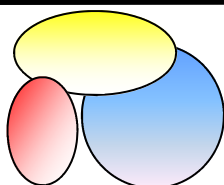




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Newsletter of the LAA Bristol Wing

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FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Wednesday 5th January 2011

Our next regular joint meeting will be held in Room 7, gathering together about 7.30 and from about 8pm members of both BAC and LAA will have the opportunity to talk about their adventures during 2010 (flying or otherwise!).

Skittle match between Bristol Wing and BAC

This will take place on **Friday 14th January** at the White Hart, Olveston.

This is the same venue as last time.

<http://www.britishpubguide.com/cgi-bin/pub.cgi?results:Gloucestershire:787>

NOTE! this is Olveston with an "O" not Alveston with an "A". Both have a pub called the White Hart and they are less than one mile apart. Rumour has it the villages were named thus to confuse Roman invaders.

No fixed start time. We will start bowling as people arrive so please turn up as you wish and we can will add you to the team boards. There will be sandwiches/nibbles provided as last time. Partners are of course very welcome in fact I think we will need help to win.

Directions were given in the e-mail sent to members by Steve last month but if you need more information please contact either Steve or Mary.

Informal BAC club annual dinner to which the wing is invited

Friday 11th February at BAWA, First Floor Lounge. The guest this year is a Concorde flight engineer. The meal is at cost (around £20). Partners and friends are also welcome. Note that dress code is smart casual and the evening is very informal. It is held at BAWA because room costs nothing, parking is no problem and bar is reasonable (we have sole use of room and bar). Further details nearer the date, it is OK to pay by cash or cheque on the evening - no need to pay in advance, but do let Phil know if you're interested so that he can inform caterers of numbers. Contact Phil by e-mail: Philip@green1454.fsnet.co.uk or let know him at our **next meeting on Wed 5th January**.

The **February** joint Meeting will be held in our old venue (rooms 5/6) on **Thursday 10th**.

On **Wednesday 2nd March** Rupert Wasey of Hercules propellers will give us a talk. Rupert is very knowledgeable about propellers in general and makes custom wooden props at his premises in Stroud. He has developed a computer model for designing profiles specific to each aircraft, machining the props using a router.

LAST MEETING - Christmas Quiz

Many thanks to Trevor Wilcock who devised a very enjoyable Quiz which tested our local flying knowledge, make many pilots realize just how much of their training they had forgotten and created a great deal of inter-team rivalry - a good time was had by all! Thanks Trevor.

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Where to go....

Free landing vouchers for January in:

Flyer Magazine: Beverley, Membury, Old Buckenham, Pembrey, Sutton Bank and Wickenby.

Pilot Magazine: Old Buckenham, Panshanger, Roserrow, Sligo, Stauning and White Waltham.

Today's Pilot: Fishburn, Longside, Newtonards, Old Buckenham, Pembrey and Sandtoft

RAeS Local meetings

Date: Thursday 27th January 2011

Subject: Towards a Silent Aircraft

Speakers: Dame Ann Dowling & Tom Hynes, Department of Engineering, University of Cambridge

Venue: Room 1 BAWA leisure Centre, Southmead Rd, Filton, Bristol

Times: Refreshments at 18.00 for Lecture start at 18.30pm

'Flying is not dangerous
crashing is dangerous.'

CAA NEWS

Thanks to Nigel Stokes who has forwarded this information from the CAA. It is of interest to those of us flying in the Lyneham Zone:

RAF LYNEHAM (EGDL) Class D CTR/CTA: delete in toto.

<http://www.caa.co.uk/application.aspx?catid=64&pagetype=65&appid=8&mode=detail&chart=11#E6097>

Our Ref: E6097 - Year: 2011 Effective: 01/10/2011

Details:

RAF LYNEHAM (EGDL) Class D CTR/CTA: delete in toto. Lyneham VRPs:

delete in toto - Avebury, Blakehill Fm, Calne, Chippenham, Clyffe Pypard, Devizes, Jct 15 M4, Jct 16 M4, Jct 17 M4, M ... (more)

Click the Title Link above to read full details.

CAA ENDS WIND-TURBINE PRE-PLANNING ROLE

The UK Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) has announced that it will no longer process pre-planning enquiries for wind turbine developments. The CAA said that the improved awareness of aviation related issues amongst wind farm developers means its involvement in this voluntary and informal process was no longer required.

The CAA said that, following discussion with the Government-Industry Aviation Management Board and with the support of all management stakeholders (including the Department for Energy and Climate Change and RenewableUK), it has been agreed that, after the 24th December 2010, it will no longer process pre-planning enquiries unless submitted as a Scoping Opinion through a Local or National Planning Authority. As completion of the pre-planning process is not a statutory requirement, the CAA's decision will not affect the formal planning process.

A number of specialist aviation consultants are now also available to offer expert advice to interested parties. The CAA has published further information and guidance on its website, which includes all the key issues and procedures developers and the aviation industry need to be aware of: www.caa.co.uk/windfarms.

Andy Knill, Head of Surveillance and Spectrum Management at the CAA said: "The level of understanding of aviation related issues within the renewable energy sector has significantly improved over the past few years. Therefore, the requirement for the CAA to be involved in pre-planning of wind farm developments has reduced.

"Our general advice continues to be that developers of potential wind farms should engage with aviation stakeholders at the earliest opportunity, using the guidance provided in CAA Publication 764. Any impact on aviation can therefore be mitigated ahead of the formal planning process."

For further media information contact the CAA Press Office on 020 7453 6030 or press.office@caa.co.uk

If you've got some time to spare....

A 'You Tube' clip

Worth a watch - some incredible footage from the various cameras used to record a Shuttle launch compiled by NASA as they approach the end of flight operations.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W2VygftZSCs>

It lasts about 45 mins; remember, this is over a million

A Book to Read

Fly the Storm by James Stevenson

It features a female pilot working for the WW2 Air Transport Auxiliary as its main character.

A New Year New Challenge -

Be The Difference!

St John Ambulance is looking for motivated and committed volunteers to help run their Cadet divisions and Badger Setts across Bristol, South Gloucestershire, B&NES & North Somerset. The roles suit people who get along well with children and young people, are creative and proactive. Cadet groups are for young people aged 10-17 years and the Badger groups are for children aged 5-10 years. Our youth groups don't just do first aid, they can do all sorts of things like photography, sports, health, creative activities, camps and all sorts of things. If you are interested, please contact Michelle for more info on: 0117 963 0197 or email: michelle.chatham@avon.sja.org.uk



LAA Class Rating Instructor seminar Saturday 15th January 2011

The Pilot Coaching Scheme will be holding it's annual Class Rating Instructor seminar at Turweston on **Saturday 15th January**. Unlike previous years, a move has been made to invite any JAR-FCL Class Rating Instructors to attend. For non-coaches, a charge of £60 for the day, with tea and coffee included.

Whilst for most Class Rating Instructors a seminar is not required, it is desirable that all coaches attend, since a number of the topics are included to enhance instructor knowledge and instructional technique.

These currently include: update on changes in legislation over the past two years; NATS presentation; instructing technique; VFR navigation and others.

Please make bookings online through the LAA shop or contact Penny at LAA Head Office : 01280 846 786

Programme

0900–0930 Booking in, 0930–0945 Introduction, 0945–1045 Presentation 1, 1045–1100 Break, 1100–1230 Presentation 2, 1230 – 1330 Lunch Break, 1330 – 1420 Presentation 3, 1430 – 1530 Presentation 4, 1530 – 1615 Open Forum
Tea and coffee included

For those who do not meet the experience requirements to revalidate their CRI ratings, this seminar counts as "refresher training" as per LASORS 2008 H3.5.

Numbers are limited so please book in advance. I look forward to seeing you there!

Jon Cooke, Pilot Coaching Scheme Chairman

SEP Revalidation by License Proficiency Check (Copied from Devon Strut Newsletter with thanks)

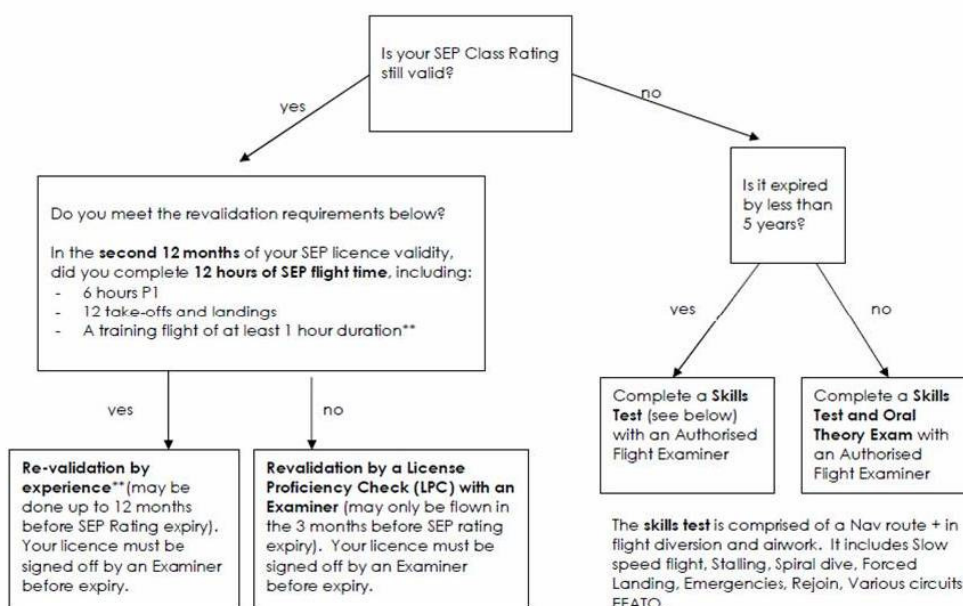
Something of possible interest to fellow Strut members:

My fixed wing PPL-A SEP was due to expire recently and I had not done the necessary 12 hours on fixed wings over the preceding 12 months so could not have the rating revalidated by experience. So I thought I would have to organise 12 hours at a flying school to get those hours in the log book, which would have been expensive and not much fun.

I then discovered that there is an alternative: to take a License Proficiency Check (LPC) with a CAA Examiner. So, I did two hours of refresher fixed wing flying (in a Bulldog), followed by a one hour LPC with Examiner, a total of 3 hours (rather than 13 hours); - quicker, cheaper, and frankly more fun. See the flow diagram below which deals with the options available for revalidation of PPL – SEP rating.

Regards, Simon Evans, G-HMHM, Bolt Head

Licence Revalidation - SEP Class Rating*



* Refer to LASORS Section F 1.4 & 1.5. or www.caa.co.uk/docs/33/lasors.pdf

NB this is to revalidate the SEP (Single Engine Piston) Class Rating (normally valid for 2 years), not the PPL itself (usually valid for life).

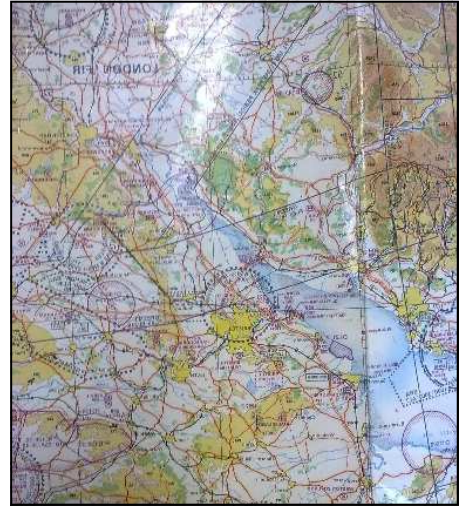
** This Instructional Flight may be replaced by ANY proficiency check for a class, instrument or type rating (including IMC) with a JAA qualified examiner (if so, qualifying flight time may be less than 1 hour).

[All flying is P U/T other than the AOPA and APPL Tests which can be logged as P I.S.]

Quiz Time

Steve posed this question for us last month. *When was this chart published?*

Both Phil Mathews (CFI at Cotswold Flying Club) and Trevor Wilcock suggested 1977 and Steve confirmed that they were both spot on correct. (The fact that it was Phil's chart probably helped Phil though!). We did also have one comment that it was time Steve got a new chart!



Back to our normal question:

What is it?

Graham has offered this picture to re-activate your brains after the excesses of the Festive Season. His only clue is that it was taken a long time ago, in 1998, in Europe.

Any ideas?

Ian Leader Trophy



The nomination forms were completed, entered into Ian's hat and counted at our Quiz evening and the outright winner was our Co-ordinator - Steve Neale. Congratulations Steve, it's our way of thanking you for all the hard work you put into the Wing.

You'll be presented with the engraved trophy at our next meeting on Wednesday 5th January.



Tailpiece [With acknowledgement to Flyer]

At the gates of Heaven, a furious new arrival is shouting at Saint Peter. "What am I doing here?" he screams. "Look at me, thirty five years old, fit as a fiddle, don't drink, don't smoke, never unfaithful to my wife, and here I am. There must be some mistake."

"Well, it does seem a bit strange. I'll get your file" replies Saint Peter. "What's your name?"

"Hemstock, Nigel", says the man.

"And what do you do?" asks Saint Peter.

"I run a small approved aircraft maintenance business".

"Right. Here's your file. Ah yes, it's quite simple" explains Saint Peter. "You died of old age."

"Old age?" screams the Maintenance man. "That can't be possible! I'm only thirty five!"

"Well that's as may be, Mr. Hemstock "But you see, we just totted up the hours of labour you've billed to your customers. And they all add up to 163 years..."



**WISHING ALL OUR READERS A VERY HEALTHY NEW YEAR
WITH BLUE SKIES AND PERFECT LANDINGS.**

