

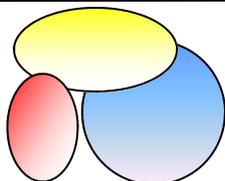


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NEXT MEETING - Ultra-light Gyroplanes



At our next meeting on **Thursday 13th May** Dave Organ, Gyroplane pilot and author of 'An Introduction to Ultra-light Gyroplanes', will be our guest speaker. Dave flies his aircraft out of Gloucester Airport. If conditions permit he may bring it for us to look over in the car park.

LAST MEETING - 'What can you do with a Europa?'

On 8th April David Joyce told us just what you can do and how far you can go in a Europa. Over the years David has flown to places as far flung as the Arctic Circle to Gibraltar and Czechoslovakia. He displayed many spectacular pictures of places visited and then gave the meeting an insight into the preparation needed for long distance trips, including an abandoned one to Australia, when there were just too many obstacles, including red tape to enable that adventure to go ahead. Another reason for the change of plan was his son Patrick being diagnosed with Motor Neurone Disease. David and Patrick are planning a Dawn to Dusk Challenge this summer to photograph, in one day, all the islands (120!) shown on the three half-million charts of the British Isles to raise money for the MNDA. The Bristol Wing were very willing to make a generous donation to this worthwhile cause and also many members have made personal pledges. David and Patrick send a very heartfelt 'Thank You' for this 'kick start' the fund. If you would like to add yours then please log-on to the charity website <http://www.justgiving.co.uk/halfmillionislands> and add to the growing total.



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Where to go....

Free landing vouchers for May in:

Flyer Magazine: Barton, Chiltern Park, Henstridge, Holmbeck Farm, Kingsmuir, and Lashenden.

Pilot Magazine: Bagby, Cromer (Northrepps), Fair Isle, Gigha Island, Longside and Waterford,

Today's Pilot: Enniskillen, Netherthorpe, Old Buckenham, Sandtoft, Shobdon and Weston

Light Aviation (LAA Mag) Beverley, Fenland Airfield and Old Buckenham

8th/9th May - Great Vintage Flying Weekend – Kemble 01285 771177

12th May Vintage Wednesday Fly in at Old Sarum 01722 322525

22nd/23rd May Wessex Strut's Young Aviators Day at Henstridge.

28th - 30th May Scout Aviation Camp, Kemble Airfield

30th May - Leicester Aero Club Classic Homebuilt Fly-in, re-creating the PFA Rally of 1980, Landing fee £6 for homebuilts

Local RAES Meeting

Date: Friday, 7th May 2010

Lecture: Bristol Aerospace - Filton's Past, Present & Future

Speaker: Prof. Jeff Jupp, Neil Scott (Airbus) and Richard Oldfield (GKN)

Venue: Room 1 BAWA, Southmead Road, Filton

Aviation is proof that,
given the will,
we have the capacity
to achieve the impossible.

– Eddie Rickenbacker

MEMBERS' NEWS

Geoff Roe We're delighted to report that Geoff is now back home and recovering after his 5 week spell in hospital being treated for a very nasty virus in his spine. Now you've just got to get well enough to get back in G-OLEM Geoff.

Ian Tadd: has been invited to give his presentation on Electric Powered Small Aircraft at the RAeS HQ in London on Thursday 27 May 2010 at 18:00pm. Well done Ian - we're sure they will all be as enthralled as we were when you 'cut your teeth' with us back in January.

LAA News

Proposed new TMZ

We have heard news that Manston wants a TMZ (Transponder Mandatory Zone). The following has been sent from someone who flies regularly from Maypole: *"When bimbaling around East Kent, I listen out to them and if they have a movement an hour they're busy. There is no Ryanair or other tourist operation out of there at present, and apart from a couple of private jets, regular traffic is freight and whatever students TG Aviation can rustle up. They close at 1800.... It's inconceivable they should need a TMZ. I've no idea how to make that opinion into one that will be heeded, yet, but no doubt John Brady will be on the case. Any support will be gratefully received"*. If you feel moved to respond do contact John Brady.

Rally info

It may be happening at the end of the summer, **3rd to 5th September**, but the Booking System at Sywell Aerodrome is now up and running so why not book your slot soon. Here's the link: <http://www.sywellaerodrome.co.uk/bookings.php> Note: check that you book the LAA Rally (Friday, Saturday or Sunday) and not the Sywell Vintage Fly-in on 21st August (unless of course you intend going to that one as well!) Booking Camping slots is also now available from the Sywell website.

Buying or selling aircraft shares?

My name is Nathan Rodgers and I run a website (<http://www.getitwithme.com>) that's based around helping individuals to buy, sell and manage aircraft owned in a shared purchase arrangement. I was wondering if you would include a link to my site? Additional functions that GetItWithMe.com will be releasing in the next couple of months include a booking system, expenses tracking, electronic log book and maintenance scheduling. We are looking to build a list of people who would be interested in trialing these tools, free of charge initially. Also, if you knew of anyone that may be interested in getting an early preview and providing some feedback - passing on my details would be appreciated. Thanks for your time, Nathan.

GetItWithMe - The meeting space for buying, selling, and managing your shared purchase.

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Picture Quiz

As expected Trevor Wilcock's picture quiz last month was too easy. We had quite a few submissions with the true answer of: **Hughes H-4 Hercules flying boat ("Spruce Goose")**, at **Evergreen Aviation Museum, McMinnville, Oregon**. Dave Hall even sent this photo which really shows the giant aircraft in location. Note the size of the replica Wright Flyer which could have practically fitted into the nose of the Spruce Goose!



For this month's Trevor has offered this harder picture quiz of his first aircraft (£60 for an eighth share, in 1974!).

Can you identify it?

Filton Spring Fly-in

On 25th April Filton Airport was the venue for hosts Bristol Aero Club's Fly in on 25th April 2010. The weather was good, although showers were forecast and a fairly strong westerly kept arrivals interesting and slightly fewer in number than invited. The total was 20 visitors, with 9 cancelling due to weather.

The welcome was very warm, the Barbeque delicious and home made cakes scrumptious! This was the 2nd successful event hosted by BAC and a follow-up from last year's well attended fly-in on 20th September last year. We'd like to thank everyone who worked so hard to make it a great day out.

View of Apron 1 opposite Flight Ops



SNIPPETS

Once in a lifetime

Some of you may have already seen this but it's still worth including....

Due to the recent volcanic ash Airways restrictions the opportunity to fly light aircraft overhead Gatwick Airport was taken and a plan was hastily put together by enthusiastic Tiger Club members within a very short space of time while having a cup of tea and a piece of cake - a few phone calls later and all the usual reprobates arrived and after a briefing they were ready to go. This shows the true spirit of the Tiger Club and sport aviation - that's what flying is all about - having jolly good fun !! A total of thirteen aircraft formed the Balbo although only nine can be seen in this photo.

Click on <http://forums.airshows.co.uk/viewtopic.php?f=32&t=21902> if you wish to see more pictures of this unique occurrence.



VOLCANIC ASH – ADVICE FOR GENERAL AVIATION PILOTS

Following on from the above story, it may be old news now but just in case the volcano in Iceland decides to erupt yet again here's a very useful document issued by the CAA:

<http://www.caa.co.uk/docs/33/FOD201013.pdf>

We have to wonder why, with Iceland's prevalence of volcanoes, it not being that far away from Britain and North-westerly winds not uncommon, the risk from volcanic ash has not been evident before??