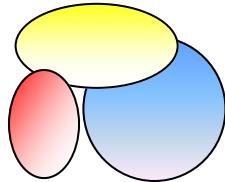




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We are fortunate in having as our speaker on 1st March the new LAA Chief Executive Officer, Steve Slater.

Please come and hear his vision for the LAA and about the work the LAA and other GA organisations are undertaking to protect our interests.

One such activity is described on page 3.

As usual, 19:30 for 19:45, Room 7, BAWA.



LAST MEETING —

We were very fortunate to have an entertaining presentation by Capt Bryan Pill of Mission Aviation Fellowship. He told us about the mission of MAF, its fleet, and the hazards and pleasures of carrying out that mission in Central Africa and Bangladesh - on wheels and floats. He showed us real rough strip operations and emphasised the importance of planning (W&B, walk the strip, decide your plan before talking to the passengers!). Aviation is a cost-effective way of travel where roads are poor. His enthusiasm for his work was evident, and his presentation was supported by pictures and videos. You can learn more about MAF at

<https://www.maf-uk.org>

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Airfield Identification

Last month's airfield identification created more interest than most in the past—and it wasn't even in the UK!

Correct submissions were received from Phil Mathews, David Chambers, Philip Green and Mike Mold (Devon Strut). They all correctly identified it as Quiberon, North West France.

Also received was a suggestion that it was Venice Lido but they won't be embarrassed by being named!



This month Ron and Lyn have given us another one to think about.

This one is a bit nearer home!

Suggestions to the editor please.

CAA Links

IN-2016/017: Oxford Airport Frequency Monitoring SSR Code 4517

The purpose of this Information Notice is to promulgate the allocation of Secondary Surveillance Radar (SSR) Code 4517 as the Oxford Airport SSR Monitoring Code, effective 01 March 2016

<http://publicapps.caa.co.uk/docs/33/InformationNotice2016017.pdf>

IN-2016/020: NOTAM Policy Procedural Changes

Over recent years an issue has emerged regarding the number of NOTAM in circulation, specifically that there are too many to analyse. ICAO have also expressed concerns over this proliferation and are focussing on ensuring that those NOTAM promulgated are appropriate and fit for purpose.

In order to address these problems, take account of ICAO Annex 15 change requirements and to achieve closer harmonisation with the European guidelines for Operating Procedures for AIS Dynamic Data (OPADD), the UK NOTAM policy has been updated.

Additionally, in response to the transition from AIS to AIM within the UK, the CAA and MOD have agreed to develop a joint and integrated approach. As such Military series messages to pilots (aeronautical warnings) will be discontinued and issued as Civil NOTAM. See the full publication by clicking on the link below:

<http://publicapps.caa.co.uk/docs/33/InformationNotice2016020.pdf>

**It is a huge thrill.
You're up there on your own,
and you really feel like this is life.
I'm the king of the castle up here.
That's really what it's like.**

**Legendary British test pilot and war hero
Captain 'Eric Winkle' Brown.
BBC Interview 23 April 2013.**

Where to go...

Free Landings for March 2016 in:

Flyer ; Bagby, Breighton, Fenland, Fife, Full Sutton, Holmbeck

Light Aviation ; Serburn -in- Elmet, Shipdham and Lydd,

RAeS Bristol Branch

Thursday 17th March Lecture about BRIMSTONE by Tim Marshall Principal Engineering Weapons Integration at QinetiQ. This lecture outlines the technical and programme challenges presented when a new capability is introduced involving a guided weapon and how the Brimstone missile developed to become the weapon of choice it is today.

6.30 pm in Concorde Room, BAWA, Register your seat at www.raesbristol.org.uk

Saturday 30th April Ladies Day Fly In. PPR 01208 821419 Pete White 07805 805679

FUTURE STRUT TALK

In April our past Coordinator, Steve Neale, will be giving us a talk entitled "What's going on with Traffic Awareness Systems". This will be on Tuesday 5th April.

FASVIG once more! By your chairman:

I have previously written and talked about the Future Airspace Strategy VFR Implementation Group (FASVIG), a body with the mission of establishing a sustainable future for VFR operations.

The CAA launched the Future Airspace Strategy in 2011, with the aim of providing, by 2030, airspace which has the capacity to meet reasonable demand, balances the needs of all users and mitigates the impact on the environment. It was evident from early drafts that FAS was centred round the needs of Commercial Air Transport (CAT) and that additional effort would be needed - by the VFR community - to address our needs. To this end FASVIG was launched last year at Duxford. There has been somewhat of a hiatus in the activity since then, as it was realised that various strands of the work would require a level of funding. That funding is now in place - for training, support, administration, internet conferencing, expenses, etc - and FASVIG is now ready to move forward.

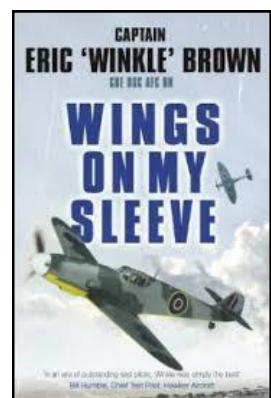
Some people have already volunteered to support the programme, including members of our Strut, but more are needed to support the work, contributing the widest possible range of VFR experience. Change is underway - for example two airspace change proposals have already been raised - and you can make a contribution. Please look at www.fasvig.org and volunteer your support to the programme - it's your VFR future that is in the balance! Please feel free to contact me if you want to know more.

Trevor

CAPTAIN ERIC "WINKLE" BROWN

We have lost this week an extraordinary aviator and extraordinary gentleman, Captain Eric "Winkle" Brown CBE DSC AFC, aged 97. The most decorated pilot of the Fleet Air Arm, he has records for the most types flown (487) and the most carrier landings (2407). Test pilot, ex President of the Royal Aeronautical Society, one of only two survivors of the sinking of HMS Audacity, present at the liberation of Bergen-Belsen, he continued to give modest talks about his exploits until last year.

See in particular <http://aerosociety.com/News/Society-News/2612/Video-Recording-of-Capt-Eric-Winkle-Brown-Named-Lecture>, and read his autobiography "Wings on my Sleeve".



CHIRP GA FEEDBACK

The latest CHIRP (Confidential and Independent Reporting) Magazine is now available to be downloaded at the following link: <https://www.chirp.co.uk/upload/docs/General%20Aviation/GAFB%2067.pdf> and unfortunately it has been noted that there has not been as much response to this magazine since it has gone digital only. It really is worth reading so do take time to download it and browse through. If you're not receiving the regular email link then sent an e-mail to mail@chirp.co.uk and they will ensure that you receive it from then on.

Bodmin Flyer Newsletter

Our Strut has received a copy of the above publication from our friends in neighbouring Devon Strut. The PDF is attached for your interest.

Congratulations to David Chambers who has recently passed his Class Rating Instructor test and can now conduct club checks and differences training for the Bristol Aero Club and LAA Bristol Strut members. The rating allows him to instruct existing PPLs on any aircraft he can legally fly himself (so not taildraggers) including the biennial one hour with an instructor.

Fly to France for Lunch VFR

David is running a course on **Saturday 19th March 2016 10.00 to 16.00 GMT** which fits in very well with the LAA Wings Award Scheme (See last month's newsletter) to expand and develop your PPL skills.

Aimed at all Private Pilots (NPPL/LAPL/PPL) from newly minted to long term veterans, this 6 hour seminar covers all the latest on paperwork, regulations (SERA, Channel Islands airspace changes), flight plans, customs, survival equipment, French ATC, R/T and local flight rules (e.g. no overhead joins). A packed and varied session including slides, videos and exercises. Plenty of opportunity for questions and discussion. By the end you will be able to plan and execute a flight to Le Touquet or Jersey for lunch..

New PPL? Don't be daunted

Many pilots are unsure of what to expect when flying abroad if they've not done it before. Afterwards, most say they were surprised how straightforward it was. This course will equip you with the knowledge of the few extra requirements and differences for a cross channel flight. Illustrated with plenty of photos, in-cockpit video and practice exercises, by the end of the day you'll have a clear picture of what's involved and what to expect.

Experienced Pilot? Get up to date

It can be hard to keep up with the constant stream of rule changes over recent years. Why not take the opportunity to reset your knowledge and familiarise yourself with SERA (Standard European Rules of the Air), Channel Islands airspace (now Class D up to FL80), Radio terminology (Line up behind) and rescue equipment (PLBs)?

Flight plans, customs and immigration procedures have become much stricter but we'll show you how online and tablet based tools make this much easier.

This leaves plenty of time to consider what's on the menu for lunch.

Applicable to almost all fixed wing private aircraft (Certified or LAA Permit) regardless of ownership (club/solo hire, privately owned, group shared) or pilot licence (NPPL, LAP, PPL - EASA/JAR/UK)

Venue will be a private room at BAWA club, near Filton, Bristol. About 10 mins off J19 of the M4. Plenty of free parking (Sorry - no nearby airfield to fly into) BAWA Club - 589 Southmead Road Filton, BRISTOL BS34 7RG

BOOK NOW ONLINE

Places are limited. Secure your ticket today by booking online using the link below

(<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/cross-channel-vfr-groundschool-tickets-21373240939>)

There are a few early bird discounted tickets available but they are going fast.