

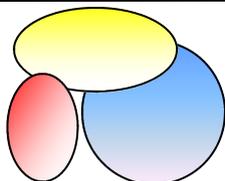


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NEXT MEETING - 10th December, Quiz Night

Our December Quiz will start about 7.30 and we traditionally all bring along some food to share around to keep the festive atmosphere and help the little grey cells work.

Trevor has provided the following advice for the evening: "As you have a new quizmaster this year, I think it only fair that you have a chance for some preparatory revision. So here, to help you, are the titles of the categories of questions:

- It's around here somewhere!
- Birds of a feather
- Who knows Wright from Wrong?
- V for Victory
- Airfield News
- Just the job!
- Can you tell them apart?
- If I were you, I'd...
- Who pays the Piper?
- Scramble, scramble, here they come again!

Having given you this help, I shall be expecting high marks!"

See Page 4 for a little teaser from Graham, to get your brains in training for next Thursday...



LAST MEETING - AFPEX

Last month we talked about the AFPEX flight plan submission system and Steve showed us the basics of the system. For pilots flying from strips, it's a useful tool to not only file a plan, but also close it yourself once at the foreign destination. The system is still evolving and Trevor updated us on the latest changes that make French addressing simpler. NATS have a useful tutorial online that will be helpful for those of us who only use it on rare occasions.

<http://www.myafpex.co.uk/GATraining.htm>

Of course, the traditional FAX method is still available if preferred. AFPEX does, however, allow the pilot to "file and fly" removing the traditional one hour wait for a FAX to get into the system.

Trevor adds, for the benefit of those who were there: "With reference to Steve's description of AFPEX as essentially an e-mail system, I have been unable to find the reference I mentioned to time sequencing of messages, but I now suspect I had been reading something relevant to the IFR IFPS system, rather than to VFR flight plans. Also, at the meeting, I mentioned that there had been a partial simplification of the addressing for flight plans for French airspace. The present situation is given by Ian Seager at <http://blogs.flyer.co.uk/2009/08/guide-to-vfr-flight-plan-addressing-for.html>."

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Where to go....

Free landing vouchers for December in:

Flyer Magazine: Bourn, Fishburn, Old Buckenham and Turweston

Pilot Magazine: Netherthorpe, North Coates, Shipdham, Sturgate, Wickenby and Waterford,

Today's Pilot: Campbeltown, Longside, Netherthorpe, Sandtoft, Shobdon and Tayside

Light Aviation (LAA Mag): Eshott, Headcorn, Longside, Roserrow

6th December - Vintage Fly-in Old Sarum PPR. Free landing if plane is pre -1955

12th December - Wessex Strut talk on Skywatch at 10am at Henstridge so if you'd like to learn more or be involved do contact their Co-ordinator: Nick Long on 07760 176116 or e-mail nick@beaglepup.info

3rd January 2010 - Vintage Fly-in Old Sarum PPR. Free landing if plane is pre -1955

Future Date

Wing Member, Richard King, is organising a Help 4 Heroes event to fly Handicapped Service Personnel on 18th April 2010. For further information, please click on the link: <http://forums.flyer.co.uk/viewtopic.php?f=1&t=59760&p=807130#p807130> and well done Richard for all the effort you've put in so far.

Forthcoming Wing Meetings:

Due to unforeseen circumstances the published January 2010 talk "Air Southwest Presentation" will have to be postponed 'till February, so our schedule will now be

14th January 2010 - Ian Tadd on: "The technical barriers and potential for electric powered aircraft"

11th February - Air Southwest Presentation

11th March - CAA Safety Evening

Why fly? Simple
I'm not happy unless
there's some room between
me and the ground.

~Richard Bach

WING SURVEY RESULTS

We had 8 replies to our recent Survey (from a membership of more than 40!).

We must be doing something right as everyone thought our meetings were more interesting than not. We have a few ideas for next year and some kind offers from members to arrange speakers, so we will endeavour to keep things interesting both for enthusiasts and pilots.

All but one said they enjoyed reading the newsletter, the other said there was some interesting stuff. Mary is always happy to look at members' articles, so please let her know if you have something.

All but one said they would like to go to fly outs if offered a seat, the other said their spare seat is usually taken. I've mentioned before that the key to getting airborne, for people wishing to take a spare seat, is short term availability. Weather is our master and sometimes a pilot only decides to fly on the morning of the trip, so if people are able to drop everything if they get a call, not only will they get a flight, but will probably be asked back again. Not always easy as we all know, of course. I think we need to re-look at this area, as some members clearly wish to fly, but it's not happening for them.

All but one said they would like a summer BBQ, so we will arrange something. The other didn't need social events. Skittles and trips to aviation museums were mentioned by one person.

Re expenditure: everyone thought we had it about right, there was also unanimous agreement the subscription was at the right level.



MEMBERS' NEWS

James Turner

Congratulations to Wing member Pete Turner's son, James, who has now completed his Commercial Pilot's Licence and Instrument Rating.

He is currently completing various other courses before doing his Citation training with Pete as his instructor (!) and tested by A.N.Other!! James will then be on line as a Citation and King Air Co-pilot in January. Pete is understandably a very proud Dad!

SNIPPETS

Wing Fly-in to Filton on 20th September 2009 to visit Bristol Aero Club

There is now a report on the airfield website via the following link:-

http://www.bristolfilton.co.uk/news/Bristol_Aero_Club_Fly_in.php

Thanks to Phil Green for organising this and we hope he will be able arrange another fly-in in 2010

The use of aeroplanes for photography

His request approved, the Fox News photographer quickly used a cell phone to call the local airport to charter a flight and he was told a twin-engine plane would be waiting for him at the airport. Arriving at the airfield, he spotted a plane warming up outside a hanger, so he jumped in with his bag, slammed the door shut and shouted, 'Let's go'.

The pilot taxied out, swung the plane into the wind and took off.

Once in the air, the photographer instructed the pilot, 'Fly over the valley and make low passes, so I can take pictures of the fires on the hillsides.'

'Why?' asked the pilot.

'Because I'm a photographer for Fox Cable News,' he responded. 'And I need to get some close up shots.'

The pilot was strangely silent for a moment. Finally, he stammered 'So, what you're telling me, is . . . You're NOT my flight instructor?'

Britannia XM496 at Kemble

We have had the following invitation forwarded from Harry Hopkins at the Gloucester Strut. It's a bit short notice for you, but if you're interested, let Harry know on: Harry.Hopkins@talktalk.net

*Just a (cheeky) note to say that we shall have the Brit open to the public on **Sunday 6th December**, from around 11am. We have power on line and the aircraft is in a PCF configuration, that is half freight - half passenger. The pax section is in authentic Transport Command style - rear facing seats being order of the day (or indeed of the MoD). If you have any members who would wish to come and pay a visit, do please let me know - small groups are left just to make a personal donation to funds of course. We can 'let you in' the flight deck.*

AV8 on-line Aviation Magazine

This is an aviation publication that we can all read for free via the following website: www.av8magazine.com

Just register and read. It makes good reading and as they say, it is the most environmentally friendly magazine available. Pooley's Flight Equipment is offering a 5% discount on its products for all AV8 readers; if you want to take advantage of this saving, just quote 'AV8' when you place your order and Pooley's will do the rest! Not only that, but if you spend over £40, Pooley's will give you a FREE flight planning chart worth £12.99. This offer is exclusive to AV8 Magazine readers and is not available anywhere else. It won't last forever, so take advantage of Pooley's generosity while you can!

Late News

Due to a last minute cancellation there is ONE PLACE LEFT on the following:

Course: **Wooden Aircraft Structures**

Venue: *Wednesday 9th December* **Location:** Field Rise, Kite Hill, Wanborough, Wilts, SN4 0AW. Tel: 01793 791 517

Course instructor: Dudley Pattison

Arrival time: 09:15 to 09:30

Finish Time: 5:00 pm

Cost: £95 (includes lunch)

If interested, contact Dudley asap.

Wishing all our readers a very

Happy Christmas

followed by a

healthy and peaceful New Year

with blue skies and fair winds in 2010



Picture Quiz

Graham has sent us this picture to give our minds some gentle exercise before Trevor's major work-out, on Thursday 10th December.

Graham says:

"For one point: what type is it?"

"For another point: Where located?"



Ian Leader Trophy

You will remember from the AGM minutes circulated last month, that it was decided to present the Ian Leader Trophy at the end of the Year at the Annual Quiz. It was agreed that it should be presented **'For Services to the Bristol Wing'** and that members be able to nominate anonymously the wing member who they feel is most deserving. Please tear off the slip below and bring it with you on Thursday 10th December, where all entries will be put into a hat, the winner drawn and the trophy presented.

Nomination Form

The member I feel most deserving to receive the Ian Leader Trophy 'For Services to Bristol Wing' is:

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