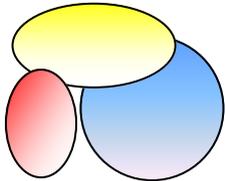




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Newsletter of the LAA Bristol Strut

November 2014

NEXT MEETING— Phil Hall LAA CEO

This month's meeting will be on **Wednesday 5th November**.

We are very pleased to have as our guest speaker Phil Hall, the LAA Chief Executive Officer. Now with one year in the job under his belt, he will be able to tell us which way the LAA is heading in these changing times.

Of interest to all pilots, whether flying LAA or certified aircraft, will be the effort the LAA, together with other organisations, is putting into improving the lot of the recreational flyer. There is real beneficial change, not only in the approach being taken by the CAA but at last also in EASA.

Phil will talk to us for a while, but most of the time will be available for questions and discussions, so have your questions ready!



Directions to BAWA are available on our website: www.bristol-strut.co.uk and we'll gather in room 7 from 19.45 for Phil to start his talk at 20.00.

LAST MONTH'S MEETING— Manuel Querioz

Manuel Queiroz, together with wife Jill, gave us a presentation on his latest long-distance trip by RV - but this time a VW Recreational Vehicle, not an RV-6. However the distance covered this time was a little longer than for his round-the-world flight - travelling the length of the Pan-American Highway from the north of Alaska to Ushuaia in Tierra del Fuego - as was the duration: 7 months.

They discussed the route, the people, the driving, the camping, with pictures of scenery splendid and sometimes scary, and memories of the good and the bad (primarily the mosquitos). Over 24000 miles, some of it on roads with a very poor surface, and not a single puncture! What next, Manuel?

BRISTOL ATC

Six of our members and friends will be visiting our friendly Air Traffic Controllers at Bristol Airport on Saturday 1st November between 1430 and 1700 to have a chance to put faces to some of the voices we hear on the radio and see just what they can see on their radar screens. Will be a very interesting and informative afternoon. Thanks Bristol ATC.

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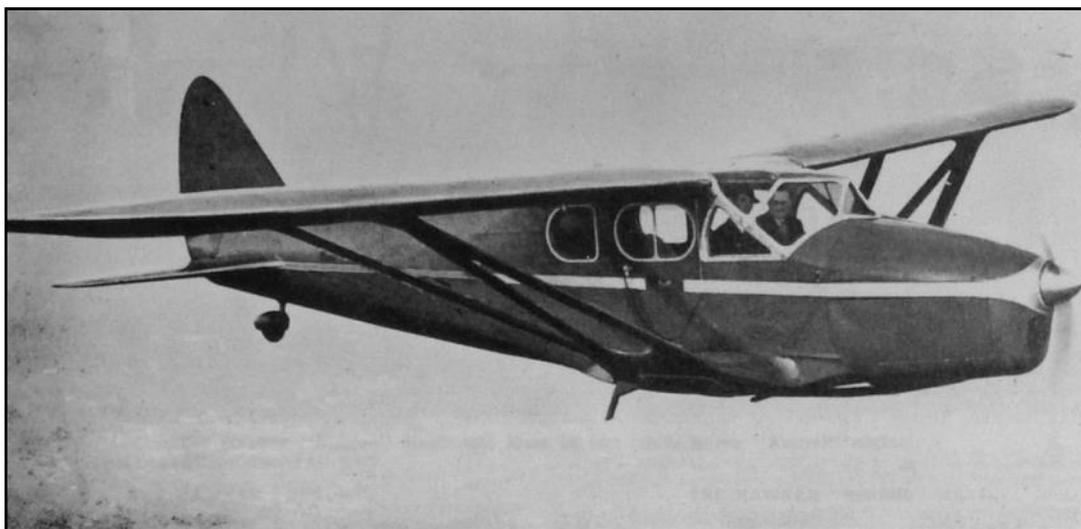
Last month's Picture Quiz from Trevor

Well we got two responses to last month's picture quiz. Both Phil Mathews and Pete White were correct in stating that it is a Portsmouth Aerocar a utility aircraft of the late 1940's.



This month's aircraft is here for you to identify:

Clue: "Single-engine high wing retractable - no, it's not a Cessna 177RG, it's British."



Member's News

Congratulations and good luck to Tom Geake: Tom has successfully completed his first solo Cross Country Test in his Gyroplane. At the time of printing he has a second solo cross-country and the GFT yet to do. We look forward to hearing good news soon.

Forthcoming Wing Meetings:

Wed 3rd December: Quiz Evening

Tuesday 6th January (altered because of New Year)

"Dawn to Dusk" by John Baker

Thanks to Dave who pointed out that this meeting will be held on 6th Jan (not 8th as printed last month)

Tuesday 3rd February—To be arranged

UPDATES FROM THE CAA

IN-2014/171: The Further Deferment, until 8 April 2016, of the Requirement to Hold a Part-FCL Licence (or a European Validation of a Third Country Licence) for Aircraft Engaged in Non-commercial Flights

This Information Notice notifies the further Deferment, until 8 April 2016, of the requirement to hold a Part-FCL Licence (or a European Validation of a Third Country Licence) for Aircraft engaged in non-commercial flights.

<http://www.caa.co.uk/docs/33/Information%20Notice%202014171.pdf>

IN-2014/159: London Array and Thanet Transponder Mandatory Zones

<http://www.caa.co.uk/docs/33/InformationNotice2014159.pdf>

IN-2014/161: Aeromedical Advisory Service for Medical Certificate Holders and Applicants:

<http://www.caa.co.uk/docs/33/InformationNotice2014161.pdf>

IN-2014/162: CAP 774 UK Flight Information Services

<http://www.caa.co.uk/docs/33/InformationNotice2014162.pdf>

IN-2014/163: CAP 413 Radiotelephony Manual

<http://www.caa.co.uk/docs/33/InformationNotice2014163.pdf>

Where to go...

Free landing vouchers for **November 2014**

Flyer: Castle Kennedy, Eaglescott, Newtownards, Pembrey, Sherburn-in-Elmet, Wickenby.

Pilot: Boston, Chiltern Park, Elstree, Old Sarum

LAA: Enstone, Full Sutton, Little Staughton - all free, and Shobdon – ½

I think it is a pity to lose the romantic side of flying and simply to accept it as a common means of transport....

Amy Johnson

Financial Matters

Members will be aware that my predecessor, Gordon Pritt, served the Strut as treasurer for the unusually long period of 28 years. It has been my good fortune to be the one who took the hand-over from Gordon. In so doing I have, perhaps uniquely, become aware of how much effort he has put into the role.

I have some experience of being a treasurer having served in the same role with the Mendip Flying Group (who operated PA28-180 G-BABG out of Lulsgate). I was therefore expecting some accounting systems. I was to be proved right; and in buckets full ! Given his period of service, Gordon has seen the introduction of the personal computer and the opportunity to use them for financial matters. I've "inherited" a comprehensive database and very well established processes.

I have only known Gordon for a very short time but his wealth of knowledge, his thoroughness, and his attention to detail are extraordinary; and all this in a voluntary capacity.

Gordon will be a "difficult act to follow". I can only try.

Stephen Pemberton—incoming Treasurer

FASVIG by Trevor Wilcock

At our October Strut meeting I quickly briefed on the Future Airspace Strategy VFR Implementation Group (FASVIG) and the assistance that is being sought from all pilots. You may by now have seen Steve Hutt's article in the November Light Aviation, and brief mention in other pilot magazines. You can also read about FASVIG activities to date on the LAA website at <http://www.lightaircraftassociation.co.uk/FASVIG/fasvig.html>.

To summarise the assistance required, pilots are asked to consider the airspace in their region in respect of the following:

- a) Within the UK FIR there are areas that are critical to VFR flight, either because they provide the conditions needed for air sports, some to World Championship standard, or they are essential for military or civil training or provide VFR routes joining or around centres of population and the more open areas of the FIR. They connect airfields used for VFR operations and provide international VFR connectivity. These areas are mainly over the UK landmass including the inshore waters and islands with connections to Ireland and the near continent.

Presently there is no categorisation of these areas and when an increase in CAS is proposed, they have no particular recognised value; they are considered to be an available resource for commercial development. In this regard the airspace change process does not have the safeguards provided for land planning such as the Significant Areas for Sport recognised by Sport England and by the sport governing bodies of Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland. That is not to say that the recognition of such areas is sacrosanct but that their proper value would be recognised in national airspace decision making. FASVIG would then need to identify and propose areas for inclusion.

Please consider your local airspace and identify any such key areas. Please also consider whether any change could be made to ensure that such critical areas are safe and efficient for VFR traffic today.

- b) A review is planned of controlled and regulated airspace to identify areas which are not being fully used for their purpose.

Please consider the controlled and regulated airspace in your local area and identify areas which could be flexibly or permanently made available to VFR traffic.

Having already been involved in some of the FASVIG meetings, I have agreed to coordinate activities for the Bristol area. I believe we are quite well-placed, with a VFR-friendly team at Bristol Airport ATC, but I would welcome your thoughts on the two matters above.

Trevor

Invitation from Wessex Strut

We have received the following from one of our neighbouring Struts:

We, the LAA Wessex Strut, are again holding our Annual Dinner & Awards Night on Friday 23rd January 2015. Venue is the Holbrook House Hotel (www.holbrookhouse.co.uk) Wincanton. About 40 of us had a great evening back last January. Approx dinner cost will be about £25. Dress code optional DJ and Posh Frocks (frocks for ladies only !)

This time our committee thought we would like to invite our neighbours...The Bristol and Devon Struts or at least those members within striking distance of Wincanton. Can't offer a landing strip at the hotel...but it does have a helipad apparently !

We intend to 'negotiate' for a room deal for 'out of towners' Last time it was about £90 per double room B&B with use of the spar.

Let Mary know if you're interested in going and she'll pass that on to Neil. Should be a good evening!

Website address

Please note that although we've reverted back to our original name of Bristol Strut we have kept the website name bristol-wing.co.uk for financial and logistical reasons. You'll still pick it up if you type Bristol Strut into your browser or search engine.

LAA NEWS

Education Courses

Of the three courses offered by the LAA only the **Wooden Aircraft Structures** still has spaces available.

Dudley Pattison hosts his very popular aircraft woodwork courses from his home workshop in Swindon.

This is an ideal one day course for anybody contemplating building or repairing a wooden aircraft, the course covers wood selection, cutting, drilling, scarfing, gluing etc., in fact all you need to know to gain sufficient confidence to start your own project.

The course will include:

- * 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
- * Covers the tools required
- * Course benefits those who need to refurbish or want to build their own wooden aeroplane

Tutor: Dudley Pattison. **Times:** 9.30am till 5.00pm. **Cost:** £95 (includes lunch). **Venue:** Ridgewood, Ham Road, Liddington, Wilts, SN4 0HH. Available Dates: **January 14th or February 11th 2015**

B&Bs: Village Inn, Liddington (5 minute walk away); Courtleigh House, Chiseldon (owned by homebuilding LAA member); Meadow Bank House (8 minute walk away); Norton House, Chiseldon

Telephone LAA on 01280 846 786 to check availability and/or book or e-mail: et@laa.uk.com

Light Aircraft Design -

Methods and Tools 2014 Conference takes place on the **17th November 2014** and is being organised by the Royal Aeronautical Society and taking place at No. 4 Hamilton Place, London, W1J 7BQ, UK -

Full details and how to register can be found [here](#)

EASA Deadline Postponed

Early Bookings now available—beat the rush....

Bookings open for the **Flying Show 22nd/23rd November 2014** at Telford <http://www.theflyingshow.co.uk/tickets/>

Bookings for flying slots open for **Aero Expo 29th-31st May 2015** at Sywell

<http://www.sywellaerodrome.co.uk/bookings.php?event=aeroexpo>