

**June 2005**

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**Last month – 12th May**

After having a dilemma over who might come along to speak at the meeting, by good fortune Ron Perry had just that week returned from an epic trip to Kyriz and Berlin in the well-travelled Smaragd 'VE. Equipped with a large collection of photos on CD which was handed to each pilot when they left, Ron was able to tell us all about the trip which involved over eight hours flying time crossing three FIR boundaries, culminating with a landing at the famous Templehoff airport in the centre of Berlin. There was an opportunity to visit the aviation museum, a model of which is shown below. Also pictured is 'VE in front of the enormous curved hangars with sliding doors. His presentation kept us enthralled, and we all learned a bit more about going foreign and extending our horizons just that bit further. Thanks to Ron for making it a good meeting!



**This month – 9th June**

Unfortunately the same situation as last month, nothing is fixed yet. If anyone can find an appropriate speaker in time for the 9th, or has any good ideas for the last meeting before our summer break, let me know and I'll circulate to the membership by e-mail. During the meeting we'll take this opportunity to have a quick discussion about Flying For Fun and the Bristol Strut's involvement running the Used Aircraft sales park. The Strut picture board needs updating this year, so if anyone has photos representative of the Strut do bring them along on Thursday and they could well be considered for inclusion on the board which will be displayed in the main tent.

**Member's News**

We heard last Tuesday that Steve Neale has successfully flown (and landed!) a PA28 totally unaided by an instructor of any kind. His first solo flight was achieved at Filton at 0930Z and was followed by a second consolidation circuit in the afternoon to prove it wasn't a fluke! Congratulations to Steve for finally becoming a Pilot; we wish him well for the rest of his course.

**Where to go in June & July**

*Flyer's Free Landings:* Derby, Donegal, Enstone and White Waltham

*Pilot's Free Landings:* Cromer, Fyfe, Kirkwall, Lands End, Sheffield City and Shipham.

June 11th, 12th – Devon Strut fly-in, Farway Common

June 11th – Defford Air Day (Croft Farm) 07769 658041

June 12th - Cherbourg fly out assisted by the G-VFWE team (see below)

June 18th, 19th – Devon Strut fly-in, Halwell

June 18th, 19th – Air Britain fly-in, North Weald

June 18th - Scout Camp at Lower Upham, see below

June 25th, 26th – Wings & Wheels at Rougham

June 26th – Devon Strut fly-in, Manstage

July 1st, 2nd, 3rd - PFA Flying For Fun 2005 at Kemble (Bristol are again hosting the Used Aircraft sales park).

July 9th – Devon Strut fly-in, Eggesford

July 10th – Devon Strut fly-out to Lundy

July 10th – Wiltshire Flyers Young Eagles at Kemble, see below

**Looking ahead:-** 3rd & 4th September 2005, 10.00am - 5.00pm both days.

Location:- Boxted Airfield, Langham, Nr Colchester, Essex

The Suffolk Coastal Strut invites you to their 4th Annual Fly-In at the Boxted Airfield Historical Group's open weekend, 40's style dance on the evening of the 3rd September. Open to all GA; PFA, Vintage and Veteran types particularly welcome. STRICTLY PPR - £6.00 landing fee. For information Tel:- 01206 231304 (Mobile:- 07731 949410 on the days of the event) Email:- [carol@polehouse.co.uk](mailto:carol@polehouse.co.uk)

#### **Help needed!**

Two events have been announced by Dudley Pattison, for which he is asking our help. Dudley, pass your message:

1) There is a PFA education strut Scout camp at Lower Upham on Saturday 18th June (if rain affected, flying may possibly continue on Sunday 19th). No landing fees (unless I feel like a week-end away) and lunch will be provided to pilots by the scouts. For the few that don't know Upham (the Swindon one, not Southampton) it has 36/18 and 28/10 grass strips, both in excess of 600 metres.

2) The Wilts PFA Flyers Young Eagles is on Sunday 10th July at Kemble, I believe that, as before, there will be a once off £5.00 landing fee.

The Wilts PFA Flyers, and myself, would really appreciate your help on these dates which are usually fun days. The more pilots that offer their services the better, reducing the work load and giving more time to shoot the breeze. Ideally pilots will arrive shortly before 10.00 for each event for a briefing. Please call me on 01793 791517 or mob: 07990 976393 asap, and let me know if you can make one, both, or neither event, along with your registration and number of passenger seats.

Many thanks in anticipation  
Duds

#### **G-VFWE fly-out to Cherbourg – 12th June**

We have been notified by Terry Booker that the Cherbourg event is very much 'on', and all vintage/classic types are encouraged to give it a go. It is basically an open fly-in run by the airport authority, but G-VFWE staff will be helping out with marshalling, etc, on the field. Terry is negotiating for 'food 'n fuel' vouchers, so would appreciate a call if you propose to go – **01202 737430**. All normal procedures and paperwork apply, as for any private flight to French airspace, and try to avoid over-flying built-up areas, power stations and naval dockyards! Plan to arrive as early as possible to assist parking; landing is free as is aircraft parking, but they would like everyone on the deck by 13:00 local.

#### **An RV-9 is born...**

*Last weekend Steve Neale went over to see Dave Boxall and Steve Hill's progress on their RV-9A. This is his report on their progress:*

"Work is proceeding apace on the RV-9A being constructed by Steve Hill and Dave Boxall near Bath.

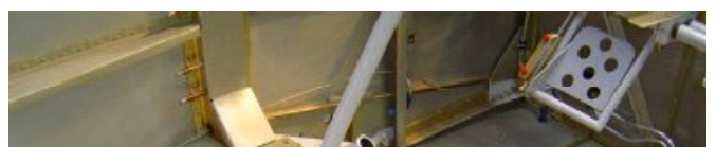
RV builders say you are half way there when the airframe is complete so Steve and Dave must be well past that stage as theirs is all done with the horizontal stabiliser attached. Inside work is also well advanced with seating and primary controls fitted. This RV is fitted with both elevator and aileron trims and the dual hydraulic toe brakes are being fitted at the moment. Note the pushrods that give RV controls their positive feel. Steve and Dave are fitting a Wilsch Diesel and the engine mount was sitting patiently in one corner waiting its turn.



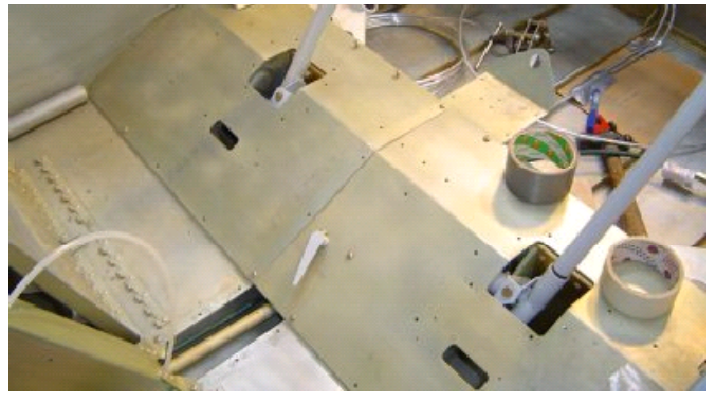
Also set aside and ready to attach are the wings complete with their large slotted flaps that allow this 180kt aircraft to land at 40kts. The wings are of a higher aspect than other RVs making the RV-9A not only fast but a stable cross country machine too. The CAA's test pilot Paul Mulcahy said of the RV-9A "Every child should be given one of these at birth". Perhaps that is why the two friends are smiling so much. Heaven knows what they will look like when it takes to the air".

Steve.

*The wings are ready to attach...*



*Pushrods give a positive feel...*



**G-VFWE at Hullavington - May 2005**

*A couple of weeks ago, Dave Hall made it to Hullavington for the Great Vintage Flying Weekend. Although the poor weather conditions reduced the number of airborne arrivals, there were still many interesting types on the field, including a good representation from the Air Atlantique fleet. [Click this link to view his report:](#)*