

*East of Scotland Strut of the Light Aircraft Association
March 2024 Newsletter*



Chairman's bit

Hi All,

Next meeting is the AGM. The AGM part will only take a short time so Andrew has acquired a few aviation film shorts which we will be showing.

One of the problems we have is that the Strut is in need of new blood. I will be asking for ideas on how we attract new members.

We will also be doing a Round Robin. So have some details of your aircraft or what flying you are doing.

Again we are interested to hear of any talks we can organise. Our meetings require entertainment value!

See you all at the meeting.

Fly safe, Justin.

Cover photo



A photo I took last summer at the Fly-in at East Fortune East. Keith Griggs is generous as usual, making his airfield available and hosting his own events and our Strut Fly-Ins. Andrew

Editor's bit

A slender Newsletter this month but an important one also because of our AGM on Monday. Read through the notes on the next page and make a big effort to come along and play a part in the Strut's future.

The AGM

Bring cash or a cheque! Save Duncan the misery of endlessly chasing people up to pay their subs. I don't know what they will be this year but suspect round about the usual £25.00.

Gigha Airstrip

Information below forwarded by Jill Douglas of EoS Microlights, then by Alex McClintock

'Please be informed that the airstrip on the Isle of Gigha will be closed from 10th February until 1st April 2024.

The airstrip will not be available to use by any commercial or visitor aircraft during this time.

The closure is to permit the construction of a helipad on the airstrip which is expected to be completed by April 2024.

Preparations for the construction phase mean that the airstrip will be closed from now until the completion of the project.'

The next meeting is on...

**Monday 6th March
at the Harrow Hotel
Eskbank Road, Dalkeith
at 8.00pm**

**This is our AGM
so please come**



**About the Light Aircraft Association:
www.laa.uk.com**

With a history extending over 70 years, the UK Light Aircraft Association promotes safe and economical operation of sports and recreational aircraft. Representing the aviation interests of around 8,000 recreational pilots, amateur-builders and enthusiast members, the LAA oversees the operation of more than 2,500 light aircraft and the build of another 1,700, whilst providing sector-leading consultation and advocacy in aviation-related regulatory matters both in UK and Europe.

**This newsletter can also be viewed on
the Strut website:
eos-strut.org**

The Annual General Meeting of the East of Scotland Strut

The Annual General Meeting of the East of Scotland Strut of the Light Aircraft Association will be held at the Harrow Hotel, Eskbank Road, Dalkeith at 8.00pm on Monday 4th of March 2024 Please make every effort to attend this important event.

Provisional agenda

This can be added to if you have any points you want to bring up. Please contact Tim Rayner, Justin Kennedy or Duncan Robertson beforehand.

Election of Office Bearers

(All Committee Members are prepared to stand again)

Accounts

Subscriptions

Proposed Fly-ins or other events

The Strut tent

Castle Farm Airfield Ltd.

Dwindling membership. Suggestions?

Presentation of the Strut Shield

Any other Business

Election of Office Bearers

If you would like to be an Office Bearer of the Strut in any capacity, please put yourself forward.

Chairman

The function is to provide guidance and direction to the rest of the Committee and oversee that their functions are carried out correctly.

The Chairman also has an additional casting vote where a committee vote is deadlocked. **This position must be held by a full LAA member.** Justin Kennedy is prepared to continue in this position.

At the AGM you may nominate a new Chairman or re-elect Justin Kennedy.

Secretary and Co-ordinator

The Secretary/Co-ordinator's function is to arrange Strut meetings and events in conjunction with other committee members as required and act as main point of contact for the Strut. **This position must be held by a full LAA member.** Tim Rayner is prepared to continue in this position.

At the AGM you may nominate a new Secretary/Co-ordinator or re-elect Tim Rayner.

Treasurer

The function of Treasurer is to record and oversee the financial position of the Strut, provide a budget as required to the Committee and identify any areas of concern. **This position must be held by a full LAA member.** Duncan Robertson is prepared to continue in this position.

At the AGM you may nominate a new Treasurer or re-elect Duncan Robertson.

Membership Secretary

The function is to maintain a record of Strut members, to liaise with the Treasurer and Newsletter Editor, and to identify opportunities for recruiting new members. Duncan Robertson is prepared to continue in this position.

At the AGM you may nominate a new Membership Secretary or re-elect Duncan Robertson.

Newsletter Editor

The Newsletter Editor's function is to produce and distribute the monthly Strut Newsletter. Andrew Macleod is prepared to continue in this position.

At the AGM you may nominate a new Newsletter Editor or re-elect Andrew Macleod.

Safety Officer

The function of the Safety Officer is to ensure that Strut events comply with LAA procedures and provide Risk Assessments as required. **This position must be held by a full LAA member.** The position must be held by a current LAA member to enable us to hold events under the auspices of the LAA. The postholder will be supported by other Strut members. Steven Borthwick is prepared to continue in this position.

At the AGM you may nominate a new Safety Officer or re-elect Steven Borthwick.

Committee Member

The position of a Committee Member without Portfolio is to add breadth and balance to the Committee's discussions and to observe the way the Committee works. As positions fall vacant more members of the Strut will be familiar with what goes on and feel confident about taking on those duties in the future. Ed Lyon is prepared to continue in this position.

At the AGM you may nominate a new Committee Member or re-elect Ed Lyon

Going abroad?

From the Home Office via the LAA and Keith Griggs

It is anticipated that on Saturday 6th April 2024, the 2024 regulations will enter into force. A draft version of the regulations is available online: The General Aviation (Persons on Board, Flight Information and Civil Penalties) Regulations 2024.

Which flights do the 2024 regulations apply to? The 2024 regulations apply to all General Aviation aircraft making international flights who are expecting to arrive in and depart from the UK (including within the Common Travel Area).

What do the regulations mean for pilots, owners and operators? International GA flights that are arriving in or departing from the UK will be required to submit information online about the flight and persons on board (both passengers and crew), no earlier than 48 hours and no later than 2 hours prior to the expected time of departure. General Aviation Reports emailed directly to Border Force will not be compliant and will not be accepted.

What are the acceptable online submission methods? The information is to be provided online using one of the following methods:

1. The Government's free-to-use submit a GAR 'sGAR' web-service;
2. Via an approved existing third-party application (see * below); or
3. If you are a business operator, established direct connections to Home Office systems can also be used.

Civil Penalties. Border Force will be operating a civil penalty regime that will underpin the 2024 regulations. Failing to comply with the 2024 regulations may result in a civil penalty of up to £10,000 per breach. Complete guidance on the civil penalty regime will be available on gov.uk in due course.

**Typically, these are private member subscriptions to applications such as Airbox, Cloud Aviation, Online GAR, Sky Demon and Rocket Route. However, a full published list of acceptable third-party applications will be published on gov.uk.*

From Sue Oliver

The 16th Aviation Education Conference organised by YES

Saturday 23rd March 2024

The Theme this year is Young Aviators.....please help fly 2024 in 2024

Entry is free to delegates who must preregister by e mailing

Captainluck@hotmail.com

The venue

Old Warden aerodrome in the Shuttleworth Discovery Zone

Registration is invited by Speakers about Education in the aerospace sector

The Programme will include information and guidance on a wide range of aviation-related activities, careers for young people and especially Young Aviator Flights. Eg where to find a pilot and the support which is available for them to take place via a number of established organisations.

There will be opportunities to find out about

Young Aviators Flying	Shuttleworth Discovery Team
Airfield Days	Bursaries and Grants
Build-a-Plane Projects	Flying Cadets
Gliding Opportunities	LAA Junior Members
Models and Model Flying with the BMFA	
Scout Aviation Activities, Air-Scouts and Camps	
Specialist Resources and Projects	
Training Opportunities for aviation-related jobs	

An important aspect of the day will be opportunities to talk with those who deliver these activities, plus networking.

A brief tour of the museum facilities will be available along with lunch

AGM
Don't
forget
(and bring £25.00
for subs)

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