

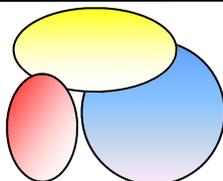


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# Bristol Wings



## Newsletter of the LAA Bristol Wing

March 2010

### NEXT MEETING - Thursday 11th March



#### CAA Safety Evening

This month's meeting is Bristol's CAA Safety Evening in the new building.

PLEASE NOTE **we have changed to the Concorde room** to accommodate more people this time. This is downstairs but there will be signs from the side entrance as always.

David Cockburn will give the talk and a representative from CAA DAP will also be there to take any general questions we may have. David runs a tight ship and likes to start at 7:30pm sharp, it usually lasts about 2½ hours including an interval. There is no need to book and do bring along your friends.

Bring your log book if you would like him to stamp it.

### LAST MEETING - Air Southwest Presentation

Last month John Pearce of Air Southwest came to talk to us about their DASH 8 movements in and out of Plymouth. They want to make pilots operating or transiting the Plymouth area aware of their movements and preferred approach and departure routes.

They intend to publish the information on the web. Basically they try to operate at FL40 and above that in the area so should not be a problem for most of us but as always it's a good idea to listen out on Plymouth and keep that transponder on with Mode C if we have it. It's important that we do what we can to help small airlines like Air Southwest as they are valuable revenue for our local airports helping them stay viable into the future.

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## Where to go....

Free landing vouchers for March in:

**Flyer Magazine:** Kemble, Maypole, Old Buckenham and Sandtoft

**Pilot Magazine:** Bodmin, Eshott, Newtownards, Sandtoft, Sherburn-in-Elmet and White Waltham,

**Today's Pilot:** Bagby, Chiltern Air Park, Fife/Tayside, Little Staughton, North Coates and Old Buckenham

**Light Aviation (LAA Mag)** Dunkeswell, Longside, Roserrow

**Sunday 7th March:** Old Sarum Vintage Fly-in (PPR) 01722 322525

### LOOKING AHEAD

**Easter Saturday 3rd April** - Wessex Strut Fly-in at Henstridge

**1st May** Devon Strut Fly in to Bodmin PPR Contact Pete White 01752-406660 / 07805-805679

**2nd May** Devon Strut Fly-in to Bolt Head (NB Limited numbers) PPR Contact Chris Howell 01548-531923

**8th/9th May** - Great Vintage Flying Weekend – Kemble

## Forthcoming Wing Meetings:

**8th April** - David Joyce - 'Travel with my Europa' plus 'Half Million Island Challenge'

**13th May** - Talk on Gyros and a chance to see one up close.

## RAES Meeting

**Lecture title:** *Virgin Galactic - Space for more*

**Speaker:** David Mackay, Test Pilot Virgin Galactic

**Thursday 18th March** -The lecture will take place in the Glendinning Lecture Theatre (D Block, Room 2D67) at the University of the West of England, Frenchay Campus, Coldharbour Lane, Bristol BS16 1QY. Phone 0117 936 3432 for directions if necessary.

Doors open at 18:00 with refreshments available; the lecture starts at 18:30.

Attendance at the lecture is free. If you are planning to attend the lecture, you are kindly requested to indicate your attendance by using the form available through the following link:

<http://spreadsheets.google.com/viewform?formkey=dEIXdXd3b3NIR0Z6WEFpckpISzVla0E6MA>

## News

### *Wadswick Farm Airstrip Appeal*

The owner and users of Wadswick Farm Strip are seeking to regularise their position as part of an application to build a hangar by the strip, by seeking a "Certificate of Lawfulness". The strip is located at the western extremity of Lyneham airspace, and if anyone has flown in there, or knows anyone who has, before 2000, could they kindly send a copy of the relevant page in their logbook to John Holden at 20 Budbury Place, Bradford on Avon, Wilts., BA15 1QF.

### *New CAA Southern England & Wales chart Edition 36*

This new chart is effective from 12th March 2010 and is available from 11th March from all the usual outlets. The following link:

<http://www.caa.co.uk/application.aspx?catid=64&pagetype=65&appid=8&mode=detail&chart=11#FutureAmendments> includes full details of the Amendment to the recommended VFR Route crossing the English Channel between St Catherine's Point on the Isle of Wight and the Channel Islands.

'Mankind has a perfect  
record in aviation -  
we have never left one up  
there!' -  
Unknown Author

## MEMBERS' NEWS

### Ian Tadd:

Following on from our publication of Ian's excellent talk on the potential for Electric Aircraft, Ian has been invited to talk to the RAeS on the 27th May, venue and other details to follow. There is also interest from Brian Hope, Editor of Light Aviation for the article to be serialised so we congratulate Ian for producing such an interesting subject.

## SNIPPETS

Following on from last month's link to the [The Besler steam plane](#) Dave Hall has continued the steam theme with:

In 1922, Bristol was working on a design to use twin steam turbines in a Bristol Braemar, a large Triplane bomber. They never got the boiler design sorted, so it never flew. To find out more click on the link below:

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bristol\\_Tramp](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bristol_Tramp) and see what you think. Has anyone else got any further contributions?

Also on the line of extraordinary aircraft Spike Parker has send the following, but does add that it may be a spoof...

Take a long look at this beast! Built in Russia during the 1930s, it flew 11 times before crashing and killing 15 people.

The designer, Konstantin Kalinin, wanted to build two more planes but the project was scrapped. Later, Stalin had Kalinin executed. Evidently, it was not good to fail on an expensive project under Stalin

It's got propellers on the back of the wings, too. You can count 12 engines facing front. The size would be equivalent to the Empire State Building on its side, with cannons. (And you think the 747 was big)... not only a bunch of engines but check out the cannons the thing was carrying.

In the 1930s the Russian army was obsessed by the idea of creating huge planes. At that time they were proposed to have as many propellers as possible to help carry those huge flying fortresses into the air, jet propulsion has not been implemented yet.

Not many photos were saved from those times because of the high secrecy levels of such projects and because a lot of time has already passed. Still, in the photos you can see one such plane - a heavy bomber K-7

Can you imagine what it would be like sitting in this thing when those cannons go off? Wonder if it fired in ripples or in salvos too, like naval gunfire.





## Scout Aviation Camp - 28-30th May



Dave Hall is planning a Scout Aviation Camp at Kemble over the weekend of 28 - 30th May, as part of the Bristol Aero Collection celebrations for the Centenary of the BAC. Most of the scouts will come from the Cirencester area, but there will be some from a Swindon troop as well. The camping area is by the Museum hangar (the Collection has been moved to another hangar near the south edge of the airfield).

He is looking for some pilots who could help out on the Saturday, with some of the work on Navigation, Meteorology or Aeronautics, and particularly with the flying sessions.

Hopefully he may be able to get a contribution towards expenses from LAA ET, as they did support a number of camps last year.

Something which needs to be checked on is that pilots who fly the scouts have the currency necessary for flying scouts - it involves rather more recent hours and/or landings than CAA regulations

Just to focus in on the date it's the Spring Bank Holiday weekend, and Dave really needs to know that he will have enough pilots so he can firm up the camp details - so if you can and are willing to help, then please contact Dave Hall by phoning him on 01761 490653 or by dropping an e-mail to: [dave@flyers.org.uk](mailto:dave@flyers.org.uk) with your details - you know you'll get a very warm welcome!

Thanks to anyone who can help out with this. There will be scouters on site who have run several of these camps previously, and it should be an enjoyable event.



*Scouts busy with navigation*



*Scouts receiving Aero information*



*Pre Flight briefing*

A few photos of successful Areocamps held in past. If you would like more information about what happens and the organisation of the event then visit [www.flyers.org.uk](http://www.flyers.org.uk) and click on the Aviation Camps link