

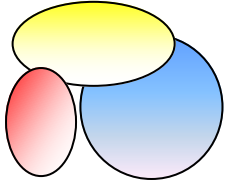


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Newsletter of the LAA Bristol Strut



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NEXT MEETING – GASCo Safety Evening

Our next meeting will be on **Tuesday 7th February** when we will be hosting the next GASCo Safety Evening in our district. These Safety Evenings are essential for keeping pilots up to date and stopping complacency setting. This meeting is open to all pilots in the area so please spread the word among your fellow pilots and let's have a really good turnout.

It will start **prompt at 7.30 pm** and, in anticipation of plenty of people attending, is being held in Room 1 at BAWA—that's **upstairs in the 'New Building'** ie, the first buildings as you drive into the site with the large car-park.

If you **bring along your Log Book** you can get it stamped that you have attended a recognised Safety Evening and it will count towards your achievements in the Wings Award for those of you attempting to attain yours. See last month's newsletter for those of our members who have already done it.

LAST MONTH'S MEETING—last year's flying

Our January meeting was our usual review of our flying (or other) activities in the previous year, though this time it stretched back in part beyond 2016.

Chris Wright told us about the build of his Colombar Luciole,

Rod Young about a flight in the Dachstein region of Austria.

Graham Clark touched on prime flying events of recent years

Alan George on the long repair of his RV-4.

David Chambers had flown to Inverness and beyond,

Dave Hall had visited several air museums in the US and our chairman described DENS's attendance at various events during the year.

Forthcoming Bristol Strut Meetings

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

Tuesday 4th April—Roy Pentecost—Gliding and FLARM (with a glider to look over)

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Safety Evening 2016/2017

COMING TO:

Bristol Aero Club & LAA Bristol

Tuesday 7th February 2017, 1930 hrs

BAWA, Southmead Road, Bristol BS34 7RF

Contact Philip Green on 07768 822 406 or e-mail social@bristolaeroclub.co.uk

www.haywards.net
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www.gasco.org.uk

Where to go...

Free Landings for February 2017 in:

Flyer: Bodmin, Fishburn, Full Sutton, Holmbeck, Old Sarum, Popham.

LAA Light Aviation: Beccles, Chiltern Park, Pembrey (weekends Only) , Donington F1 Motorsport Museum – 50% Off Entrance

April 23rd Henstridge 40th Anniversary Fly In

"Mix ignorance with arrogance at low altitude and the results are almost guaranteed to be spectacular."

**Bruce Landsberg,
Executive Director of the AOPA
Air Safety Foundation**

PICTURE QUIZ

Last month's picture puzzle was submitted by Trevor, and the clue he gave was:

"For a change, something from the last 10 years."
and the answer is: **OMA Sud Skycar from Italy.**

This time there were two respondents: our faithful reader **Phil Mathews** and also **Pat Harrison** who were both of course correct.



Can you name this month's aircraft given to us once again by Trevor?

An aircraft which was once a tailwheel trimotor, and later a nosewheel bimotor! And it's British, though from its name you might not think so!



THE RIGHT PLACE AT THE RIGHT TIME

If you're stuck inside this weekend because the weather is so awful then here's a website with some wonderful Vintage photos and stories to while away a couple of hours maybe. Thanks to Spike Parker for the link.

<http://www.vintagewings.ca/VintageNews/Stories/tabid/116/articleType/ArticleView/articleId/581/The-Right-Place-at-the-Right-Time.aspx>

LAA now able to accept avionics applications for equipment

Following on from EASA's recent bilateral agreement with the FAA that they recognise each others equipment approvals, and CAA adopting a similar policy, LAA can now also take advantage of this. Where the FAA has issued a TSO (Technical Standard Order), then LAA will accept this as long as it also meets applicable European requirements (e.g. a TSO'd radio must be 8.33 kHz compliant).

This opens up a whole new range of equipment for LAA members to fit to their aircraft.

Technical Leaflet **TL 3.03** has been updated to include this change along with the corresponding application form **LAA/MOD7**. The updated TL 3.03 also includes advice on when equipment approved to CAA's LA3 category can be used

Petition to Reassess general aviation airfields as green belt not brown field sites.

Airfields around the country are categorised as brown field sites making them attractive for the development of housing estates. However these airfields are 90% grass land. Reassessing them as green belt will protect our green countryside, protect local employment and protect general aviation. Please sign the petition using the link below, it only takes a second.

<https://petition.parliament.uk/petitions/174826>

Currently the petition stands at nearly 6,500 signatures. At 10,000 signatures, government will respond to this petition

At 100,000 signatures, this petition will be considered for debate in Parliament

The Wessex Strut 40th Anniversary fly-in

This will take place at Henstridge on **Sunday 23rd April** (St George's Day). The event is open from 10.00 am to 5.00 pm with free landings, while discounted fuel (AVGAS and UL91) will be offered on the day.

There will be a local vintage motor bike club attending and they will line their bikes up for show, as well as modern and vintage aircraft from various clubs and agents. The airfield based company Aircraft Coverings who represent Poly Fiber will also be on hand to give demonstrations and talk with aircraft owners. The LAA too will be in attendance meeting LAA members in their marquee. The usual excellent food and drink from the kitchen including all day breakfasts, curry and more, will be available.

Please refer to their website www.wessex.strut.org.uk nearer the time for joining details and circuit patterns. **You will need to get a code from the website before you leave home, and quote it when first calling up the airfield please.** The airfield will be closed from 1.00 - 2.00 pm so that spectators and pilots can walk around the visiting aeroplanes, so please keep this in mind.

Do put this date in your diary and support our neighbouring Strut for the first big Fly-in of the flying year.

SNIPPETS FROM DEVON STRUT NEWSLETTER

Some of our members may find the following information very useful:

For our Francophile tourers, from the 1st February, customs at Cherbourg will be subject to 24 hours notice. This should be done to the following email address: bse-cherbourg@douane.finances.gouv.fr. We've also heard that customs at Caen is now also subject to 24 hours notice.

For Strut members who are bent-wing flyers, a successor to Airworld UK as a source of parts for Jodel and Robin aircraft, will be available with effect from 1st February in the form of Sandalwood Services <http://sandalwoodservices.com> who have acquired the remaining stock from Airworld.

Tailpiece: Not Flown For a While? Also pinched from Devon Strut—Thanks Mike

A man was walking down the street when he was accosted by a particularly dirty and shabby-looking homeless man who asked him for some money for dinner. The man took out his wallet, extracted fifty quid and asked:

"If I give you this money, will you buy whiskey with it instead of dinner?"

"No, I had to stop drinking years ago," the homeless man replied.

"Will you spend this on flying instead of food?" the man asked.

"Are you NUTS?" replied the homeless man. "I haven't flown aeroplanes in 10 years!"

"Well," said the man, "I'm not going to give you money but instead, I'm going to take you home for a hot shower and a terrific dinner cooked by my wife."

The homeless man was astounded. "Won't your wife be angry with you for doing that?"

The man replied, "That's okay. It's important for her to see what a man looks like after he has given up drinking and flying."