

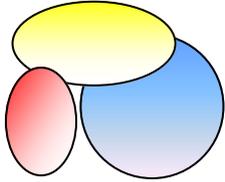


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# Brissle Strutter

Newsletter of the LAA Bristol Strut



September 2016

## NEXT MEETING – AGM

Our next meeting will be our **AGM on 6th September**. We will keep the business meeting very short so there will be plenty of time to chat and catch up.

Trevor has sent out the Minutes of the last AGM so we should be able to take these as read. The Agenda was sent out to members on 12th August and as no nominations or notifications have been received we will follow that one.

This month, for the AGM, we gather in **Rooms 5/6** from 19:30 for 19:45 start, at BAWA.

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

## MEMBER'S NEWS

### New Members

A very warm welcome is extended to our latest new member, **Chris Wright**. Chris lives in the Sea Mills district of Bristol and is building a MC 30 Colomban Luciole and we look forward to hearing how this project is coming along.

A belated welcome to Robert Cannock who joined the Strut a while ago and lives in North Somerset.

Hope to see all our members, including new ones, at the AGM.



This photo was the subject for last month's Caption Competition.

**Trevor Wilcock** suggested:

Prince and Charming

And Steve Neale said: 'That's one for the Album' (Actually Steve it's hanging on the wall)

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## PICTURE QUIZ

Apologies to our Treasurer Steve Pemberton who also entered the aircraft Identification last month with the correct answer. He said: *For my two penny-worth I believe it to be the Russian Ekroplan otherwise referred to as the Caspian Sea Monster.*

This month's quiz is sent in by Graham Clarke and takes the form of two pictures.

Can you name the aircraft?



### Where to go...

#### Free Landings for September 2016 in:

**Flyer:** Brighton, Cromer, Popham, Sittles, Stoke Golding, Yatesbury

**LAA Light Aviation:** Brighton, Oaksey Park, Strathaven and Redhill - latter with 50% off

#### *Devon Strut forthcoming Events:*

##### September

10th Roserrow (TBC) & Bodmin

17th Belle Vue

24th Porthtowan

#### *Wessex Strut Events:*

**September 11th** Strut Fly-out to Oaksey Park for picnic lunch (bring own food/drink) – route home via Garston Farm for a cup of tea

**Saturday 17th & Sunday 18th September 2016** – Fenland: “The Great Fens Fly in” and Vintage Wings and Wheels weekend, in association with the BMAA

#### *LAA Event*

**2nd - 4th September** Sywell - LAA Rally

#### *Bristol Strut Forthcoming Meetings:*

**October 4th**—Ballooning around the world, by Allie & Phil Dunnington

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

**One for next year's diary: Tuesday 7th February GASCO Safety Evening** hosted by Bristol Strut and BAC at BAWA. More details later but book the evening and spread the news.

**How strange is this combination of proximity and separation. That ground - seconds away - thousands of miles away.**

**Charles A. Lindbergh**

## Aircraft Valeting Service

*Frank Bond has sent the following message which may be of interest to our readers:*

I have just had my aeroplane professionally valeted and polished. What a finish, and I'm very well pleased. A couple I had met at a very prestigious car show room came to Garston for a two hours.

They cleaned, polished and put a weather proofing sheen on. For around £70, Alison and I were most impressed. (And I think there might be a few extra knots!!). They usually concentrate on classic cars, and this is a natural extension to their bow.

They have left their details and I thought your news letter might give them a mention for our fellow aviators.

So may I put a word in for "J R Daniells": James and Di live in Calne.

Phone no's. 01249 818549 and Mob. 07905 363683



## CAA information

**IN-2016/066** Issued: 25 July 2016 **Requirement to Convert Flight Crew Licences Issued under the UK ANO and JAR-FCL 1 & 2 to Part-FCL**

This Information Notice (IN) concerns the **requirement for holders of flight crew licences** issued under UK legislation or under the UK's application of Joint Aviation Authorities requirements JAR-FCL 1 & 2 **to convert to Part-FCL licences**. This Information Notice will remain in force until **8 October 2018**.

For full information and a link to the Application Form [SRG1104](#) please click on the link below:

<http://publicapps.caa.co.uk/docs/33/SRG1104Issue11enabled.pdf>

### **CAP 1434 UK Flight Information Services**

The purpose of this leaflet is to provide guidance to pilots on the types of Air Traffic Services that are available to all flights operating within Class G airspace and, where notified, to VFR flights operating in Class E airspace. The leaflet supplements CAP 774 UK Flight Information Services.

<http://publicapps.caa.co.uk/docs/33/CAP1434UKFlightInformationServicesIF.pdf>

The CAA has recently issued quite a number of notices in the ORS4 series, most referring to long-standing exemptions which need annual renewal, but one or two new ones related to the new ANO 2016.

You are recommended to look at the list at [publicapps.caa.co.uk/ors4](http://publicapps.caa.co.uk/ors4).

Make particular note of #1187! [Definition of controlled airspace in the Air Navigation Order 2016](#)

## DEVON STRUT /WEST COUNTRY NEWS

There has been further discussion relating to Class D airspace around Exeter. **May I remind all pilots to talk to Exeter air traffic controllers if you are operating within the Exeter Airport area.** It is felt that most local pilots are engaging with Exeter, so I therefore appeal to airspace users outside the West Country who might be reading this to spread the word.

Adams Aviation is offering discounts to LAA members. Adams is to launch a new website in the near future where all detail may be found. <http://www.adamsaviation.com/>

For those members who are contemplating visiting Bembridge on the Isle of Wight, we've heard that the Propeller Inn on the airfield has recently been re-vamped and is open between 11.00 and 23.00 but check with them before you go <http://thepropellerinn.wix.com/the-propeller-inn>.

## MEDICAL SELF-CERTIFICATION

Jon Cooke, Head of the LAA Pilot Coaching Scheme, has reviewed the new Self-Declaration Medical that came into force on 25 August 2016

To see Jon's article on medical self-certification click :

<http://www.lightaircraftassociation.co.uk/2016/News/medical.pdf>

## CHIRP – Confidential & Independent Reporting

The following is extracted from the latest CHIRP. It might be a useful bit of information to those pilots who use the AIS.org website for checking NOTAMS.....

### DANGER AREA INFRINGEMENT

**Report Text:** *I flew through a live danger area despite having checked NOTAMs, because I mis-read the activation date on the NOTAM. UK dates are normally by convention DD/MM/YY, but **NOTAMs use YY/MM/DD** on the notoriously poor AIS.org website. This led to me reading '16/03/20' as 16th March (i.e. last Wednesday) when I scanned the NOTAMs at 06:30 on a Sunday morning ready for an early flight down to west Wales, when I was half asleep. As a result, I twice flew straight through the middle of D[ ] when it was live on Sunday 20/03/16, without a second thought since it is normally Mon-Fri operation only. Luckily, the range controller's lookouts were wide-awake, saw me in the very bad haze, and suspended operations. Very embarrassing, and could easily have been much worse. **Lessons Learned** - It would be REALLY helpful if NOTAMs on AIS.org could show dates in the conventional UK format. One of the things we have to learn as pilots is human factors, and making information hard to readily understand is something which would raise a big red flag in that subject, so it's hard to understand why NATS have chosen to use such an inappropriate date format. I also know I am not alone in making this mistake, as the national range controller for the company who operate this range told me when I phoned to apologise. Ironically, if I had checked NOTAMs on virtually any other source than the official NATS-approved one, it would have shown the date in the normal UK format, and I wouldn't have been misled... Come on guys - sort it out! Everybody else has.*

**Lesson for me** - check and double check. If you see a NOTAM for an area which could affect your flight, make doubly sure you have correctly read and understood it.

**CHIRP Comment:** The reporter is correct that the date format used for NOTAMs is open to misinterpretation. However it is a mathematically logical ISO standard adopted by ICAO and used worldwide in all NOTAMs, SNOWTAMs, ASHTAMs, information bulletins etc. Although it could be done, changing the format on the AIS website away from the ICAO standard risks causing greater confusion, particularly for foreign aviators and the large number of commercial users who systematically process the data by utilising the standard format. Without a great deal more evidence a change is highly unlikely. It should be noted that when using the AIS website, all of the NOTAMs that appear for a selected date will be relevant for that date

The full CHIRP publication can be accessed by clicking on the link below:

[https://www.chirp.co.uk/upload/docs/General%20Aviation/GAFB%2069%20\[Electronic%20Version\]%20FINAL.pdf](https://www.chirp.co.uk/upload/docs/General%20Aviation/GAFB%2069%20[Electronic%20Version]%20FINAL.pdf)