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Next meeting – 13th October

This will be our Annual General Meeting so we want everyone currently signed-up to attend if possible. It is the time to put forward ideas for Strut events and appoint (or re-appoint!) the committee.

Future Meetings

November: We have arranged for Andrew Moore – Head of PFA Engineering – to visit us at Bristol, so it will be of special interest to those of us who operate aircraft on PFA Permits. We think Engineering department provide an excellent service for the membership, but Andrew will be open to suggestions for making it even better!

December: Our Annual Quiz, organised so well last year by Spike, will keep our brains working and if we all bring some goodies to eat then we can keep our tums content too!

January: We are very grateful to Steve Neal for inviting Colin Mitchell, vice chairman and PFA treasurer, who has kindly offered to visit the strut to give us a talk on any PFA subject we would like. At the AGM this year he gave an excellent presentation on the accounts, which explained how member's money gets spent by the PFA. He is also soliciting views on what grass roots members want from things like the rally. You may recall Colin held the EC chair for a number of years and has his own views on the future direction of the PFA.

Where to Go in October (always check first before going!)

Free landings in FLYER magazine: Enstone, Newtownards, North Weald and Sheffield.

Free landings in PILOT Magazine: Beccles, Dunkeswell, Huddersfield, Land's End, Sandtoft, and Stapleford.

Insurance query

Some of you may have been aware of a question going around at the moment about group insurance, and the problem that may arise if two or more members of a syndicate fly together. We have received the following from our Chief Executive – Graham Newby:

I have done a bit of homework on this. It would appear that the problem arises where, as with all insurance policies there is a clause which states that one of the insured parties cannot claim from another of the insured parties. So as a group member you cannot claim from another group member under the same policy. Having said this, most of the insurance policies have extensions written in to overcome this but some haven't.

Regards

Graham Newby, Chief Executive, Popular Flying Association

Members News

It would be great to be able to announce another fully qualified pilot in the strut but unfortunately the British weather has scuppered Steve's chances again. Don't you wish you were living elsewhere Steve?

Good news about one of our past Young Eagles – Tom Kinsley.

- He has almost completed his UFT flying training and got honorary rank of Pilot Officer for last year.
- He was winner of the Squadron Trophy for best achievements in academics and flying progress.
- He represented UFT Woodvale in the Inter-UFT Squadrons Aerobatics competitions. He won his competition which was judged by CFS Instructors.

Brilliant Tom – we knew you would go far!

Mike Samuel reports that he has successfully completed his QXC and is now lined up for the final hurdle!
Well done Mike.

2005 PFA AGM At Cranfield

The AGM was attended by about 70 members.

Motions

Motion 1 was to adopt a rewritten set of the rules to simplify and reduce ambiguities. This was passed and the new rules are on the PFA web site.

Motion 2 was to raise the age of senior members from 65 to 75. This was defeated. Senior membership remains at 65 yrs.

Motion 3 regarding the removal of rule 13b relating to full PFA membership of all co-owners of PFA aircraft was withdrawn as the proposer could not attend the AGM.

Other business

Cliff Mort and Cliff Piper were elected Vice presidents in recognition of their contributions to the association.

Colin Mitchell gave a very enlightening presentation of the accounts for the year. For example the PFA spend more on insurance than they do on engineering. A summary will appear in the PF magazine.

Brian Hope was applauded for a superb PF mag. Well deserved and although now monthly the cost to the PFA has been reduced considerably at the same time.

The Rally lost money this year and a rethink is under way (again). Interim loss quoted as £36K. Contributing factors were weather and there was also little marketing done. The FFF concept was questioned. There was comment that working with a third party next time may be one way forward and some discussion was already under way.

An in-depth analysis of the Engineering Section finances was also presented.

Engineering Section

	Cost £	Income £
First Aircraft work	110K	62K
Builder/owner services	140K	33K
Renewals/Inspections	180K	260K

The shortfall on design and builder services of £160K is funded equally from member subscriptions and permit renewals profit.

The need for additional engineering staff might be funded from permit fees and subscriptions; £5 extra on permits raises £10K; £1 extra on subscriptions raises £8K.

There was discussion about the new HQ building. An appeal to the planning refusal is being considered, but Planning Officers suggest a fresh application would be cheaper and quicker. It was reported that there are still issues with regard to planning permission. It was also pointed out that the capital set aside to construct it is not enough to complete it. Where the rest of the money would come from was not explained. There was concern that the AGM had to be held at Cranfield this year because of movement restrictions at Turweston. It was felt this did not bode well for the future. It was mentioned that this situation may improve because of efforts by the airfield owner. The planners support the application but the council does not.

Thanks to Steve and Dave for attending this meeting on our behalf, and reporting the above.

RAeS Lectures in the next few months

Most of the following lectures will take place at No. 4 Hamilton Place, London
Commencing at 18.00 hrs, refreshments will be served from 17.30 hrs.
A reception will follow from 19:30 to 21:30

For information on the following conferences go to www.aerosociety.com.conference or Tel: 020 7670 4345 for details of the exact lecture venue:

Tuesday 25th October RACING GLIDERS AND OPTIMISING PERFORMANCE
Afandi Darlington, Optimal Aerodynamics Ltd

Tuesday 1st November DH110/SEA VIXEN *Mr Philip Birtles*

Thursday 10th November BRABAZON LECTURE – Can we deliver the Aviation White Paper?
Mike Clasper CBE, Chief Executive BAA Plc

Tuesday 29th November CHANGES IN LIGHT AVIATION – challenges and opportunities.
Takes place at RAF Museum Cosford, Shropshire – an all day event with visits possible to the RAF Museum restoration workshops.

Thursday 8th December WILBUR AND ORVILLE WRIGHT LECTURE
Prof David Southwood, Director of Science, European Space Agency

PFA BRISTOL STRUT

Minutes of Annual General Meeting held at 8pm on Thursday 14th October 2004 at BAWA, Filton, Bristol

There were 17 members present, including Strut Co-ordinator Alan George and Treasurer Gordon Pritt. Apologies had been received from 2 members: Brian Osley and Andy Ferrington. The Minutes of last year's AGM had been included with the October newsletter and were accepted as being an accurate record of the meeting.

CO-ORDINATOR'S REPORT

Alan reported that last year's meetings had been good for speakers and events.

Speakers: *John Lewis* - 1930 Granger Archaeopteryx (thanks to Pete Turner). This was an interesting talk and a donation was given to the Shuttleworth Trust

David Wilmott – A life in Aviation, someone who was always in the right place at the right time.

Once again a donation was given – this time to Axbridge British Legion.

Manuel Queiroz – Around the world in an RV6. (noted that this flight has not yet taken place)

Another donation – Cancer Research UK

Europa XS – Aircraft in car-park followed by talk from David Joyce, Rowland Carson and Nigel Charles

Home spun evenings:

Slide Evening and Videos – using digital projector, overhead projector and videos members showed some of their own favourite pictures and films.

Airbus A380 – thanks to Alan who showed us a video, photos and talked about development.

Curio Evening – interesting items brought by members who had a story to tell.

Christmas Quiz – thanks to Spike Parker, enjoyed by all plus the supper provided by members.

Events: *Kemble Airfield to celebrate Centenary of Flight.* At least 5 Bristol Strut aircraft and a dozen members got together for flights to celebrate the Wright Bros first ever powered flight 100 years earlier.

Police Helicopter – visit to Filton Airfield to look around aircraft, and watch it on a live 'shout' followed by informative talk by Phil Scott. Once again thanks to Alan for organizing.

Alan also acknowledged that we had all received a very informative Newsletter each month thanks to Ian & Mary Leader, and he had received e-mails from overseas via the excellent Strut Website, again thanks to Ian. In summary, 'A good year!'

Alan then confirmed that he will be moving his work place to Toulouse in France and will therefore be unable to continue to give the Strut his full support and attention so was announcing that he would need to stand down as Co-ordinator. Unfortunately there was no offer for a replacement so the situation will remain vacant; Alan will keep his name in place for the moment but would appreciate it if someone could step into the position in due course. Discussion continued about filling the future fixtures from the following possibilities:

November is vacant at present: **Steve Slade** – talk on Guinness Record of Landings in one day in an MW6.

Steve is a paraplegic and gives an interesting talk. Edwin Shackleton has contacted Steve who is available in November.

Thoughts were expressed that we could invite **Bristol ATC** to talk about the proposed changes to Bristol/Cardiff airspace. We need to be better informed as comments need to be submitted to Bristol Airport by 3rd December. Is there a 2004 **PFA Rally video**? If so could we purchase it and then have an evening showing?

Video on Freidrichshafen? Graham Clark will investigate.

Quiz Night in December – Spike has agreed to organized this year's event and we will invite members of Bristol Aero Club at Filton to participate/challenge. Evening will include an American Supper.

Skittles Evening – Isn't it our turn to invite Wessex Strut to a challenge match? Could we hold it in the Bristol area as it was in Somerset last time?

February?: **Barry Tempest** PFA Test pilot who could talk on that or CAA regulations.

Wilksch Airmotive Ltd – talk about their diesel engine.

Andy Davis – Glider Record Holder – available at short notice, unable to commit far in advance.

Ultimate High based at Kemble – Mike Samuel or Peter Hill have contact.

Bristol Aero Collection Museum at Kemble – could we have a talk and possibly follow up with a visit later in the year. Dave Hall has contact.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Gordon circulated the accounts to members present.

In summary: Although subscriptions set at £5 per member, expenses exceeded income as we had made numerous donations to charities via speakers. Alan proposed increasing Subs to £10 each (£12 joint membership), Graham Clark seconded and this was agreed by all except one member, the proposition was carried. The Strut accounts still show a very healthy balance and discussion took place about possibly purchasing a digital projector. Alan remarked that we had borrowed one 4 times in the last year, and was reluctant to demean the generosity of the lenders. As the projectors are at present about £1,000 but likely to drop in price in the future, it was agreed that it would not be sensible to buy one yet. The suggestion was made to make a £10 donation for each subsequent use to the current lender and one retrospective payment of £40.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

This was a swift item:

Co-ordinator: Alan announced his intention to move to France and as no-one immediately volunteered to step in - this position remains vacant. (Alan has agreed for his name to remain on the PFA listing of co-ordinators).

Treasurer: Gordon is willing to stand again. All members unanimously agreed these proposals.

Library: Ron Perry agreed to continue.

Newsletter/Website: Ian Leader agreed to continue.

AIRCRAFT 4 SALE AT 2004 PFA RALLY

Steve Neale gave the meeting a very comprehensive report for which we were grateful. PFA will definitely know we exist next year!

AOB

It was requested that the *membership list* could be circulated to members via e-mail giving names, addresses, telephone numbers and especially aircraft type and airfield location. Gordon said he could do that. Could we buy a Weather CD for the strut library?

Suggestions were given for various websites used by members and it was agreed that they should e-mail the URL addresses to Ian for including links in the Strut Website.

PFA BRISTOL STRUT **AGM – October 13th 2005** **Agenda**

Acceptance of last year's minutes – circulated with newsletter.

Treasurer's report, plus what to set the subs at for the coming year - Gordon.

Elections: *Co-ordinator* – Vacant – without a co-ordinator the Strut cannot continue.

Treasurer – Gordon Pritt.

Newsletter/Website – Ian & Mary Leader.

NC Representative – Nigel Hitchman, at present – this should be a Bristol Strut member.

Aircraft 4 Sale - FFF 2006

Future events –

November: Andrew Moore – Head of PFA Engineering.

December: Annual Quiz.

January: Colin Mitchell vice chairman and PFA treasurer.

February: Possible talk by Bristol/Cardiff ATC about new Bristol/Cardiff airspace.

We need some ideas for March, April, May and June 2006.

Any other business

Close

Please bring a printout of this with you to the meeting on Thursday.