

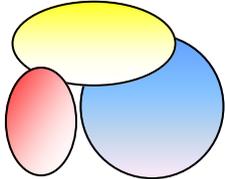


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Newsletter of the LAA Bristol Strut



January 2017

NEXT MEETING – Review of 2016

Our next meeting will be on **Tuesday 10th January** and it will be an open mic session. **Please note that for this meeting only it will be held in Room 4** (the first room along the corridor from reception).

Speak for 5 to 10 minutes on what you did in 2016. Maybe first solo, first land away, an additional rating, a trip out with friends, an interesting airfield, good restaurant / café within walking distance of any airfield you visited, etc.

So if you have a spare 10 minutes over the new few days please prepare something on a memory stick and bring along on Tuesday.

For directions to BAWA and more information about the strut see: <http://www.bristol-wing.co.uk>

LAST MONTH'S MEETING—Quiz night

Thanks to Alan George who once again set some challenging and but less controversial questions than in past years. There was plenty of seasonal food to share around and a good quantity of friendly banter between the teams.

A good time was had by all—even yours truly who had hopped into the meeting on crutches, having had a lower leg freshly plastered that day! Very large plaster for a very small broken bone in the foot. All mended now. Dangerous putting up Christmas Decorations.

CONGRATULATIONS

Many congratulations to 4 of our members who have received LAA Wings Awards:

Steve Pemberton—Silver Award

Trevor Wilcock—Silver Award

Graham Clark — Gold Award

Ron Perry—Gold Award



These are photos of Ron's badge and Certificate.

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Next Month's meeting will be the GASCO Safety Evening to be held in Room 1 (Upstairs in the 'New' building.) This is an open meeting and all interested persons are welcome—so spread the word around to your fellow pilots.

How strange is this combination of proximity and separation.

That ground - seconds away - thousands of miles away.

Charles A. Lindbergh

GASCO Presents...

I AM IN CONTROL

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.caa.gov.uk

www.gasco.org.uk

Where to go...

Free Landings for January 2017 in:

Flyer: Abergavenny, Cromer,(Northrepps), Jersey, Kingsmuir, Elstree, White Waltham

LAA Light Aviation: Dunkeswell from 4th Jan onwards, Kirkbride, Wolverhampton (Halfpenny Green) and a 2 for 1 offer to The Army Air Museum at Middle Wallop

Forthcoming Bristol Strut Meetings

Tuesday 7th February— GASCO Safety Evening (held in Room 1, upstairs in new building. 19.30 **Prompt start**

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

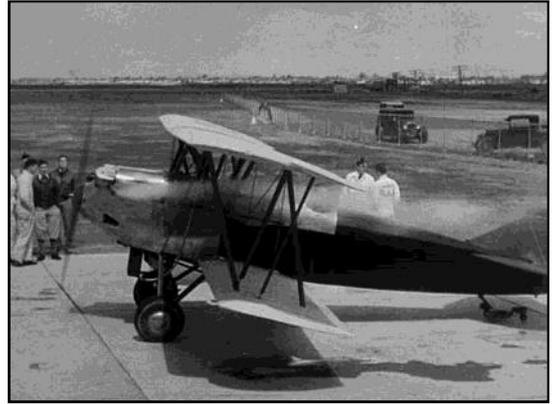
PICTURE QUIZ

The answer to last , month's picture puzzle submitted by Trevor with the clue 'What's innovative about this aircraft? There's a hint in the picture' is:

The 1933 Besler steam-powered aircraft, based on a Travel Air 2000. It had a 2-cylinder 150hp engine, was quiet and capable of readily reversing the direction of rotation of the engine to give improved short field performance.

Dave Hall wrote in with: I'd read about a steam-powered aircraft, but had to google it to find out it's called a Besler. (As an aside, I think there was an idea of powering a modified Bristol Braemar triplane bomber airframe, called a Bristol Tramp, with a steam turbine option, but I can't recall if it ever made it into the air.) *Thanks for the interesting thought Dave, can anyone help him?*

One member, who shall remain nameless, said: "In answer to the quiz photograph, I believe it was a taken in USA around early 1930's, I think the plane is a WACO and its running on a diesel engine. "answer unaided by Google or any other external support" (*Interesting answer, nearly correct but not quite*)



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

He says: *"For a change, something from the last 10 years."*

Electronic devices in seat mechanism fire hazard

Categories: Airline operations and safety. *(We might not fly airliners but do take note!)*

Recently there have been a small number of incidents of phones and tablets catching fire on board aircraft worldwide. Causes included crushing in the aircraft seat mechanism.

Operators of aircraft with **seats featuring electrical or mechanical means of adjusting position** should consider briefing passengers to take care of their personal electronic devices.

Passengers should also be told that, if this happens, they should not move the seat and inform the cabin crew, who can assist. Cabin crew procedures should be amended accordingly, including an explanation that assistance from engineering may be needed on the ground.

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Use of UK airspace report

Are you aware of CAA Form FCS1521? This form may be used to provide information to the CAA about the use by aircraft of UK airspace and its effect on you, including aircraft noise. Of particular interest to private pilots, it can be used if you wish to report being denied access to controlled airspace.

<https://apply.caa.co.uk/CAAPortal/servlet/SmartForm.html?formCode=qau2>

