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Message from the Chair — and this month's meetings

Well, the summer is definitely over, and with storm Agnes inbound it's clear that more changeable weather has arrived – so the flying windows are definitely going to be getting shorter. What better time could there be to come out and get a safety update from the GASCo team to make sure you are managing all of your flying risks in the best way possible! Yes – starting with a shameless plug for our next meeting on Tuesday 3rd Oct, when our GASCo Regional Safety Officer will be briefing us on the latest thinking in the threat and error management space. Our last meeting, you will recall, was the AGM – which was well attended and with some great discussion about what had been effective during the year, and what we wanted to look at again in terms of activities.

Perhaps the one which has had most impact already was the revamping of our WhatsApp group – now operating under the name of 'Brissle Strut' – which now has 20 members from the Strut in it (more than 2/3 of our members!), and enables much more rapid dissemination of updates regarding events and flying opportunities. We're also going to be setting up a Facebook Group, and looking to live stream some future events via this for members who can't attend in person – as a more cost-effective approach than using Zoom or other dedicated online meeting applications, which tended to be expensive for only a few online attendees. We have also expanded the committee to include the Newsletter Editor (Trevor Wilcock) and Webmaster/ Communications Lead (John Leather), and will be looking to try and maintain a higher presence on the social media front as a means of reaching more potential members.

We are going to continue to look at options for a Strut Fly-In next year, as well as some fly-out locations and visits (in some cases looking to combine the two) – do read the AGM minutes accompanying this newsletter (Strut members only) – and keep an eye on the website! Finally – just a reminder that our annual (friendly!) skittles match against our friends at the Bristol Aero Club is on Saturday 21st October – but do let me know asap (details in the column to the right) if you're going to be attending so we can book the plentiful finger buffet in good time, and transfer £10 per head to the Strut account as detailed in the covering email to this Newsletter. It's always a fun evening (even if we lose, as usual), and provides a great opportunity to catch up with old flying friends – and new – whilst seeing how good your hand/eye co-ordination actually is!



Neville

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This month's meeting

Do come to our October GASCo presentation—and don't forget your logbook so that our speaker can stamp your attendance. Please invite your flying friends, it is open to all — we can all benefit from sharpening our performance! Feel free to distribute further.



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Tuesday 3rd October 2023

at 19:30 hours



Bring your logbook!

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And don't forget our annual skittles match against Bristol Aero Club on Saturday 21st October—it's about time we won! Please let Neville know that you plan to attend.

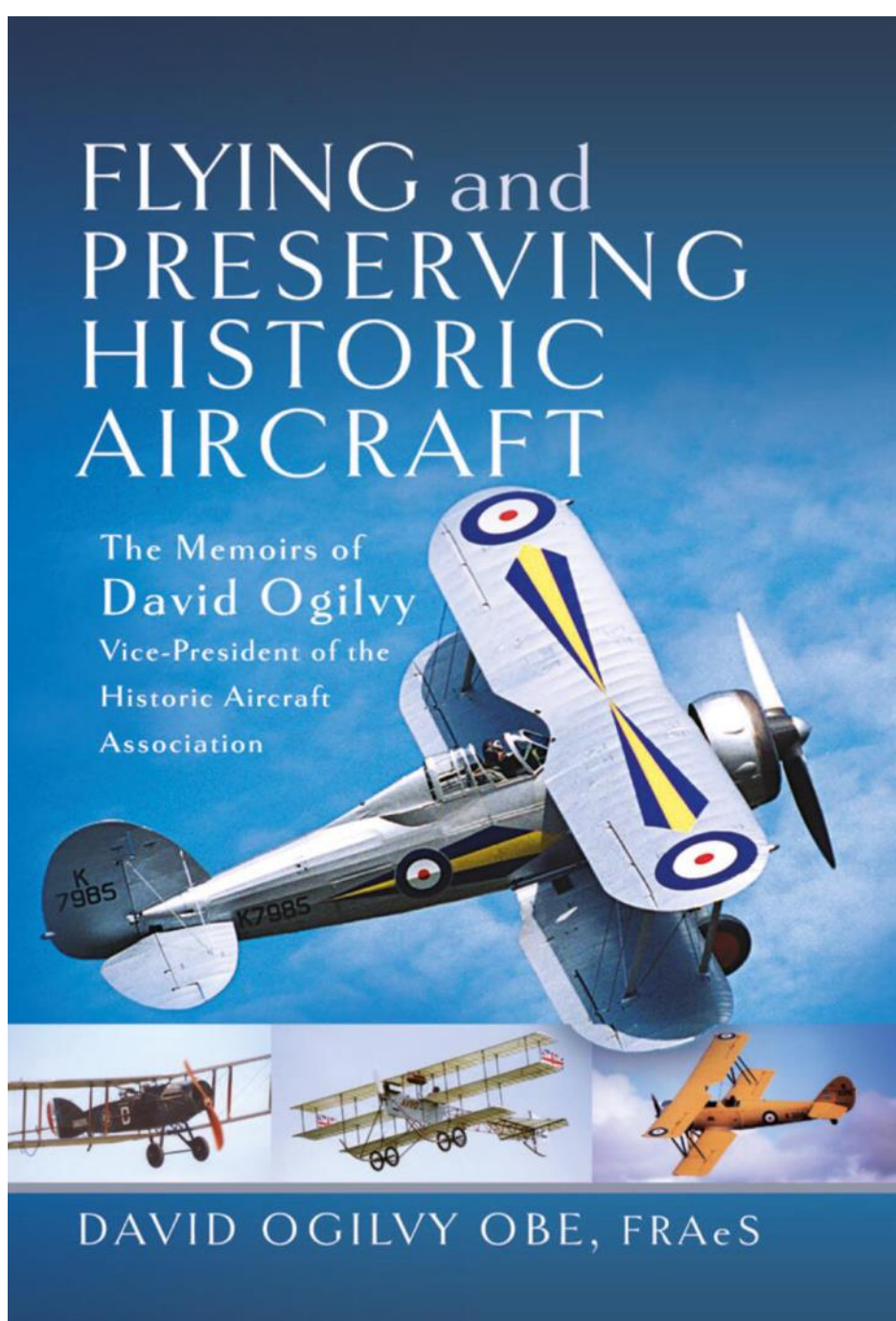
Future meeting

Our November meeting will be a presentation from Keith Vinning of PilotAware on advances in electronic conspicuity interoperability. All welcome - let your flying friends know: BAWA 19:30 Tuesday November 7.

Just published!

Strut members are probably aware that over the last three years I have been helping David Ogilvy, President of the Vintage Aircraft Club, get his 17th book to publication — hindered by Covid and several bouts of illness. As you are no doubt aware from obituaries in the aeronautical press, while the book went to the publisher in September last year, sadly David passed away before its publication. It is now available from Pen & Sword and other usual sources.

Trevor



Last Month's Picture Quiz

The ingenious design seen at the Grass Roots Rally was correctly identified by Chris and Alan as the Verhees Delta 2-seater – or as Chris pointed out, 2 bed! The performance details given [here](#) make interesting reading.



The second picture, which they also identified, is of the Dyke Delta from the 1960s, another folding wing design.



Information from the CAA and elsewhere

The CAA has published [CAP 2590](#), the Annual Safety review for 2022.

There is a [new CAA Podcast](#) on the potential risks involved when flying near or above active gliding sites.

Do you hold a microlight or SLMG rating granted prior to 1 February 2008? If so, [CAA ORS4 No 1582](#) concerns you.

The [latest report](#) from the Airprox Board stresses the importance of correct joining procedure—including making accurate position reports!

The next AIRAC update is on 5 October; don't forget to keep your electronic databases current.

Where to go in October

1 October [Oxford Strut "Pie-in"](#), Enstone North — pie booking extended to 28 September.

7 October [Compton Abbas Vintage fly-in](#)

Light Aviation vouchers:

Goodwood (half price), Land's End (half price and 10% off cafe), Manchester Barton

Flyer vouchers:

Leicester, Felthorpe, North Coates, Eshott, Caernarvon, Sandown (half price), Elstree (50% - weekdays), Nottingham (free with any fuel uplift).

Bristol Aero Talks next meeting is on the Rosetta space mission. Nearly 20 years ago, in early 2004, the Rosetta spacecraft was launched and began its long odyssey to its ultimate destination which was to rendezvous with a cometary nucleus in August 2014. **Dr Nigel Wright** was the Engineering Manager for the Rosetta spacecraft platform during the design phase in the late 1990's and also the Project Director for the UK's scientific experiment (Ptolemy) on the Rosetta Lander. His talk will discuss the various technical challenges facing the engineering team during the design phase, the novel industrial procurement approach chosen for the spacecraft and the significance of the project as the last major contract awarded to the team based in Filton prior to the site closure in 1999.

This talk will be held at **7:15 pm** on **Tuesday October 3rd** at **Aerospace Bristol** in **The Making Studio**. Entry is free; voluntary contributions welcomed.

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