

East of Scotland Strut of the Light Aircraft Association
February 2022 Newsletter



Photo Iain Bright

Chairman's bit

It does look as though the Covid situation is now easing and we can open up our activities. Let's hope there are no set backs.

We are starting with a bang with a very interesting talk coming up by Hyp-Ed at the next meeting. Hyp-Ed is a project run by an extra mural Society connected to Edinburgh University researching high speed transport. I suspect that this will be well over subscribed so we are having to put a limit of 30 people due to the size of our venue at Dalkeith. For this reason it is important that you reserve a place through me; justin@systemwise.co.uk Please get your name down as soon as possible if you wish to attend. Much more comprehensive information elsewhere in this issue. Also Hyp-Ed have a website which would be well worth a read beforehand (see on next page). They are bringing at least four members of the team so after the talk the floor will be open to lively debate on the night.

As previously discussed we are hoping to have a Fly-in in the Spring on the DOTH (Drop of The Hat) principle. Bitter experience has shown that fixing dates far in advance leads to disappointments due to weather. We did this successfully at our Autumn Fly-in at Balado and this seems to be the way forward. We would hope to make a final decision on the Tuesday for an event on the Saturday so we can have a better chance of calling the weather.

The Strut is about to come alive again at last. Fly safe. *Justin*

Co-ordinator's bit

The days are have started to get longer albeit cold, windy and wet. The recent winds have led to some interesting landing at Edinburgh Airport mostly due to the crosswind and downdraft from the rail embankment when landing from the East.

Things are starting to turn positive re Covid and our February meeting will be a presentation by a team from Edinburgh University on their Hyperloop concept (further details elsewhere). They will be looking for feedback from our builder members.

Numbers are restricted to 30 due to the size of the room at the Harrow so book your place with Justin asap.

The March meeting will be our AGM and as usual we would like some new blood on the Committee. It's not onerous and we would prefer anyone wishing to help out whether in an established or support role to have e-mail access as a lot of communication has been through that medium over the last couple of years. If interested please contact myself or Justin

With Spring starting to appear on the horizon the opportunity to pursue our aviation interests are on the up. Lets hope COVID doesnt get in the way.

Iain

The next meeting is on...

**Monday 7th February
at the Harrow Hotel
Eskbank Road, Dalkeith
at 8.00pm**

**See next page for
Hyperloop details**



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

Monday's meeting on 7th February at the Harrow Hotel, Dalkeith

A Presentation by Edinburgh University's award winning Hyperloop team

As always everyone is welcome at Strut talks but this time we are concerned that more people will turn up than we have room for at the Harrow. We suggest you email [justin @systemwise.co.uk](mailto:justin@systemwise.co.uk) to make sure of a place.

This looks as if it will be a fascinating evening. The team have developed and built working prototypes and tested them in California. The Q&A afterwards will be as fruitful as the show itself. Find out more at <https://www.hyp-ed.com>

This is what they have to say;

'HYPED is a team of students at the University of Edinburgh dedicated to developing the Hyperloop concept and inspiring future generations about engineering. We are the best Hyperloop team in the UK, having received awards from SpaceX, Virgin Hyperloop One and Institution of Civil Engineers.

Hyperloop is a proposed network of near-vacuum steel tubes to transport humans and cargo in magnetically levitating pods.

HYPED are winners of the Virgin Hyperloop One Global Challenge, having proposed a route connecting Edinburgh to London in 50 minutes. Our proposal discussed the feasibility of Hyperloop in the UK, highlighting the social, economic and environmental impacts. Out of 2600 entries, HYPED is one of ten winners across the globe and the only student team to have won the Global Challenge.'



Good news



Andrew Bathgate put his Piper Cub up for sale last month and it has now gone to a good home. Everyone happy.

Balado success

Congratulations go to James Alexander, finalist in Farmers Weekly's 2021 Diversification of the Year Awards, for the huge effort he has put into developing Balado airfield.

<https://www.fwi.co.uk/events/awards/fw-awards-2021-diversification-of-the-year-finalists>

Photo alongside of James, taken by Dennis Penney at our Fly-in there last August.



LAA Scotland Tour



At last, as Covid is hopefully slowly wrestled to the ground, the LAA's Tour of Scotland is back on again from the 22nd to the 29th May. Keith Griggs has made East Fortune East available on Friday 27th so fellow LAAers can enjoy a bit of East Lothian and a visit to the Museum of Flight and the nearby 1½ Strutter. This is a good opportunity for the Strut to generally be helpful, like ferrying visitors to and from the Museum and the APSS, so make a note in your diary now.

Northern Ireland Fly-in

From Alistair Ness by way of Iain Gibson comes news that there will be a Fly-in at Carrickmore on Sunday 1st May. More news when I have it.

East of Scotland Strut Fly-in

Be ready for this 'Drop of the Hat' event, whenever it comes. As soon as the weather looks set fair it will probably be called on a Tuesday for the Saturday of that week.

Cover photo



A frozen Loch A'an, taken last Easter by Iain Bright

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