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The Official Newsletter of the LAA Andover Strut

This is YOUR newsletter. If you would like to contribute or pass some interesting news on – please get in contact. If you are currently working on a project or have a friend currently working on a project, and have a few pictures – please share them with us.

Chairman's Chatter.....

As you will all be aware I have managed to inherit the chairman's job - how it occurred I am still trying to work out. That said it is a function that needs to be carried out in this electronic information age. So, here goes....

I must, first of all, register a big vote of thanks to Bob Howarth who has carried out the task for the past eight (or it may be ten?) years. Always ready with a suitable turn of phrase he has never failed to inform and amuse us with his writing. Bob will now be trying to sort out the Andover Strut website. Yes we do have one but it has always been source of mystery to those who have tried to use it, let alone find it. It will eventually be co-ordinated with the newsletter so ably put together by Craig.

In the past year we have had some interesting speakers courtesy of Alan Lovejoy's efforts and I know he has more lined up for the winter programme and into the New Year. Keep an eye on the newsletters and the website.

I would remind everybody that he is always searching out new speakers and if anyone has any possible candidates please let Alan or any committee member know.

On the subject of committee, we are always looking out for new ideas to promote the L.A.A objectives. A new committee member occasionally would be good. We do meet once a month in a convivial atmosphere of a local pub, and if that doesn't tempt you, nothing will.

So, last but not least, next month is our `Bums on seats` evening, anyone who is willing to bring out their aeroplane and take a few fellow members aloft would be most appreciated, and, we will do a fish and chip run.

STOP PRESS: see Cedric's Christavia in the latest Light Aviation.

Bye for now.... And see you on the 12th!
Keith

Andover Strut Summer Program

Monday 12 June 2017:

Our traditional Bums-on-Seats night followed by Fish & Chips. Do you have a plane with a spare seat or know some fellow pilots that do? Please start putting the word out to get this popular event booked in the diary!

Monday 10 July 2017:

We will be firing up the BBQ, possibly for a fly and natter evening (weather permitting), with additional activities if possible

Monday 14 August 2017:

Our winter evening programs start again. Do you know any interesting people, projects or planes that would be able to put on an interesting evening talk? If so, please let us know!

Key dates for the diary:

Thursday 1 to Saturday 3 June 2017:

AeroExpo UK festival of aviation. Held at Wycombe air park - <http://www.aeroexpo.co.uk/>

30 June – 2 July 2017:

4th Annual BMAA SSSR Rally to be held at Enstone Airfield, Oxfordshire.

In the Pipeline

- We also hope to have our fly-in at Barton Ashes and one at either Old Sarum or Middle Wallop – but these latter two options have yet to be confirmed.
- Possible Strut Fly-Out to Stow Maries and/or a group visit to the FAST Museum at Farnborough.

Out and about: Oxford Strut

Wednesday 14th June at 8pm - Flying the Antonov AN2 bi-plane

Presentation by Pilot Bill Leary (AN2 Club)

Duke of Marlborough Hotel, Woodstock, OX20 1HT

Hope to see you there!

Out and about: Bristol Strut

Tuesday 6th June at 7.45 pm - 'Flying amongst the glaciers'.

Angus & Fiona Macaskill

Room 7 at BAWA (www.bristol-wing.co.uk)



CAN YOU HELP OUT?

1-3 September 2017: LAA Sywell Rally

Once again we will offer to run the campsite to help out the rally. Are you able to help out with a bit of time here? If so, please get hold of Alan Lovejoy.

AND NOW FOR SOMETHING COMPLETELY DIFFERENT?

Two Irishmen were standing at the base of a flagpole at Dublin International Airport, looking up. A blonde walked by and asked them what they were doing. Paddy replied, "We are supposed to be finding the height of this flagpole, but we don't have a ladder."

The blonde took out an adjustable spanner from her bag, loosened a few bolts and laid the flagpole down. She got a tape measure out of her pocket, took a few measurements and announced that it was 18 feet 6 inches. Then she walked off.

Mick said to Paddy, "Isn't that just like a blonde! We need the bloody height and she gives us the length"

A commercial pilot comes home from a night out with the boys. When he gets home he struggles to open the door. His wife became frightened so she grabbed a broom and waited at the door. The pilot eventually opened the door to see his wife with the broom and as she started making a scene he said: "Are you still cleaning or are you flying somewhere."

The future of VTOL....

An interesting little VTOL quad drone....

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rInUxB8t3Yg&t=39s>

Free to a good home.....

Following a house clean out, Malcolm has many Popular Flying magazines (1999-2007), Aeromodeller and Motor Sport available to a good home, school, dentist office, etc. Do you have kids, grandkids, neighbours, office place, etc that could benefit from these please let Malcolm know - mrogan@nomansland.free-online.co.uk

Why You Should Join Our Club...

If you have an interest in light (or possibly heavy) aviation, be a home builder (or considering a project), a PPL holder, a LAA member or a plane spotter and you live not a million miles from Popham Airfield in Hampshire joining the LAA Andover Strut will give you access to like-minded people, interesting aviation related talks and the opportunity to take part in the various events we hold throughout the year.

Annual membership is £15 a year – please speak to Eryl Smith.

How to find us...

2nd Monday of the month start at 7:30pm till we finish

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