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The Official Newsletter of the LAA Andover Strut

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Chairman's Chatter.....

Hi, all

Doesn't time fly, it seems only yesterday that we were flipping burgers in balmy evening sunshine but that is all a distant memory now, last month we had the first speaker of the winter programme.

Eddy gave an inspired talk about his trip to Oshkosh, in his CSTW aircraft, (but he still managed to miss the airshow!) He didn't want any expenses so we had a collection on the night for his charity and raised an amazing £250. Well done & a massive thank you to Eddy for sharing his time and story with us all.

Next meeting we have Anne Hughes from LAA head-quarters giving us a talk about the restoration of the prototype beagle Bulldog.

Finally I have managed to ditch the sling and my arm is on the road to recovery, see you Monday.
Keith

A Note from the Editor.....

Apologies for the late delivery of this newsletter – I have been focussed on getting a new business set up and off the ground interspersed with banging my head into a wall as I have been trying to get a peer-to-peer crowdfunding project up and running ahead of Tuesdays launch. As Keith mentioned above – time has flown by and I'm just hanging on.

We have traditionally tried to maintain an email list of those that have expressed an interest in receiving the newsletter – both members and non-members. Having been newsletter editor for a few months now, there are several email addresses that are no longer valid and bouncing back. Also, in the interest of better all-round communication between strut members and making new members feel more involved and welcome, we have decided to put together a LAA Andover strut google group. Newsletters will be sent to the group going forward as opposed to individual email addresses.

We will later this week have it up and running... you should automatically be added to the group but if you know of anyone who would like to join, please get them to send an email to LaaAndover@Gmail.com with the word SUBSCRIBE in the subject line.

Easy as that...(apparently!)

Charity Build

Aerobility are exploring the possibility of creating a build project to be carried out by young disabled people. At present it is just an embryo of an idea and part of the exploration will be the link between Aerobility and LAA. Interested Strut members would no doubt become involved in overseeing construction although not in an authorisation level, that would be through one of our inspectors in the normal manner.

If and when I get any further info' I will pass it on. In the meantime anyone who feels that this is something that they would like to get involved in please let me know. Thanks. Alan - alan.lovejoy18@gmail.com

Andover Strut Winter Program

Once again, hopefully I have managed to put together a series of talks that will entertain, educate and generally discourage gossip amongst yourselves! Traditionally we commence our more structured winter strut meetings commencing September.

Hope you all enjoy what I have put together. I am always open to ideas for future strut evenings, include contact details etc. if you are able.

- Alan

9 October. Those of us within the vintage scene more over the Vintage Aircraft Club will know Anne (Hughes). Anne and David Collings have teamed up to present a talk on the prototype Beagle Pup restoration. If you have read the latest report you will know this almost the precursor to other planned early Beagle restorations.

8 November. This month we have a return visit from M.A.F (Mission Aviation Fellowship) in the name of Capt Brian Pill. Brian brings the good works of MAF to

many clubs and organisations in the form of his illustrated presentation. MAF currently has a fleet of 51 aircraft, most GA and bush types operating in Africa, Asia, Eurasia & Latin America. This will be an occasion for strut members to support MAF in their wonderful work.

11 December. With the festive season upon us it will be time for our traditional Aeronautical quiz (Once again Bob, Malcolm we are not all aeronautical anoraks!). This will be followed by the equally traditional festive cheese n' wine. This will be the occasion to 'treat' your other favourite one to their annual evening of utter strut enjoyment!

January. From PPL to Channel 4! This title introduces Arthur Williams who some will know in person but most through the medium of Ch4 TV and his wonderful series on various airborne exploits around the world as experienced by someone wheelchair bound. Arthur became disabled as the result of a car accident whilst he was a serving Royal Marine. This left him paralysed from the waste down. Arthur gained his PPL with Aerobility and has become an active volunteer with the charity. It is here that I have got to know Arthur, further more we both own Yellow Piper Cubs! Finally you will also know that Arthur recently became an LAA Ambassador. So he is truly 'one of us'.

February. The title of this evenings talk seems fairly bland, Building & Flying PL793. This has been a project that has consumed Steve & Kaye Markham's time for several years. The object of the talk is really the build of the Australian Mk 26 Spitfire with the trials and many tribulations associated with this project. Suffice to say that the gleaming new Subaru engine on its stand became a talking piece in their front parlour for a considerable time! Steve supports the RAF Benevolent Fund and will seek to further their good work in return for his time with us at our meeting.

March. Another Steve, this time a well-known Popham face, Steve Boxall, a man that knows 'everything' about gyros, the airborne sort with the whirly bits on top. Steve will give a presentation on all aspects of gyrocopter operations, history and not forgetting how they defy gravity and fly! Steve has CPL, IR and instructors rating, I believe the only instructor with this combination in UK.

April. 'Lightnings and beyond' is the title of the last of our guest speakers prior to the start of the 2018 flying season. Vic Lockwood had an extensive career in the RAF with the Lightning being his great joy. His career subsequently spanned many facets of aviation and aerospace culminating in retirement with being a member of the Great War Display team. As the title suggest Vic will talk mainly of his time on that amazing English Electric creation the Lightning and all its marques.

May. And, finally to bring us down to earth the dreaded AGM! This will be followed once again by cheese, wine & nibbles

In the Pipeline

- Possible Strut Fly-Out to Stow Maries and/or a group visit to the FAST Museum at Farnborough.

Other Stuff In & Around



LAA OXFORD: Wed 11th October

Captain Bryan Pill of The Mission Aviation Fellowship -
Flying to the Worlds Communities

Duke of Marlborough Hotel, Woodstock, OX20 1HT

Guest entry is £3 each & includes sandwiches afterwards



LAA OXFORD: Wed 8th November

Mark Davies:

James Sadler - the First Englishman to Fly

LAA BRISTOL: www.bristol-wing.co.uk

November 7th: Darren Lewington — Operations Director for Gloucestershire Airport,
The History of Gloucestershire Airport

January 9th: Flying in 2017— BAC and Bristol Strut

February 6th: Bryan Pill - Keys don't Float! All I know about Float Flying

West London Aero Club – White Waltham (all start @ 19h30)

Flying Food will be open from 1800h – 1915h to serve hot meals and drinks

Wed Oct 11: Andy Green - Bloodhound SSC

Wed Nov 8: Tim Hall - Aircraft cutaway drawings

Wed Dec 6: Paul Green and Chris Fopp - Trainers around the World. Flying Around
the World in 2018 in a Bulldog and a Chipmunk

Wed Jan 10: Stuart Eves - How Astronomy Can Save The World (a discussion of
how we can monitor threats from space)

Wed Feb 7: Wg Cdr Gary Coleman - 28 not out!

Wed Mar 7: Paul Beaver - The life of Capt. Eric "Winkle" Brown

Wed Apr 4: Barry Tempest - Five Decades in the Circus (a high wire act with no
safety net)

Wed May 2: [Rich Graham](#) - SR71 or F4 "Wild Weasel" operations in Vietnam

[ANOTHER TALK NOT TO BE MISSED!](#)

AND NOW FOR SOMETHING COMPLETELY DIFFERENT?

A statistics professor planned to travel to a conference by plane. When he passed the security check, they discovered a bomb in his carry-on-baggage. Of course, he was hauled off immediately for interrogation.

"I don't understand it!" the interrogating officer exclaims. "You are an accomplished professional, a caring family man, a pillar of your parish and now you want to destroy that all by blowing up an airplane!"

"Sorry", the professor interrupts him. "I had never intended to blow up the plane."

"So, for what reason else did you try to bring a bomb on board?!"

"Let me explain. Statistics shows that the probability of a bomb being on an airplane is $1/1000$. That is quite high if you think about it - so high that I wouldn't have any peace of mind on a flight."

"And what does this have to do with you bringing a bomb on board of a plane?"

"You see, since the probability of one bomb being on my plane is $1/1000$, the chance that there are two bombs is $1/1000000$. If I already bring one, the chance of another bomb being around is actually $1/1000000$ and I am much safer..."

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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Subs

Strut Membership subs are due at the beginning of the year (MAY). The annual subs of £15 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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