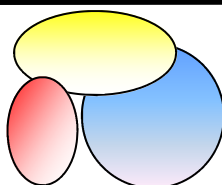




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NEXT MEETING - FRIDAY 13TH MARCH

MODEL AIRCRAFT DISPLAY



This month John Stennard returns to our wing meeting. Members will recall John's very moving talk about his uncle and his Lancaster which was lost over Germany during WWII.

On **FRIDAY in Room 4** John, also a very talented Aero modeller, will give us an indoor model aircraft display. There is space in Room 4 so break out those model helicopters and bring 'em in too.

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LAST MONTH - DITCHING

Manuel Queiroz came to talk to us again last month.

With his usual dry humour he talked about his pre-circumnavigation preparations for ditching and offered good advice for any of us who may be faced with such a life threatening situation.

One might have expected flying over three oceans would have made him more casual about crossing the English Channel but quite the reverse. In fact Manuel said if he was flying to the Channel Islands he would cross at Dover. Statistics show most survive a ditching but without the right equipment are overcome by the cold water very quickly. He suggested that while survival suits and PLBs are expensive they probably seem very good value bobbing around waiting for the helicopter. His talk ended with him inflating his trusty lifejacket for us. A far gentler process that some of us expected.

Many thanks for coming Manuel.



Manuel wearing his survival suit after the last leg, from Portugal to Gloucester, of his around-the-world flight in 2006.

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Where to go in March

Free landing vouchers for March in:

Flyer Magazine: Bodmin, Castle Kennedy, Eaglescott and Fishburn.

Pilot Magazine: Eshott, Netherthorpe, Newtonards, Sandtoft, Seething and Sibson.

Today's Pilot: Bagby, Campbeltown, Eshott, Old Buckenham, Sandtoft and Tiree.

Light Aviation (LAA Mag): Beverley, Old Buckenham, Shipdham (half price).

Local RAeS Event details :

Date: Thursday 12th March 2009

Title: Pre-cooled Jet Engines: Quick Cheap Access to Space and the Antipodes

Speaker: Alan Bond, Managing Director, Reaction Engines Ltd

Location: Room 1, BAWA Leisure Centre, Southmead Rd, Filton

Forthcoming National RAeS meetings at No 4 Hamilton Place, London

Commencing promptly at 18:00hrs, refreshments will be served from 17:30hrs.

Tuesday 26th May 2009

The Dream of Flying: Jet-Wing Across The Channel - Yves Rossy

A full diary of RAeS events for 2009 can be found at: <http://www.raes.org.uk/conference/PDFs/diary.pdf>

*The engine is the heart
of an aeroplane,
but the pilot
is its soul.*

Future Bristol Wing dates for your diary

Thursday 9th April 'Online weather resources for trip planning'

Thursday 14th May 'Jets at Sea' Talk by Leo Marriott

Member's News



On 13 February, family and friends of Ian Leader gathered for his funeral at Whitchurch URC. But more than a funeral, it was a celebration of Ian's life. "Knowing the number of his days", he had planned the whole service and remained pilot-in-command, even speaking to us through Rev Christine Fowler. In the church where he had been for some years responsible for upkeep, his message celebrated his love for Mary and his family, his faith, the friendship of colleagues and his enthusiasm for flying, but also demonstrated his patience, wry sense of humour and strength in dealing with the body that had so let him down. Together, Ian and Mary have made a massive contribution of friendship and support to their fellow airmen and women, young and old, stretching back at least 20 years, and have been

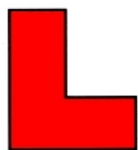
members of the Bristol PFA Strut / LAA Wing since its earliest days. Although Ian was in the left hand seat when airborne, their team was as close on the ground as it was in the air, supporting their flying friends with a multitude of kindnesses and small services. They have been responsible for the Strut/ Wing newsletter and website and for several years of Young Eagles events. Many have taken their first light aircraft flight with Ian, including several of the pilots present in the church.

Ian's manual dexterity and skill with model aeroplanes grew to embrace light aircraft, and he was always prepared to help a friend with tools, comments, advice and dirty hands. A promise from Ian was never broken. Quiet, unassuming, never pushy and always willing to help.

Wise, safe, patient, helpful. What a friend. What a loss. Our thoughts are with Mary and the family.

We will miss him - but let him go.

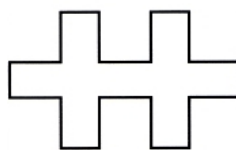
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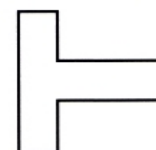
(B)



(C)



(D)



Answers to the above Ground signals. One wing member admitted to not knowing the meaning of (A). He now knows!

(A) Light aircraft may
land on grass area

(B) Unfit portion of runway is
between the crosses

(C) Gliding in progress

(D) Direction of take-off
and landing ←

LAA News

Electrical Wiring Course at Terweston: March 28th Cost: £85

If anyone is interested in attending the above, please contact Claire Viner on 01280 846 791 (Tues, Wed or Fri - between 9.30 and 3.00) - but do hurry as there is only one place left!

LAA Website

A new section has been added under the Engineering banner : MOGAS - where you will find information describing how to obtain clearance for an aircraft to use unleaded Mogas.

http://www.lightaircraftassociation.co.uk/engineering/Mogas/mogas_main.html

As from the 1st of March we hope to have up and running a Member's log in area (new features to be added over the next few months).

In this area you will be able to:

- renew your membership
- place a classified ad (attaching photograph also possible)
- view offers available to members only
- view classified ad section of the magazine before it is available to non-members

To access this area you will need to follow the simple steps to register whereby you can create your own username and password. We are using the same system as for the LAA Forum so if you are already registered on the Forum, you do not need to register, just log in with your LAA Forum username and password.

If you would like any topics adding to this Member's area please do let us know.

If you have any problems registering, please contact us (office@laa.uk.com) where we can either talk you through the process or do it for you.

To register you will need:

- ➔ Your LAA membership to be current
- ➔ Your 6 digit membership number
- ➔ Valid e-mail address
- ➔ A username and password of your choice

Following on from Edwin Shackleton's interesting 'Passenger aircraft' article which was reproduced over the past two issues, he has now set himself another challenge for 2009 - to travel in 100 different types of transport. Here Edwin lets us know how he's begun ...

Travel in 100 types of transport in 2009

so far...

Saloon car, Double-deck bus, Harbour Ferry, Diesel multiple-unit train, High speed train, Single-deck bus, Van, Pedal cycle, Bendy bus, Breakdown truck, Light aircraft, People carrier, Electric tow truck, Stretch limousine, Dustbin truck, Coach, Toboggan, Police car, Trolley bus, Narrow boat (electric), Tram, Cliff Railway, 15 inch Railway, Rail Cycle, Glider, Sand Yacht, Miniature Railway (Steam, electric and petrol), Gypsy Caravan, Fire Engine, Hand Ferry.



Remembering how to ride a bike after more than 30 years!

Fog on New Year's Day precluded a planned aircraft trip so I drove to Slimbridge for some 'bird watching'. 2nd January started with a double deck bus ride to Bristol Centre then by Harbour Ferry to the SS Great Britain, a walk to Temple Meads for a diesel multiple-unit train to Bath Spa, returning to Bristol by High Speed Train and a single deck bus to Bristol College Green. Next was a van ride and then on my son's bicycle (first time on a bike for over 30 years!) Back in Bath I enjoyed a ride on a Bendy Bus.

On 14th January, after a frustrated glider flight due to more fog, I was returning to the A46/M4 junction when a deer crossed in front of me. The deer was killed and my car was damaged but there was some bonus as a Breakdown Truck was added to my list.

Peter March flew me on 18th January in the Cessna 172 light aircraft from Filton on a half hour sightseeing trip. After landing back at Filton, Geoff Waldorf drove me in his 4.3 litre people carrier then in a Lancing electric truck.



Filton's Lancing electric truck used to tow aircraft

My 82nd birthday was celebrated with my hiring (for a 1 hour trip) a white Lincoln Stretch Limousine with my family - which had been a long wished ambition. Last in January was a short ride in the local Dustbin truck in the front cab!

First trip of February was by coach with fellow birdwatchers to the Exe Estuary. Just before the snow disappeared, I had a short toboggan ride on Clifton Down. Next was a police car on a



A birthday treat in the Lincoln Stretch Limousine



The snow allowed a toboggan to be added to the list

routine call in my road - but not to me! Mid February weekend included a Double Deck Trolley bus, Single deck tram, Narrow boat (electric) at the Black Country Museum, the Cliff Railway at Bridgnorth then the 15 inch steam railway and a Rail cycle at the Evesham Railway followed by a Glider flight at Aston Down. A superb Sand Yacht (Blokart) trip at Uphill and then miniature rail rides at Coate Park, Swindon followed. An unexpected ride in a Gypsy caravan was a real bonus, then a Fire Engine followed by a Hand Ferry, hand hauled over the river at Symonds Yat.

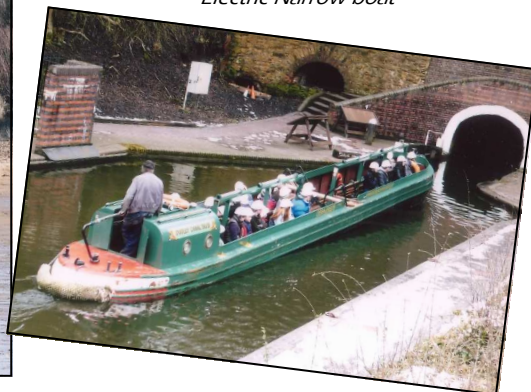
Future trips already booked include a train excursion to Newcastle behind a diesel Loco and then 'Tornado' (the brand new steam loco). Also planned: the Matthew (Portishead to Sharpness) a racing car experience, a hovercraft trip from Southsea, a Virgin balloon flight, a helicopter flight and also a Husky ride in Norfolk.

Unusual rail cycle at Evesham



Sand Yacht at Uphill

Electric Narrow boat



Share available in Robin DR250-160 "Capitaine"



If you have ever considered Group ownership to keep your flying costs down, here is a rare opportunity to obtain a share in a beautiful flying machine.

The group owns a Robin DR 250, the last tailwheel Robin before they went to nosewheel aircraft. The designers knew what they were doing: this aircraft has great visibility and docile ground handling, yet is crisp in the air.

"Bravo Oscar" is an easy conversion from typical Cherokee types and the rewards for doing so are many. It is a four seater with up to 7 hours endurance and very good grass field capabilities. The 160hp Lycoming, and wooden construction mean stellar performance – cruise at 120kts on 7gph, and climb at up to 2000fpm solo.

Shares in this aircraft very rarely come up and this is a wonderful opportunity to be a part of this dedicated group. The share is priced to sell at £3500 acknowledging the benefit of a generous engine replacement fund that has been built up over the years.

Flying is only £20 per hour plus fuel with a £75 per month maintenance contribution.

The aircraft is hangared at Oaksey Park, one of the most attractive grass fields in the country, benefitting from multiple runways and minimal traffic.

For more information contact: Chris Hall on 01453 822445 or John Holland on 01452 611676