

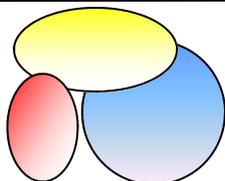


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NEXT MEETING - Thursday 12th November

NATS



Following on from our successful meeting about flying abroad we will have the opportunity to learn more at our next meeting.

Some members may be aware of NATS initiative to allow pilots to file their own flight plans via their AFPEX system. AFPEX allows direct access to the worldwide Aeronautical Fixed Telecommunication Network (AFTN) from any PC or laptop with internet access. Direct access means once your plan is filed there is no delay before you depart. This is a very useful tool for strip and foreign flyers with few facilities available. At our meeting this month Steve will demonstrate the system, warts and all.

LAST MEETING - AGM

This was a very successful meeting although the turnout was slightly less than in previous years. The minutes of the meeting are reproduced with this newsletter (for members only).

Possibly the item which involves everyone is the decision to award the Ian Leader Trophy 'For Services to the Wing'. It will be awarded to the member who is felt to have given most support to the Bristol Wing throughout the year and will be presented at the Christmas Quiz evening in December. At that meeting all members will be asked to drop piece of paper with a nominated name into a hat and the person with most nominations will be awarded the splendid trophy so kindly donated by John Shufflebottom in recognition of Ian's past contribution to Bristol Wing.

Other items discussed included of course the next year's calendar of events and although we had quite a few suggestions Steve is still open to any more from anyone who was unable to be at the meeting.

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Where to go....

Free landing vouchers for November in:

Flyer Magazine: Castle Kennedy, Lands End, Panshanger and Sturgate.

Pilot Magazine: Bagby, Dunkeswell, Popham, Rayne Hall Farm, Sandtoft and Waterford,

Today's Pilot: Andrewsfield, Bagby, Eaglescott, Fishburn, North Weald and Old Sarum

November

17th Raes Meeting: JSF - The UK Perspective. Speaker: Colin Paterson JCA Chief Engineer at 18.30 in Room 1, BAWA

18th Royal Air Force in Concert - Colston Hall, Bristol (Not a flying event but aviation oriented and all for a good cause.) See below for details.

28th/29th Splash at NEC Birmingham

MEMBERS' NEWS

Steve's contact details

Please note that Steve moved house on 4th November and has changed his telephone number. The new one is on the front panel of this newsletter. We wish Steve and Pat well in their new home.

Dave Hall

Some of you may know that Dave had a replacement hip operation on the day of our last meeting, 8th October, and we sent him a Get Well card from the Wing but are not sure if the Royal Mail actually delivered it! We understand that he is doing well and hope to see him at our November meeting

Tom Kinsley

Following on from last month we have heard that Tom is now wearing the RAF wings on completion of the Tucano course at Linton on Ouse. Following the wings ceremony he was awarded one of the places on the next Hawk fast jet training course at RAF Valley. He also won two prestigious awards on the Tucano course at Linton on Ouse. Congratulations Tom. It is very good to know that Bristol Strut (as it was then) set Tom off on his exciting new career via the Young Eagles scheme.

John Shufflebottom

John called into Radio Gloucestershire about the James May Toy Stories programme and they heard that he is building a microlight; the BBC are so interested that they will be visiting his workshop to follow up the story. Good luck with the interview John.

ROYAL AIR FORCE

in Concert

Featuring the
Royal Air Force Bands,
Royal Air Force Squadronaires
and the Salon Orchestra

18th November
Colston Hall, Bristol
0117 922 3686

Compere: Ian Lavender
Returning to the stage - vocalist Flight Lieutenant Matthew Little

Ticket prices: £13.50 £16.50 £19.50

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SNIPPETS

From LAA HQ

The LAA's website now includes the Chief Executive's blog telling us what's happening on some of the items currently affecting the Association. It's well worth a read: http://www.lightaircraftassociation.co.uk/ceo_blog.html

Courses being run by LAA:

Wooden Aircraft Structures

- Comprehensive day's course dedicated to learning the fundamental woodwork techniques
- Includes: cutting, shaping, multiple part production, boring, laminating formers, rib production, scarfing, gluing and internal finishing of timber
- Hands-on course that covers the tools required
- Course benefits those who need to refurbish or want to build their own wooden aeroplane

Dates available: Wednesday 9th December 2009; Wednesday 13th January 2010; Wednesday 10th February 2010
Cost £95 *Venue* Wanborough Wilts SN4 0AW Telephone 01280 846 786 to check availability and book or e-mail by clicking on the following link: <mailto:et@laa.uk.com>

Working with Aluminium

Course involves constructing the VANS toolbox - a process that teaches all the fundamental metalwork techniques

- Marking out, cutting, drilling, deburring, dimpling and riveting
- Many helpful tips and techniques covered to ensure your self-build is a success

The current dates are now fully booked but a waiting list is available.

Other courses available are: **Electrics** in November and February and **Avionics** in January/ March both at Turweston For further details see the LAA website: <http://www.lightaircraftassociation.co.uk/MembersArea/courses.html>

James May's Toy Stories

The BBC broadcast a very entertaining programme with an aviation interest on Tuesday 27th October James took model aeroplanes to a new level when he tried to make a full-size Spitfire out of Airfix. The venture soon hit problems when it became clear the giant 36-foot pieces may not be strong enough, and nobody knew how they would fit together.

James hoped he could enthuse a group of reluctant teenagers to help him pull it off - but he soon realised he had another big battle on his hands convincing them it is a hobby to be proud of.

If you missed the programme it can be seen again in your own time on BBC iPlayer. Using the following link it will be available until 8:59pm Friday 1st January 2010, it really is worth a look. <http://bbc.co.uk/i/nm3d/>

FUTURE WING MEETINGS

10th December 2009 - Annual Quiz (devised by Trevor Wilcock) with American Supper

14th January 2010 - General Aviation Liaison Presentation by Air Southwest

11th February 2010 - TBA

11th March 2010 - CAA Safety Evening

Flying might not be all
plain sailing,
but the fun of it is worth
the price.

Amelia Earhart

SPARE SEAT OFFERED



Once again Tom Geake has generously offered a spare seat. On **Tuesday 24th November** he will be attending an RAeS conference in London, on Design Methods and Tolls for Light Aircraft. At £46 for LAA members, the fee seems reasonable with

possibly a light buffet lunch included. The event will be of interest to those contemplating alterations to their aircraft because it will be harder for the LAA to criticise a proposal if it has used the techniques advocated. Tom will be going, and can offer lifts to any going to the conference or wanting a day in town. If you are interested do contact the Editor, details on front banner of this Newsletter, and there will also be leaflets with further details of the conference available at the next Wing meeting on 12th November.

Wing Survey

We'd like to conduct a short survey so ask you to complete the questionnaire on the back page and either post it to the Editor or bring it to the next meeting. Thanks.

We shamelessly admit that we have copied it from the Gloster Strut and thank Harry for the idea.

Strut Survey

We would like to know what you want from your Wing and how well we're currently meeting your requirements. Please take a few minutes to respond to the following short survey and then bring your completed printed copy of this page with you to the next meeting on 12th November or post it to the editorial address (on the front panel of this newsletter) Thanks.

Meetings - attendance Which of the following meets most closely your view on our meetings?:

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| 1 | I don't often attend | 3 | I attend more than half the meetings |
| 2 | I attend less than half the meetings | 4 | I attend as many meetings as I can make |

Meetings - content

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| 1 | Subjects aren't of interest to me | 3 | About half the meetings are worthwhile |
| 2 | A few of the evenings are interesting | 4 | There are more that are interesting than not |
| 5 | I'd like to see talks/lectures on (please specify) _____ | | |

Newsletter

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| 1 | Don't have time to read it | 3 | Some interesting stuff |
| 2 | Not very interesting | 4 | Enjoy reading it |
| 5 | I'd like to write an article for the newsletter | | |
| 6 | I'd like to see articles on: _____ | | |

Flying Events

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| 1 | I don't need flying events | | |
| 2 | I'd like to go on some of the fly-outs if offered a seat | | |
| 3 | I'd like to go on some fly-outs and can offer a seat | | |
| 4 | I'd like to see other flying activities (please specify) _____ | | |

Social Events

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| 1 | I don't need social events | 2 | I'd like a summer BBO |
| 3 | I'd like to see other social events (please specify) _____ | | |

Expenditure

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| 1 | Do you think we spend too much outside the Wing? | | |
| 2 | Do you think we spend too little outside the Wing? | | |
| 3 | Do you have any other suggestions on Wing finances? _____ | | |

Value for Money

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| 1 | Do you think the Wing subscription is too expensive? | | |
| 2 | Do you think it represents value for money? | | |

General Comments/Suggestions Feel free to make any other comments or suggestions:
