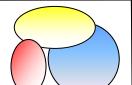






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Our next meeting will be on **Tuesday 6th June** starting at 7.45 pm in Room 7 at BAWA.

Angus & Fiona Macaskill will be joint speakers with their subject entitled: 'Flying amongst the glaciers'. Angus will talk about mountain flying and Fiona will be telling us about landing on Altiports, Altisurfaces & glaciers.

For direction to BAWA see our website www.bristol-wing.co.uk



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FUTURE STRUT MEETINGS

September 5th— AGM held in Room 4/5

October 3rd - Mark Batin - RIN -

November 7th—Darren Lewington—Operations Director for Gloucestershire Airport, The History of Gloucestershire Airport

December 5th—Quiz

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January 9th— Flying in 2017— BAC and Bristol Strut

February 6th—Bryan Pill Keys don't Float! All I know about Float Flying

LAST MONTH'S MEETING—The history of Rockets

Frank Bond talked to us about rocket developments in wartime Germany, and how it led to space exploration, and then showed us his film describing this to his grandson.

The film took us around launch sites in Northern France and the Peenemunde development establishment on the German Baltic coast, and included historical clips of testing and launching the V1 and V2.

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PICTURE QUIZ

Last month's picture puzzle was submitted by Trevor, who said:

This month's picture is to go with the theme of our speaker Frank's film, what is the aircraft and what is it doing? (less than Vne we hope!)

We did have one suggestion very quickly but unfortunately it was not quite correct.



However **Alan George**, our Quiz Master says: *I saw the German markings and the 'jet' engine slung beneath so I thought testing the Argus pulse jet for the V1. With that spinner I thought maybe a Czech aircraft such as a Zlin with a constant speed propeller. Anyway Wikipedia tells me it is a Gotha 145, a type that I had not heard of before, but apparently a common German air force trainer..*

This message generated an interesting conversation between Trevor and Alan as follows: **Trevor**: Right as usual! **Alan**: Ah, but the question was 'what is the aircraft and what was it doing' so I only got it 1/2 right, using the interweb for the type does not count. **Trevor**: Sometimes we all need a bit of aimed research. You may not have noticed (see swastika), but I reversed the picture to fool image search programs!

This month's picture:
Can you identify this aircraft?



"He who would learn to fly one day must first learn to stand and walk and run and climb and dance;

one cannot fly into flying."

Friedrich Nietzsche

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Where to go...

Free Landings for June 2017 in:

Flyer: Bourn, Causeway, (Eire), Crosland Moor, Eshott, Peterborough Sibson, Sherburn-in-Elmet **LAA Light Aviation** Headcorn, Huddersfield (Crosland Moor), Newcastle in Eire and Popham at half price.

June 3rd Devon Strut Dunkeswell fly-in & flea market

June 17th & 18th Devon Strut Farway Common fly-in July

July 23rd (Sun) *LUNDY ISLAND FLY-IN* Although not strictly a Bodmin event it has always been organised by Pete White & The Lundy Team and it is well supported by our local flyers as well as pilots from around the UK, Ireland and the Channel Islands. *PPR is essential from Pete White 01752 406660 or 07805 805679*.

August 26th (Sat). Bodmin Airfield presents *ACTION STATIONS 2017*. A Military Wings & Wheels Day and Hangar Dance with a 1940's theme. During the day the FEET OFF the GROUND (FOG) charity will be organising flights for disabled ex military veterans in conjunction with Help4Heroes. No landing fees for military marked aircraft.

News

The Netherlands have issued a new <u>AIC 01/2017</u> confirming that carriage of a PLB is an acceptable means of compliance in their airspace as allowed under Commission Regulation (EU) No 965/2012.

A bit of local good news:

Some of you may have read the Flyer Magazine Editorial in which local lad Kier Williams has become the youngest soloist based at Garston Farm. Some of us have watched Kier grow from a very young boy, with a very big knowledge of the locally based aircraft, to a strapping young man who has been passengering with his father, Ny, in their Vagabond.

We send Kier our congratulations on his first solo and know that he'll very soon be getting his PPL and then sharing even more flights with Dad but from the left hand seat!

Those Old Radios

Repeated below is a message recently printed in the Wessex Strut newsletter from Martin Charlick, who has replaced the radio in his and Dave Gibson's Jodel.

For your information, we have recently upgraded the radio in our Jodel to an 8.33 model and were planning to junk the old one as there is no second hand market for this in the UK /Europe.

However, after some research, it was apparent that buyers in the US are very much interested in second hand kit, so we placed an advert on Ebay and have sold our old Bendix King KY97A for the princely sum of £550! American dealers are selling these for upwards of £7-800....

After sellers fees and postage costs of about 15% we have £466 back towards our replacement.

You might want to circulate details to others in the Strut to do similar rather than assume there is no value in the old item. You can look up the model number on Ebay for guidance and if you tick the 'completed listing' filter, that gives a good indication of what items are selling for and whether the model is in demand before deciding on your price.

We placed ours on a 'Buy it Now' or 'Best Offer' basis at a fixed price of £550 and after a few rejected low offers, someone bought it at full price. Using the Ebay Global Shipping Programme makes selling to overseas easy, the package is simply posted to Ebay's UK depot and they handle all the international stuff, so you just add a postage cost to send within the UK (in our case it was £11 to send a 1.6kg package on quaranteed 24hr tracked delivery by Royal Mail with £500 insurance).

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