required to allow a light buffet lunch to be catered for. Anyone who wishes to attend, or has any questions on the consultation, should contact Squadron Leader Max Seaman on 0207 453 6534 or email: mode.s@dap.caa.co.uk

New Website for Aircraft spares

As a PFA member and owner / builder of a Jabiru, Paul Sintern turned his hobby into a business: www.partsforaircraft.co.uk

The website is growing very fast with all sorts of items for the homebuilder and permit aircraft operator including Stratomaster instruments, which offer some key advantages over conventional analogue types, not least in the areas of weight, performance and price.

The rest of the website contains well over 200 items, including NGK spark plugs, a good range of tools - many in AF sizes, tyres, fixings and fastenings, electrical parts, VapourOil, and the list goes on. Products are ordered on-line and despatched same working day by First Class Royal Mail.

Why not help out a fellow PFA member and visit his website?

DON'T INFRINGE AIR DISPLAY AIRSPACE

A message from the CAA

Each year there are incidents where the temporary restricted airspace established around airshows is infringed. This leads to displays – including those by the Red Arrows – being disrupted and thousands of members of the paying public being denied the chance to see the performances. Some displays are even cancelled as a result. All infringements have flight safety implications and could lead to accidents and, ultimately, loss of life.

In many cases infringements occur because pilots have not briefed themselves properly before taking off. As the UK's airshow season is now underway, the CAA is reminding all pilots of the briefing options available to ensure that they are not responsible for one of this year's infringements.

There are several ways to obtain pre-flight briefing information:

One of the easiest ways to check on temporary restricted airspace (such as Red Arrows displays) is by calling the dedicated freephone Aeronautical Information Services (AIS) Information Line on **0500 354 802**

Check NOTAMs on the AIS website www.ais.org.uk or contact the NOTAM Office on **020 8745 3451 or 3450** (24-hour facility).

Alternatively, check Pre-Flight Information Bulletins (PIBs) on the AIS website. PIB Help is also available here. PIBs may also be accessed through the NATS website, www.nats.co.uk, even if the AIS website is down.

Check Aeronautical Information Circulars (AICs), also on the AIS website.

Mauve AICs notify the establishment of Temporary Restricted Airspace around all of the Red Arrow's display sites and certain airshows. For example, 55/2006 (Mauve 183) lists Red Arrow display sites during June and July. 65/2006 (Mauve 186) provides information concerning this year's Royal International Air Tattoo at RAF Fairford between 12-17 July, while 85/2006 (Mauve 202) deals with the Eastbourne Airshow on 17-20 August.

Yellow AICs providing details of major displays or rallies may also be published. For example:

23/2006 (Yellow 198) provides information concerning 2006 Shuttleworth Old Warden events.

40/2006 (Yellow 202) provides general information concerning Duxford special events.

A number of major events are notified by both Mauve and Yellow AICs. For example, 79/2006 (Yellow 212) and 80/2006 (Mauve 199) provide details of the 2006 PFA 'Flying for Fun' at Kemble on 18-20 August.

Wherever and whenever you fly this summer make sure you are properly briefed and that you don't end up as an infringement of display airspace.

For more information on avoiding infringements see www.flyontrack.co.uk.

For more media information contact the CAA press office on **020 7453 6027**.