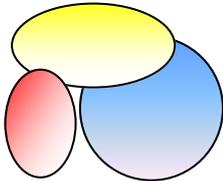




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NEXT MEETING— Airside safety and life-raft inflation

Our meeting on Wednesday 6th April should prove to be a varied and interesting evening. Phil Green has organised a talk on Airside Awareness (particularly at Filton, but airside safety is applicable to all of us all of the time).



Phil has also arranged for the annual inflation test of the BAC life-raft to take place at the meeting so we can all have a chance to see just how they inflate and what's included—being prepared is always a good idea.

We may have a chance to hear a bit more about EASA from John Griffin, BAC's CFI.

Filton Airside

LAST MEETING - Hercules propellers

Rupert Wasey of Hercules propellers came to give us a talk at our March meeting. When Rupert was looking to fit a prop to his newly built Flitzer he was very disappointed at the availability of propellers well matched to his aircraft so he got together with a friend who had a CNC router. Between them they devised a system which could produce a propeller matched exactly to any aircraft, giving exceptional performance figures. And so Hercules Propellers was born...these bespoke propellers are financially on a par with many 'off the shelf' makes but Rupert's will allow your aircraft to perform to its maximum potential.

Rupert gave data which was very interesting and there was a good deal of interest shown in his designs, with at least one order taken in the following couple of weeks!

If you'd like more information then contact Rupert on 07976 533615 or visit his website at:

www.hercprops.com to see examples of these beautiful props.



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Where to go...

Free landing vouchers for April in:

Flyer Magazine: Bellarena, Bodmin, Causeway, Dundee, St Mary's and Wolverhampton.

Pilot Magazine: (now incorporating Today's Pilot): Chiltern Park, Hucknall, Longside; Newtonards and Perth (Scone)

3rd April Old Sarum—Vintage Sunday

10th April Popham—Jodel Fly-In

Easter Saturday 23rd April Henstrige Airfield—Wessex Strut Fly-in from 10.00

Looking ahead: A couple of dates for your diary

14th May—Bodmin Airfield—'A Century of Lady Aviators followed by a Hanger Dance

17th—19th June—AeroExpo UK at Sywell Aerodrome

Always remember you
fly an aeroplane with
your head,
not your hands.

RAeS Local meetings

Date: Tuesday 5th April 2011

Subject: Can aircraft parabolic flights get us to orbit and beyond, on the Moon and Mars?

Speakers Dr. Vladimir Pletser, Senior Physicist and Project Manager of ESA Parabolic Flights, European Space Agency

Venue: Concorde Room, BAWA leisure Centre, Southmead Rd, Filton, Bristol

Times: Refreshments at 18.00 for Lecture start at 18.30pm

Quiz

Last month's picture:

Well Trevor has certainly stirred a few brains and you've responded well!

Correct answers offered from: Pete White, Graham Clark, Alan George and Neil Wilson(Wessex Strut) who all said that it is an Auster Agricola 1955. Neil also offered the following interesting information: *"Believe or not, my Cousin in New Zealand was married to a crop farmer and he Peter Stevenson and his Dad Claude Stevenson once owned about 4 of them ! They crashed a couple (crop dusting is dangerous). I visited Martinstown in 1981 and saw the last one. It was painted Green and Yellow. It has now been imported back to the UK to a chap in Lincolnshire I believe.*

I do have a picture somewhere of it in the hanger which I took, but it is in the depths of one of my cupboards."

We received an incorrect suggestion (no names printed for obvious reasons...) that it is *" the NDN-6 Fieldmaster ..developed from the Military Trainer NDN Firecracker ... also converted it into a fire fighter that filled the tank as it flew low over a lake etc with a scoop deployed under it on a pole/pipe etc ... It was called the "Fire Master". I think that there is a dead Fieldmaster still at Sandown, I of W."*

Trevor agrees with this information but says this is not one!

For this month we've got another one from Trevor (well he has been our quizmaster for the last few years!)

Name the flexwing.....?



Snippets

Steve sent around the following message earlier in March but it's worth repeating here:

"We have had a lot of questions from Wing members regarding transfer of UK PPLs to EASA PPLs. CAA have just issued this document which answers most if not all questions:

<http://www.caa.co.uk/default.aspx?gid=2061>

I refer UK PPL holders to pages 13 and 19 in particular. The possible additional training is somewhat of a surprise and one area where I would expect some common sense to be applied at later date.

CAA confirm they will amend the ANO to allow EASA PPL(A)s to fly UK permit aircraft which is good news for people like me.

Note the CAA document is subject to change (it has some ambiguities) but they are clearly laying out their stall."

And also Steve has followed it up with this:

CAA have just released CAP413 Edition 20 (RT) with a few subtle changes to calls. There is also a colourful addendum for GA pilots this year that looks quite useful especially for anyone in training.

Can be found online here: <http://tinyurl.com/ybbz3mg>

Thanks to Trevor for this information:

GASIL is going electronic;

see <http://www.caa.co.uk/application.aspx?catid=33&pagetype=65&appid=11&mode=list&type=sercat&id=7> and then select the appropriate publication. You can even look back at any of the last 10 years of 'GASIL' information booklets.

Here's a copy of the March edition's front page:

No, readers, we're not going to stop producing the magazine! We still wish to publish advice to pilots, instructors, engineers and others involved in GA operations in articles which hopefully are not only informative but interesting enough for you all to read. However, it is 2011, the drive for efficiency is on, and technology has moved on since the printed sheets of the magazine were first sent out to its readership each month.

Electronic communications are commonplace. GASIL has been available to everyone online for several years in www.caa.co.uk/gasil. It is possible for everyone concerned to receive an e-mail informing you when the latest issue appears on that site. For those, like the editor, who prefer to read from a paper copy, the web version is set up for home printers.

As the end of the financial year approaches, it seems an appropriate time to consider change. While we are still examining possible methods of making our advice available in hard copy, this is the last monthly copy of GASIL which will be sent to your home addresses. From now on, we ask you to download it from the website, and to encourage others to do so. To ensure you receive notification of each month's issue being published, please submit a request on www.caa.co.uk/subscriptions. You will need to register with your e-mail address, and to tick the category marked 'general aviation'.

Fancy testing your Navigation skills?

Why not take part in the TopNav Competition taking place on 14th and 21st May at Retford/Gamston or White Waltham. ?

Further details on the competition can be found on the RIN website, www.rin.org.uk (select the competitions flag and then TOPNAV) or by telephone 0207-591-3130

GPS Jamming Exercise

(Shamelessly copied from the Devon Strut newsletter) Thanks to John Colgate for the following:

The MoD has informed Ofcom of the following **GPS jamming exercise**: 07.00Z 19th – 10.00Z 26th May 2011.

Location: The ground based radar jamming events will take place in the SW approaches against the remote radar head at Portreath 21st-22nd May, undertaken by F-18 Growler aircraft. Additionally there will be radar jamming against deployed targets in South West Wales throughout the period 19th-26th May.

Communications and airborne radar jamming will take place throughout the same period on the East Coast with aircraft operating within the North Sea Military Danger Areas. Communications and maritime unit radar jamming will take place in the SW approaches and Bristol Channel. Falcon aircraft will operate from Sea Level to FL240 unless jamming AEW aircraft where they may operate above FL245.

This page is not filled because the editor has run out of material....

It is your newsletter, you submit what you think may be of interest to others, the editor can only produce what has been sent in.

Please forward any articles etc before the end of April so that we can have an interesting and useful newsletter next month to share amongst our membership and also the wider aviation public. These newsletters are published, via our Bristol Wing website, on the World Wide Web and read by anyone who wishes to discover more about our kind of grass roots, economical flying for pleasure.