

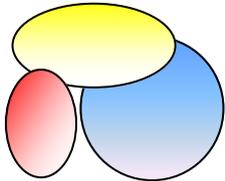


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This month's Newsletter is being produced, in Mary's absence, by me — apologies for any slip in standards!

Trevor

NEXT MEETING — Ballooning Round the World

For our next meeting on Tuesday 4th October we move to Room 1— upstairs in the front part of BAWA — at 19:30 for 19:45 as we expect our talk to attract a wider attendance. Allie and Phil Dunnington are commercial balloon pilots, examiners and consultants, with experience of flying in many countries.. They have provided film services from balloons for many years. With a Beech 18 which is able to carry a lightweight balloon they plan to extend their ballooning to even more locations. For more information see: www.gonewiththewind.uk.com. Guests welcomed.

For directions to BAWA see:
<http://www.bristol-wing.co.uk>



Last month's meeting—AGM

The AGM was conducted with the usual efficiency, with the committee returned unchanged, and the financial position very satisfactory. At the meeting we were pleased to welcome new members Jim and Rona Howard and Chris Gilbert, Jim and Chris both being gyrocopter pilots. We then discussed topical themes: Part-NCO and the ANO, ELT/PLB, medical self-certification, airfield closures etc.

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PICTURE QUIZ

Alan George and Steve Pemberton provided the correct answers to last month's picture—the unique Challis Chaffinch, a modified Pietenpol Aircamper owned by Maurice Kirk.



Graham Clark has provide another picture for this month.

Can you name the aircraft? Answers to Mary , please.

Where to go...

Free Landings for October 2016 in:

Flyer: Bodmin, Eaglescott, Full Sutton, Gloucestershire (when uplifting fuel), Old Sarum, Spanhoe
Light Aviation: East Kirkby, Glassonby, Netherthorpe, Sandown (Isle of Wight)

Bristol Strut Forthcoming Meetings:

November 1st - Dawn to Dusk flight - Fiona Macaskill, 11 hours flying and over 1000 nautical miles in her RV.

December 6th - Christmas Quiz - Quizmaster Alan George will be testing our knowledge (or imagination) again.

Also note:

Royal Aeronautical Society Bristol Branch lecture - The Bloodhound Missile, by Richard Vernon, Historian and Archivist, Bloodhound Missile Preservation Group, Thursday 13 October, 1830hr BAWA Concorde Room. Development of the missile from the original Red Duster studies though to final Bloodhound 2, along with related projects which never reached full scale development.

November 3rd - Military Civil Aviation Safety Day, RAF Halton - see www.gasco.org.uk

Two for next year's diary:

Tuesday 7th February - **GASCO Safety Evening** hosted by BAC and Bristol Strut at BAWA. More details later but note the evening and spread the news.

Thursday–Saturday 1 - 3 June - AeroExpo has moved to Wycombe Air Park.

Lady, you want me to answer you if this old airplane is safe to fly? Just how in the world do you think it got to be this old?

- Anon

Aircraft Technical Log

Don't forget that, under Part-NCO, EASA aircraft must carry and use a Tech Log, and this is also probably wise for Permit aircraft on an international flight. Important columns in the Log are *Defects* and *Rectification*. For those unfamiliar with the Tech Log, here are a few examples to help you:

D: Left main tyre almost needs replacement.
R: *Almost replaced left main tyre.*

D: Dead bugs on windshield
R: *Live bugs on back-order.*

D: Something loose in cockpit.
R: *Something tightened in cockpit.*

D: Evidence of leak on right main landing gear.
R: *Evidence removed.*

D: Suspected crack in windshield
R: *Suspect you're right*

D: Friction locks cause throttle levers to stick.
R: *That's what friction locks are for.*

D: Number 2 engine missing.
R: *Engine found on right wing after brief search.*

D: Mouse in cockpit.
R: *Cat installed*

The old ones are the best!

Medical Self-Certification

Advice from our treasurer, Steve, who has recently submitted his declaration successfully:

*The CAA page which provides a link to the application form is at www.caa.co.uk/srg1210
Applications are best made using Internet Explorer. The CAA page gives further guidance.*

Something of a gotcha perhaps, at section 5, two ticks are required.

Once the form is completed and checked for accuracy, press the [Submit Form] button on page 3 of the application.

This should immediately result in a page showing a reference.

An email should then be received. The attachment will be the application form but now showing the reference and date/time applied for.

It only remains to print all 3 pages and put them with your licence.

There are still some anomalies between SRG1210 and information provided elsewhere by the CAA, and the list of medical exclusions is causing problems for some with pre-existing conditions where a medical declaration with GP countersignature was previously sufficient. This seems contrary to the concept of an evidence-based approach to regulation when the idea of self-certification was to provide an easing of the process. Watch this space!

Local News Items

Smoky Joe is no more: the Westbury cement works chimney was demolished on 18 September.

(But that is no excuse for infringing the Salisbury Plain danger area!)

Brize LARS service area is reducing from 60nm to 40nm radius from 13 October.



The MoD has announced its intention to dispose of Colerne Airfield under its Estate Optimisation Strategy. No date has yet been announced.

The Airplane Factory Sling 4—built and flown in a week

Those of you who went to the LAA Rally will have seen the Sling under construction. Our Strut member Geraldine Hill (seen here with her sister) was one of the hard-working team who achieved this. Perhaps we can look forward to an account in a future Newsletter?



Tailpiece

If the shirt fits, wear it!

