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# Bristol Strutter

Newsletter of the PFA Bristol Strut

September 2007

## NEXT MEETING - FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 14TH

Two special meetings have been set up, one to kick off the Autumn sessions and one in the new year.

On the 14th September, as reported last month, we have a representative from NATS at Bristol Airport - probably Julian Andrews - to talk about the expansion of the Bristol/Cardiff ATZ and how GA flyers like ourselves have coped with it over the last year or so. There will be an opportunity for feedback from the audience, to discover what more they can do to help us when we ask for a transit through the air-space, or simply request a LARS service in the area.



Please don't forget this meeting is on Friday 14th, not the second Thursday as usual, and in room 4 because we expect a good attendance.

### Looking ahead to January 2008:



Steve has been contacted by John Gentleman from the Royal Institute of Navigation to ask if we would host a forum in the Bristol area with local pilots, to discuss GPS use by the GA community. Steve has confirmed our January 10th meeting with him and we have extended the invitation to all pilots in the region. As we expect a good response we have booked Room 1 (in the new building). Do pass the word around your local airfields and encourage fellow pilots to come and join us on what promises to be an interesting evening. There is a poster advertising these two meetings on the Bristol Strut website, and any future updates will be posted here.

### SUMMER FLYING

The weather has been very disappointing so far this year, and many events have been hit rather badly, but now a high pressure is building and more settled weather seems to be on the way. If you did manage to fly away anywhere interesting though, we would be glad to hear about your trip, and share it with the readers of this newsletter. Photos are nice to look at, too, so if you can supply pictures either printed or by e-mail we can include those also.

The summer is not yet over (although it sometimes feels that way) and there are still trips to be made. We look forward to hearing about your adventures in future issues of Strutter. To start off, we heard from Ron and Lyn recently after they flew across to Cherbourg for lunch. See a few of their pictures on the back page.

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## Where to go in September

Free landing vouchers valid during September are available in:

*Flyer Magazine:* Beccles, Gloucester, Scilly Isles and Sturgate

*Pilot Magazine:* Dunkeswell, Eshott, Fishburn, Hucknall, Peterlee and Weston (Ireland).

*Today's Pilot:* Andrewsfield, Campbeltown, Cromer and Eaglescott.

### September

Sunday 2nd - Solent Strut's annual Fly-In at Old Sarum airfield. Contact: Bryan Edwards 01489 783036 or 07739 857527 prior to the day, or Old Sarum Flying Club on 01722 322525 on the day.

2nd Sept - Brimpton PPR 01189 713822 or 07836 775557

8th Sept - Belle Vue - see [www.devonstrut.co.uk](http://www.devonstrut.co.uk)

9th Sept - Watchford Farm - see [www.devonstrut.co.uk](http://www.devonstrut.co.uk)

9th Sept - Annual Fly In at Caernarfon Airport - 01286 830800 or contact [doug@isallt.co.uk](mailto:doug@isallt.co.uk)

### And if you fancy going further afield:

1st/2nd Sept - St Omer, France <http://acsto.free.fr>

7th/9th Sept - Guernsey Air Rally <http://www.guernseyaeroclub.com/rally>

8th/9th Sept - Quiberon, France - Piel rassemblement - [www.quiberonairclub.com](http://www.quiberonairclub.com)

## Looking ahead... Strut meetings

**Friday 14th September** We will have a follow-up talk with Bristol ATC a year or so after the Airspace changes at Bristol.

**11th October** Bristol Strut AGM.

**8th November** Informal evening with Alan George who will describe what it's like living and flying in France.

**13th December** Strut Quiz.

**10th January 2008** - GPS for General Aviation, John Gentleman from Royal Institute of Navigation

## ITEMS FOR SALE

TAPE CASSETTE "Morse Code for Airmen". Free to a Strut member, and very useful if your aircraft has a VOR or ADF. Contact Graham: [cgraham978@aol.com](mailto:cgraham978@aol.com) or tel: 01454 618216.

*The following items for sale by pilot's widow :*

GARMIN GPS MAP - 96C £250

Auto NAV KIT for GPSMAP 76C or &6CS With MapSource City Select (Europe V7)

City Nav (Europe V8) plus accessories £125

2 x David Clarke H10-13.4 HEADSETS (unused - 1 in original box, other in free headset bag) £150 each

Contact Sue Northcote at [susannorthcote@mac.com](mailto:susannorthcote@mac.com) or 00353 27 63106 (West Cork Ireland)



## JABIRU J400 KIT FOR SALE - AT DISCOUNTED PRICE

We ordered a Jabiru J400 kit from the factory in March and this is due for delivery in October. However we have since purchased a part-completed J400 and now wish to sell the one ordered.

We are offering the kit, untouched in its original packaging, for a price of £36,000 ex Seething airfield (Norfolk), a discount of £3000 on the factory price.

If you would like to take advantage of this considerable discount and avoid the normal 6 month delivery delay then please contact me for details.

Steve Hiscox, Seething Jabiru Group Tel: 01508 536033

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## Members News

We've heard from Mike Samuel who has moved back to the Midlands now, for the next few years at least! Mike's good news is that he's got an ATPL sponsorship with Atlantic Airlines at Coventry - 2 years training followed by a 5 year minimum flying cargo for them. Aircraft is likely to be the BAe ATP or the Lockheed L188 Electra. He starts on the 1st September.

Mike says thanks to everyone in the Bristol strut for some fun evenings and the flights he has been given and we wish him well in his future career.

John Mapplethorpe is progressing well with his RV9. The engine is now installed, and final touches are being applied to the glass-fibre cowling prior to painting. After about 3 years building, the possibility of flying next year is now more than just a dream.



**Starlight Fun day.** Every year the Starlight Foundation runs a Fun Day at Popham airfield for the benefit of seriously ill children, and most years Spike Parker has flown over to offer rides. On Thursday 16th August he took G-DENS along with Ian Leader as ground-support, and introduced five lucky youngsters to the joy of flight. A wide variety of aircraft regularly attend this event, including four helicopters, all entirely voluntary. Once briefing was over, everyone formed an orderly queue and bidding began - pilots would call out how many seats were available and passengers came forward to be escorted air-side. Understandably there was more demand for two or more seats, because youngsters tend to stick with Mum or their siblings. However, there were takers for a single seat and Spike was kept busy all day, except when everyone was grounded during a demonstration parachute drop over lunchtime. The picture shows young Charley getting harnessed up prior to his first ever flight. Well done Spike!

## GA Survey

All GA pilots are invited to take part in a survey to improve the understanding of the airspace infringement issue and identify effective prevention strategies and means. This survey is part of the EUROCONTROL Airspace Infringement Safety Improvement Initiative and is completed on line at <http://www.cis.bg> and the team of the General Aviation Pilots Survey considers your expertise and experience in the subject extremely valuable and important. It will be most helpful to the survey in particular, and largely to the whole General Aviation community, if you share your observations on the reasons and explanations of airspace infringements - the way you regard them from your perspective in your own flying environment. Your suggestions about possible safety measures and risk mitigation will be of great value as well.

Your opinion is important! It will take you less than 20 minutes to share your experience. Your answers will be kept confidential and will be used solely in support of the airspace infringement risk analysis and mitigation. Collected information will not be provided to third parties in any circumstances.

### GASCo Flight Safety Seminar

**Sat 29th September** - at Oxford (Kidlington) "Avoiding Stall- Spin"

Early booking price £20 inclusive of hot lunch and refreshments.

Planned Programme:

- 'Airshow's etc' - Brendan O'Brien
- 'Avoiding Inadvertent Stall/Spin' - Rod Dean
- 'Microlight Low Speed Handling' - Rob Hill, BMAA
- 'Gliding is Different' - Dick Dixon, BGA

Apply ASAP to: [info@gen-av-safety.demon.co.uk](mailto:info@gen-av-safety.demon.co.uk) or phone 01634 200203, mail GASCo Office, Rochester Airport, Chatham, Kent, ME5 9SD, Web Site: [www.gasco.org.uk](http://www.gasco.org.uk)

**It's a good landing if  
you can still get the  
doors open.**

Anon

### RAeS Seminar's in September

The following meetings are held at No 4 Hamilton Place, London and full details of all the conferences can be found at: [www.aerosociety.com/conference](http://www.aerosociety.com/conference)

**Wednesday 5th – Thurs 6th September 2007** *Maintenance Engineering Training: Meeting Future Airworthiness Challenges*

**Thurs 27th September 2007** - *FURTHER FORWARD WITH EASA*



## What's in a name?

As you will all have read by now - the long established name of the PFA is about to be debated at the Hucknall AGM on 1st September. If you wish to have your say then do go along to the meeting.

Along with the proposal that PFA be changed to LAA, there is some talk about changing the name "Strut" to something else more "public friendly". If you have any good ideas what to call Bristol Strut in the future please let us know. Also, if the name "Strut" is changed, we will need a new name for this newsletter! Please send your ideas to the editorial address, and we can debate the issue at the strut AGM in October.

The minutes of the Special NC Meeting held on 18th August, at which the motion was discussed and proposals put forward, can be read via the link on our strut website. Just click the green "NC Minutes" button.

## Cherbourg for lunch anyone?

Towards the end of August the rain actually cleared away and high pressure took over; the resulting good weather was too tempting and Ron & Lyn decided to have lunch in France for a change. G-BSVE was in good form, so a flight plan was drawn up and following an early start the Smaragd landed at Cherbourg in glorious sunshine. The crossing took them just 1hr10 minutes from Halesland, and being CAVOK they were able to cruise at 3900 ft.

On arrival a 50 minute walk through the delightful countryside took them to the village of Maupertus sur Mer for lunch and a rambling route returned them to the airport for the evening flight home.

Here are some of their holiday snaps to illustrate the outing:



Above:  
Maupertus sur Mer

Below:  
G-BSVE at Cherbourg Airport



Photos by Lyn Crabb



Lunch at La Maison Rouge...



...and the view across the bay