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**This month's meeting - 9th January**

We will be pleased to welcome Pete Moorehead this month to talk to us once again about the airspace around Bristol airport, and associated topics. Pete is one of the team at Bristol Air Traffic Control who look after the Tower and Radar facility, offering advice and reassurance to those of us who fly around this area. Don't miss this opportunity to catch up on recent developments at the airport, and learn about the future plans of our local ATC.

**Last month's meeting**

Thanks to Ed for preparing his traditional highly entertaining Christmas Quiz, which formed the basis of a most enjoyable evening. Unfortunately, Ed was not able to attend himself due to work commitments, so Mary took over as host for the event and ensured that fair play prevailed! The scoring was really close this year, but in the end Alan's team won by just 1½ points, with Pete's team and Trevor's team coming equal second! Much food was consumed during the evening, and the paper aeroplane competition was one of the best yet.

**Coming Next Month**

In February we are to have another presentation by John Hamer about his popular MiniMax design.

Free landings in Pilot magazine during January for:  
Earls Colne, Eshott, Perth, Conington, Shobdon and Tatenhill.

Free landings in Flyer magazine this month:  
Carlisle, Newtownards, Thruxton, and Wickenby.

**Future meetings**

We have the opportunity of a talk on Oshkosh with slides in digital format. Does anyone own or have access to a digital projector? If you do please could you contact our co-ordinator, Alan (e-mail link above), so that we can take advantage of this generous offer at a future meeting.

**Young Eagle News**

EAA AVIATION CENTER, OSHKOSH, Wis. - (Dec. 31, 2002) - The EAA Aviation Foundation's Young Eagles program introduced a record 115,000 young people to the world of flight during calendar year 2002, as the volunteer Young Eagles effort has now reached more than 875,000 young people since its introduction in July 1992.

The record total during 2002 also places the program in an excellent position to reach its announced goal of one million Young Eagles by Dec. 17, 2003 - the 100th anniversary of the Wright brothers' first powered flight. A flight representing the one million Young Eagles is planned at Kitty Hawk, N.C., next December 17 as part of EAA's 'Countdown to Kitty Hawk' celebration, presented by the Ford Motor Company.

**Royal Aeronautical Society's Lecture**

Wednesday 22nd January 2003 at BAWA  
Air Accident Investigation Branch  
Mr Ken Smart, Head of AAIB

### VISIT TO YEOVILTON 22 FEBRUARY 2003

During the Strut visit to the FAA Museum in Yeovilton we will also have an opportunity to visit the Royal Naval Historic Flight, getting right up close to these fabulous 'live' aircraft. Strut members will each be invited to make a small donation (£2 each) to the Flight in recognition of this rare privilege. The Historic Flight has a limited official budget, and every little helps to keep these fine aeroplanes in the sky for our pleasure. Our guides for the visit to the Flight will include our host, Harrier Pilot Lt. Cdr. Dave MacKay, and the RNHF Manager Bryan Wood.

Please make your reservation with Graham Clark (tel: 01454 618216, e-mail [cgraham978@aol.com](mailto:cgraham978@aol.com)). The visit to the RNHF will be by advance reservation only, since we have to submit names in advance for access.

*Graham says that so far he does not have enough names to justify booking a coach. So come on you Strutters - put the date in your new diary, call him today and join in the fun!*

### Flying in 2002 by Edwin Shackleton



Last month, Strut members read in their newsletter about Edwin's adventures over the pond when he visited Sun 'n Fun in Florida. The second part of his report has been circulated by e-mail to members, but Edwin prefers to withhold his report from the internet, so we have not reproduced it here. *If you are interested in following Edwin's exploits as the world record holder for passenger flying in the greatest number of types,*

*then you know what to do! Come along to our Strut meeting in Bristol and join the Strut for Free in two thousand and Three!*

### Join Bristol for free in two thousand and three!

Back in December 1903 two cycle engineers in Dayton Ohio constructed a heavier-than-air flying machine and succeeded in flying it under its own power for the first time in history.

To mark the 100th anniversary of Orville and Wilbur Wright's great achievement, the Bristol Strut decided at their AGM to offer free membership to anyone with a serious interest in aviation around the Bristol area, PFA members, and of course existing Strut members when their subscriptions become due for renewal.

To take advantage of this unprecedented offer, make your way to the BAWA conference centre on Southmead Road any second Thursday until October 2003. If you like what you find, you can sign up for a year's membership completely free of charge!

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### **Last month's Newsletter**

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