

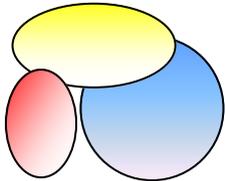


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NEXT MEETING – From Paragliding to Power & Dawn to Dusk

Our next meeting will be on **Tuesday 1st November** and the speaker will be Fiona Macaskill. As you will see from the title above Fiona took on this year's Dawn to Dusk Challenge which involved 10 hours flying over 100 Paragliding launch sites in her RV. Fiona is also a very experienced Paraglider Pilot and she will be telling us about that too. Therefore the evening will be split into two talks, approximately 30 mins each with a short interval to recharge your glasses. We start to gather in Room 7 at 19.30 with the talk beginning at 19.45.

For directions to BAWA and more information about the strut see: <http://www.bristol-wing.co.uk>

LAST MONTH'S MEETING

We were given a presentation on Ballooning Round the World by Allie and Phil Dunnington; Phil holds the record for most countries flown in (112) and Allie is more than 2/3 of the way towards catching him. Allie explained the basic piloting principles of ballooning, but went on to illustrate some of the pleasures and problems of operating around the world. Their present plans are to take a 2-person balloon in a Beech 18 around the world, and particularly to some of those countries that have not yet experienced balloon flights. We were impressed by their professionalism, experience and enthusiasm - and by Phil's wedding present to Allie: a single-seat (literally!) balloon.



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PICTURE QUIZ

Maybe you all thought that because I was away I didn't want any replies because I only received one valid reply to this picture quiz from **Phil Mathews**

Actually there was another reply from Dave Hall who said *"I'm probably excluded from the competition this month"*.

(Dave volunteers at the Bristol Aero Collection where the aircraft sits in the easily-identifiable Brabazon Hanger at Filton)

It's the Bristol Babe replica G-EASQ with a dummy wooden engine!

Dave also says: *"If anyone would like to help us get the exhibits up to display state for the new museum opening Summer 2017, or work on archives, photos etc, we're always looking for volunteers. We will also be looking for knowledgeable guides to train up for the exhibition."* so if you've got any time on your hands do Contact Dave via the Editor.

A late entry for the September Newsletter was received from Pat Thody who correctly identified the Challis Chaffinch belonging to Maurice Kirk, based on a Pietenpol. Thanks Pat.

Can you name this month's aircraft?



Last month's picture



The answer! Bristol Babe



Where to go...

Free Landings for November 2016 in:

Flyer: Bagby, Castle Kennedy, Newtownards, Sandown (if 50lt fuel uploaded), Strathaven, Sutton Bank

LAA Light Aviation: Full Sutton, Tatenhill, Wycombe Air Park, TBA

**Pilots are a rare kind of human.
They leave the ordinary surface of
the world,
to purify their soul in the sky,
and they come down to earth,
only after receiving the
communion of the infinite.**

Jose Maria Velasco Ibarra

Forthcoming Bristol Strut Meetings

Tuesday 6th December—Annual Quiz—devised by Alan George

Tuesday 10th January— Member's flying experiences in 2016 (Deferred by a week due to holiday period)

Tuesday 7th February— GASCO Safety Evening (held in Room 1, upstairs in new building. 19.30 **Prompt start**

Tuesday 7th March—'RAF Cold War Intelligence-Gathering Operations in and around the Berlin Air Corridors'.

Member Profile – Geraldine Hill

Gerry was featured in last month's issue and she is our youngest current member. Her proud father, Peter, has written the following article on her considerable achievements in her young life so far.

Maybe I should not have been surprised when Gerry announced she was going to be an aircraft engineer. Gerry took her first steps at the PFA Rally at Cranfield and attended every year from 1997 to the last one at Kemble in 2006, when she had a lift home to Marshfield with a friend in the Stinson. Something must have rubbed off. Last November Gerry completed a two year apprenticeship in aircraft maintenance at Kemble.

This summer Gerry was fortunate to be awarded the Sir James Martin (Martin Baker) scholarship by Air League for 12 hours flying tuition at Wellesbourne which she completed in July flying C152s.



Embarrassing photos of Gerry as a youngster. Even then she showed a real interest in aircraft.



Gerry is continuing flying training with the Lyneham Flying Club at Kemble in a Piper Cherokee with the help of a 'Flying Start' Scholarship from the British Women Pilots' Association. She will be going to a presentation evening in December with the BWPA. Next May she will attend St James Palace with the Air League where the Presentations are normally made by the Patron, The Duke of Edinburgh.

An engineering scholarship, also from Air League, gave Gerry the chance to spend two weeks at Airbus Helicopters. Here she was involved with the major servicing of an EC135 Police Helicopter and did a tail rotor gear box change. She also flew in the test flight over Blenheim Palace.

After reading that volunteers were required for a Seven Day Kit Build project Gerry contacted the LAA and was lucky enough to get a place in the team. Some of you will have seen the Sling 4 at the rally at Sywell where a team of ten, English volunteers and South African engineers from The Airplane Factory, completed the build from a kit in the week of the Rally. G-LDSA made its successful maiden flight on the Sunday evening having satisfied Francis Donaldson and Andy Draper, the project inspector, as to its airworthiness. It took many hours and some very long days to build the kit and pull the 17,000 rivets but a lot of fun was had too and good friends made. One evening a friend of James (the Director of The Airplane Factory) called in to visit with his family and as he owns Nandos he provided supper. The build team were treated to a circuit in his Augusta Westland helicopter in which he arrived.



Gerry is very grateful to all the people and organisations which have afforded her such fantastic opportunities and especially to Lucien D'Sa the owner of the Sling 4 that was built at the rally who is generously funding a trip for her to visit The Aircraft Factory in South Africa next summer.

Pictured with Gerry Hill is her sister Steph who arrived for the weekend and was an enthusiastic assistant fitting panels and filling rivets.

WORKING WITH WOOD COURSE

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 that need to refurbish or want to build their own wooden aeroplane

Tutor: Dudley Pattison

Dates: Wednesday: 16th November and 14th December

Times: 9.30am till 5.00pm - One day course

Cost: £110 (includes lunch)

Venue: Ridgewood, Ham Road, Liddington, Wilts, SN4 0HH - directions

B&Bs: [Rossendale, Chiseldon](#); [Meadow Bank House](#) (8 minute walk away);

Telephone LAA on 01280 846 786 to check availability and/or book or e-mail.

CAA information

The CAA has published:

IN-2016/093: Designated Area for the Carriage of Documents - Part-NCO and Part-SPO

The purpose of this Information Notice is to advise pilots and operators of aircraft required to comply with Annex VII (Part-NCO) and Annex VIII (Part-SPO) of the documents, manuals and information to be carried on each flight. See <http://publicapps.caa.co.uk/docs/33/InformationNotice2016093.pdf> for the full information—but aren't you glad that you have a Permit Aircraft!

CAP1430, UK Air Traffic Management Vocabulary

http://publicapps.caa.co.uk/docs/33/CAP1430_UK%20ATM%20Vocabulary_5JAN2017.pdf effective from 5th January 2017. This document provides the authoritative reference for all terms and abbreviations used within specific CAA Civil Aviation Publications related to Air Traffic Management (eg the familiar Radiotelephony Manual CAP413 and the ANO).

Currently, all CAPs published by the CAA contain a section detailing the definitions and abbreviations used within that CAP. However, given the common use of these definitions and abbreviations throughout the ATM sphere, this leads to significant duplication between these CAPs. The UK ATM Vocabulary will collate all of the abbreviations and definitions from a number of ATM related CAPs, with this content being subsequently removed from the source documents.