

HAMPSHIRE HEDGEHOPPER



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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.....

Another month gone by and the weather has improved at last, our `bums on seats` night went very well, thanks to those very generous members with access to aircraft taking those members without, for a ride, in the best possible way of course.

Unfortunately as in all things aviation things occasionally do go awry, Bob Gibbs had a breakage in his undercarriage whilst landing, thankfully it was no more than that. I'm sure he will be back in the air in a very short time. The evening was finished off with the usual fish and chip supper and congenial natter.

Sadly this month we lost a previous member of our strut, Neville Ayre, whom I am sure some of our older members will remember. Our condolences go out to his family.

Next month, we will be firing up the (new) barbeque, starting around 18.30 hrs weather permitting and if anyone wants to bring along any surplus bits of aeroplane to flog, most welcome. 10th July.

See you then, Keith

Andover Strut Summer Program

Monday 10 July 2017:

We will be firing up the (new) 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:

Firs Farm Fly-in & BBQ → Bring your own sausage & come join us!

Spamfield 2017 BMAA Microlight Fly-in in Sandown. Isle of Wight on 26th and 27th August 2017

Duxford Bonus Day Fly In at IWM Duxford Duxford Cambridgeshire CB22 4QR on 0th September 2017

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.

Other

West London Aero Club Members Day, White Waltham. 2nd Sept.

Chris Royle, stalwart organiser of many of the HAA Symposia at Hendon, has invited HAA members to bring their aircraft to the West London Aero Club Members Day at White Waltham on Saturday 2nd September, to join the static display. It is always an enjoyable day and is in aid of two very worthwhile charities, the Thames Valley Air Ambulance Trust and the RAF Benevolent Fund. Chris has asked me to point out that he is aware of the clash of dates with the LAA rally weekend and the Bournemouth Airshow, but that the choice of dates is limited by factors outside of his control.

If you are able to attend, please contact Chris direct info@haa-uk.aero

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.

Feedback from events:

30 June – 2 July 2017:

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

A new design made it's first UK appearance. It looks very interesting....



AND NOW FOR SOMETHING COMPLETELY DIFFERENT?

Sent to me by a friend from South Africa.....



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
Spitfire Flying Club, Coxford Down, Winchester, Hampshire, SO21 3BD



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Subs

Strut Membership subs are due at the beginning of the year (MAY). The annual subs of £10 can either be paid to Hon Treasurer, Eryl Smith or paid directly into the Club Account, details below.

Please don't forget to put your name as payment reference & ideally let Eryl know!

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