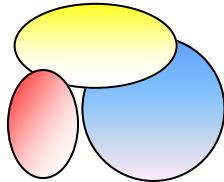




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Newsletter of the LAA Bristol Strut

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## Next Meeting — Annual General Meeing

Our next meeting will be our Annual General Meeting on Tuesday 3rd September in BAWA Room 5/6;

The minutes of the 2018 AGM, have been distributed by email to strut members so that they can be taken as read at the meeting.

Existing members of the Committee will be willing to stand again, but other nominations can be made to the Secretary Mary Leader ([mary@bristol-wing.co.uk](mailto:mary@bristol-wing.co.uk)) by 28 August.

Equally if you have any business that you would wish to be considered at the AGM please advise the Secretary by 28 August. If appropriate a revised Agenda will then be issued.

We intend to dispense with the business swiftly and then proceed to catch up on any news from over the summer break.

We start to gather at 7.30 and the meeting starts at 7.45.

Directions to BAWA are available on our website: [bristolstrut.uk](http://bristolstrut.uk)

## Forthcoming Meetings:

**3 Sep:** - AGM, Room 5/6

**1 Oct:** -TBD

**5 Nov:** - Laurie Hilditch (ex RAF test pilot & Shuttleworth Trust) "Logbook lucky dip"  
**NB to be held in Room 4 (our standard room now)**

**23 Nov:** - Rob Hart - *SkyDemon Tips & Tricks*, bring your SD device for interactive participation. To be held at Aerospace Bristol, details later.

**3 Dec:** - Christmas Quiz

## Last Month's Meeting

We were pleased to welcome back Paul Catanach, not bush flying this time but the very different environment of flying biz jets. From small Caribbean islands to major international airports, his work takes him round the globe. Currently line training captain for TAG(UK) and flying the Bombardier Global 6000, in his usual humorous style he explained how the flying task has been eased with this standard of aircraft. However his anecdotes showed that a high level of flexibility is needed to meet the needs of his passengers and to deal with the ever-present bureaucracy at airports around the world.

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## Picture Quiz

Last picture quiz in the June Newsletter had been sent by Trevor from the US and is an:

*On Mark Marketeer, an executive conversion of a Douglas A-26 Invader.*

Two people replied:

Phil Mathews sent in: *Douglas A26 Invader, one of which was operated by Don Bullock of Sally B fame until it met an untimely end at Biggin Hill in 1980.*

And Nigel Phillips said: *My thoughts are Trevor was looking at a A-26 Invader modified for use by the CIA counterinsurgency. Were they looking for him !!!*



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This month's picture:

Once again Trevor has supplied us with a Quiz picture. He says:

**A corporate aircraft from a well-known aircraft manufacturer, predating the biz-jet era. It did not go into production. Maker and model number?**



*Does anyone have photos of any unusual or interesting aircraft for others to identify?*

*Also any articles of interest to our readers would be much appreciated.*

*Come on readers—please help share the load of editing, I really could do with some new material to work with!!*

## Where to go...

Free Landings September 2019 in:

Flyer - Bourn, Breighton, Cambridge (not open weekends!), Causeway, Kingsmuir, Newtownards

Light Aviation – Easter, Pembrey (£10.00), Sandown, Sturgate

## Bristol Strut Website Refresh

Strut member John Leather kindly "volunteered" (his quote marks!) to look into our website hosting options and refreshing the website. After some hard work and much learning our new Webmanager has been able to develop the new site while keeping the old one live.

The new site is live and can be found at [www.bristolstrut.uk](http://www.bristolstrut.uk)

John explains: *"It is a mixture of static pages together with 3 'blogs'. The blogs enable the quick and easy updating of information centrally and I hope will make it easier to keep the website fresh and interesting. Additionally, you will be able to add comments to the blogs which hopefully will also make the site a useful communication tool between members.*

*I have used some information and links from the old website to get us going and populated the Gallery section with a few of my own photos and a video to show how it looks. Please email me any photos and videos you would like to see included, perhaps with a short description.*

*I hope you like it."*

John can be contacted at: [webmanager@bristolstrut.uk](mailto:webmanager@bristolstrut.uk)

Grateful thanks are due to John for this work, and to our retiring webmanager Steve Neale who has been doing an excellent job maintaining the original site for many years, even when no longer a member of this Strut.

## LAA AWARD SCHEME

Each year the LAA makes awards for direct or indirect service to the Association during the year. The awards available are listed below. If you know of a member whose work deserves recognition please let Trevor or Mary know.

We have had three winners in the last few years

The Lois Parker – for distinguished service in an administrative function

The Frank Hounslow – for service to LAA in engineering

The Chris Paul (President's Joystick) – for services to the Rally

The Pete Clarke – for an individual major contribution to flight safety

The Faulkner Bryant – the most active strut or person within the strut system

The Roderick Turner – the person who has contributed most to flying for fun

The Coates Swalesong Trophy – for the best design feature

The Bill Woodhams Trophy for a feat of navigation

## CAA PUBLICATIONS

New Electronic Flight Bag (EFB) Regulations

From the 9th July 2019, new rules came into effect on the use of EFB for CAT, NCC, SPO and NCO operators. The CAA instigated a new approval process which can be found on the CAA website. CAT operators must seek prior approval, and complete the EFB compliance checklist found in SRG1849.

NCC, SPO and NCO operators do not require approval but the SRG1849 will guide them to the appropriate regulations.

## Skyway Code: New edition now available

Our guide to private flying rules, regulations and best practice has been updated. Version 2 is now online, with printed copies available to buy direct from aviation supplier AFE.

Condensing the *must know* information on UK GA flying into easy to navigate information and graphics, The SkyWay Code gives GA pilots a one stop shop for safety rules and advice.

Download for free at [www.caa.co.uk/skywaycode](http://www.caa.co.uk/skywaycode)

Buy printed copies direct from AFE online: [www.afeonline.com/shop/the-skyway-code-v2-cap-1535-](http://www.afeonline.com/shop/the-skyway-code-v2-cap-1535-)

## Visit to the RAF's largest station

Following on from Neil McDonald's June talk to the Strut on Brize Norton ATC, four aircraft and eight Strut members recently took up his invitation to fly in to Brize. Arriving via Faringdon VRP in perfect weather in a well-spaced stream from three different airfields, we parked, dwarfed by an adjacent RAF Airbus Voyager.

The airfield is home to the RAF's Strategic and Tactical Air Transport and Air-to-Air Refuelling forces, with around 7300 Service personnel, contractors and civilian staff. Our first stop was to the Base Hangar. Built in 1967 and a quarter of a mile long (at that time it was the largest free-standing cantilever construction in Europe), it has been updated to allow maintenance on the RAF's large transport fleet - C17, A300, Atlas, C-130. It, and the base, are also occasionally used for film work, eg as Ramstein Air Force Base in Mission Impossible 6: Fallout.

Next a tour was around the flightline and a brief visit to ATC before lunch in the Sergeants' Mess. In the afternoon we spent a longer period with ATC, in the radar room listening in on Brize Radar and LARS and appreciating the problems of threading Brize traffic through the Class G airspace between airways and the Brize Zone.

Then return flights to our various bases after an interesting day out with a new airfield in our logbooks.

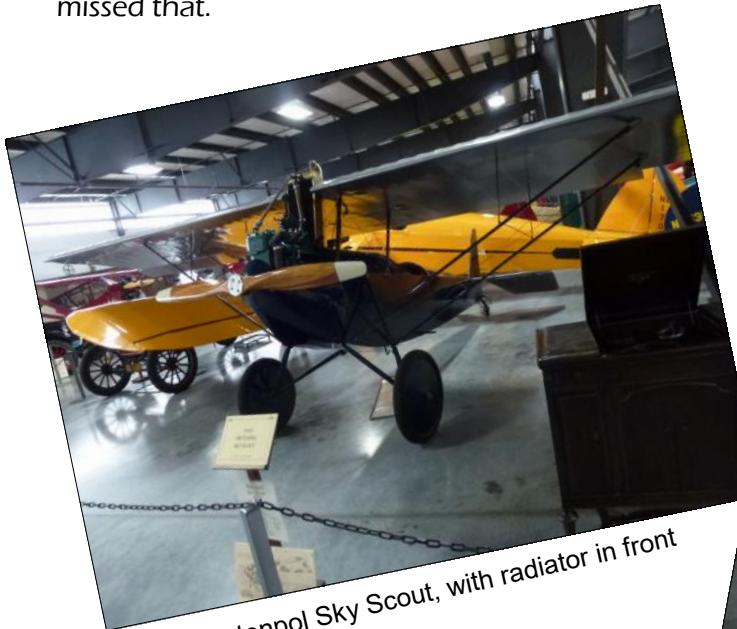


## Visiting Northwestern USA? Don't miss this treasure trove!

Many thanks to Trevor Wilcock for this interesting article.

In May, while with family in Seattle, we drove down to Hood River, Oregon, to visit the Western Antique Aeroplane and Automobile Museum ([www.waaamuseum.org](http://www.waaamuseum.org)). Opened in 2007 with 42 aircraft, 24 cars and 8 jeeps, it now houses an amazing collection of more than 325 antique aeroplanes, cars and other vehicles, housed in three immaculate hangars, and with attentive volunteers who are a mine of information.

The 125 aircraft are mostly civilian, dating before 1940, many rare, and most still in flying condition. Some 20 other aircraft are under restoration, out of sight. The museum holds a "Play Day" on the second Saturday of each month when aircraft and road vehicles are exhibited in action; unfortunately we missed that.



1932 Pietenpol Sky Scout, with radiator in front of pilot



1939 Slingsby Petrel - classic British glider



1929 Hamilton H-47 - early passenger and mail plane



1932 Buhl Bull Pup

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## INVITATION FROM THE LAA

If you are going to the Rally you may be interested in the inaugural **National Strut BBQ** to be held at the LAA Rally this year to celebrate 50 years of the Strut movement.

This will be held on the evenings of **Fri 30th and Sat 31st Aug**. To get an idea of numbers please follow this link and let us know if you are planning to come - don't worry its not a booking - we just need to get an idea of how many to cater for!;

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/6JSQXN5>

Don't forget to book your slots and camping now <http://www.lightaircraftassociation.co.uk/2019/Rally/rally.html>