



THE BRISSE STRUTTER

Newsletter of the PFA Bristol Strut



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This month's (outdoor) meeting: July 15th 2000.
Strut Flying day- Kemble Airfield.

Thanks to the support of Kemble Airfield's Manager, and as long as the weather co-operates, I am pleased to announce that the Strut will have a flying day, "attached" to one of Kemble's excellent fly-ins.

The idea is as follows: Strut members with aeroplanes will take the opportunity to fly into Kemble. Our non-flying members will drive in, the two will meet, and lots of aeroplane rides will result.

The deal from Kemble is that as long as we pay the one landing fee for the fly-in, we will be welcome to fly as much as we want until the end of the day free of charge. Kemble will be a great venue for this event - there is always interesting stuff going on, and the tower has an excellent cafe. As there is the Kemble fly-in event that day, they are planning to run a BBQ.

If the weather is on our side, then please support this event by turning up, both in the air and on the ground.

PFA International Air Rally 2000.

Despite the weather's best attempts to dampen and freeze our spirits, this year's PFA Rally went tremendously well.

On site during the Rally were a whole host of Strut members, many of whom were involved in the running of various Rally activities.

Our Strut task was the running of the "Aircraft For Sale" park, which was co-ordinated by John Shufflebottom. Assisting during the three days were Matthew Shufflebottom, James Wade, Mary and Ian Leader, Roger Holman, Pete and Fran Hill, and Pete Hicks. I'm sure there were others there who I didn't hear about or see, but well done to all involved.

Other members busy on site were Geoff Church (Chief Rally Electrician), Edwin Shackleton and yours truly (Rally Photographic), while Nigel Hitchman continued his efforts together with Pete Hill on Departure and Arrivals work.

Bristol Strut member wins PFA Service Award!

Congratulations to Geoff Church, who was presented with the President's Joystick Award for Service to the PFA during the Rally.

A very worthy winner, Geoff has been heavily involved with arrangements for the PFA Rally for much longer than I can remember. No matter how difficult his job gets sometimes, he always seems capable of mustering a smile, and keeps things running smoothly.

Well done Geoff!

August's Strut Meeting.

Gliding day- Halesland.

Our hoped for date for the gliding day at Halesland is currently being re-arranged, as our initial date clashed with one of their own events. I'll keep everyone posted and the next newsletter should bring news of a definitive date and time.

The Passenger list...

At our last meeting the idea of a list of people who would always be happy to fill spare seats in otherwise empty aeroplanes was re-addressed.

The concept is that if you would like a few more opportunities to go flying, get your details included on this list. Then, if a pilot member of the Strut happens to be going flying and has an empty seat, he can call you up and see if you want to go along for the ride.

It's a speculative arrangement, but hey, if you're not on the list then your chances of a flight are greatly reduced. If you're interested then let me, or Ian and Mary know and we'll start compiling a list.

Other news....

RV-6 Update.

The excitement level continues to increase, particularly as I've just heard that our kit is just about to be crated, which means that shipping can't be far off now. If things continue to go to plan (I type this while touching wood!) then I would hope to see three enormous boxes being delivered to the house in the 3rd or 4th week in August.

There should be just enough time for me to inventory the contents, then I depart for America on the August Bank Holiday weekend! Hmm.... I hope this works!

Once again I have landed the tough job of going over to photograph RVs during the annual Van's Aircraft Homecoming. There are some other interesting aircraft that I hope to get my hands on while I'm over in Washington and Oregon, and hopefully I'll have lots to tell you all about in a future Strut meeting when I get back!

Kitfox for sale.

Kitfox Mk 3 G-LESJ.

Based at Kirkbride Airfield, Cumbria. Immaculate Les James build, Rotax 582, cabin heater

Becker radio, Garmin 90, Long-range tanks, permit 03/2001
£10,500.

Contact: Roger Christie 07801 863793, Dave Carruthers 01946 65177,
or Harry Mawson 01946 66825.

Other Events:

16th July	RV Squadron fly-in	Sibson	01438 861682
19th-23rd July	Balloon Festival	Longleat	01672 851185

22nd July	Devon Strut fly-in	Eggesford	01363 83746
29th July	Gyro 2000	Henstridge	01974 821205

SHORT FINAL.

From the Swift Owner's Newsletter come this useful Pilot's Glossary.

- Angle of Attack*: Pick-up lines that pilots use.
- Carb. Icing*: A phenomenon happening to Aero club pilots at exactly the same time they run out of gas.
- Dead Reckoning*: You reckon correctly, or you are.
- Engine Failure*: A condition which occurs when all fuel tanks become filled with air.
- Firewall*: Section of the aircraft specially designed to let heat and smoke enter the cockpit.
- Glide Distance*: Half the distance from an airplane to the nearest emergency landing field.
- Hydroplane*: An airplane designed to land on a wet runway, 20,000 feet long.
- IFR*: A method of flying by needle and ripcord.
- Lean Mixture*: Nonalcoholic beer.
- Parasitic Drag*: A pilot who bums a ride back and complains about the service.
- Range*: Usually about 30 miles beyond the point where all fuel tanks fill with air.
- Roger*: Used when you're not sure what else to say.
- Service Ceiling*: Altitude at which cabin crews can serve drinks.
- Spoilers*: The Civil Aviation Administration.
- Stall*: Technique used to explain to the bank why your car payment is late.
- Steep Bank*: Banks that charge pilots more than 10% interest.
- Turn & Bank Indicator*: An instrument highly ignored by pilots.
- Useful Load*: Volumetric capacity of the aircraft, disregarding weight of cargo.
- Windsocks*: Socks that need darning.
- Zero*: Style and artistry points earned for a gear-up landing.

Bye for now.

Ed.

We have received the following brief message from Spike Parker:

Just a gentle reminder that on Thursday 17th. August Popham Airfield is having a Fun Day for the children of the Starlight Foundation. Please have a look at www.popham-airfield.co.uk/ and www.starlight.org/ . Also if you know of anyone with an aircraft please pass this message on to them.

More on PFA International Air Rally 2000.

If you were unfortunate enough to have missed attending Rally 2000 at Cranfield, have a look at the PFA website www.pfa.org.uk and click on 'Rally Days'. There you will find pictures and a short report giving a flavour of the day-to-day events as seen by Alan Aburrow-Newman. *Alan is the new Webmaster looking after the brand new PFA website, and from what we've seen of it so far, there are even greater things to come!*

A full listing of arrivals, the aircraft registrations and other details are available on www.aardvark-aviation.com/cranfield2000.html

Last month's Newsletter

A new feature of this page gives you the opportunity to review the previous issue of 'Strutter'! Click [HERE](#) to open it.
