

*East of Scotland Strut of the Light Aircraft Association
July 2022 Newsletter*



Chairman's bit

Hi All, I trust those of you who are operational have managed aloft in the recent spell of good weather. I have had a few tries but the winds have been strong and it has been bumpy.

We have now streamlined the Fly-in process so we can set it up at fairly short notice. Basically the plan is to watch the long range forecast so we can make a decision on a day a fortnight in advance.

The paperwork can then be submitted for the chosen venue and a final decision will not be made until the Tuesday before the Saturday Fly-in. Obviously we will take into account other events.

Once we are go then the mailing list will be circulated advising all pilots in Scotland that they are welcome. In this way we hope that we will not be disappointed by the weather as we have been on so many occasions.

If you are not on my mailing list please email me and ask to be added.

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Certainly a lot of us are taking holidays in July so it will be August before we will look for weather windows.

We are also looking for talks. Colin is on holiday so his Drone talk has been postponed and John Wheeler is getting something together on his Scandinavian trip but he needs more time to prepare it.

Failing anything for the next meeting I will organise a quiz to keep us all amused.

Fly safe. *Justin*

Co-ordinator's bit

Hi Folks

The longest day of the year has just passed so we now start heading towards winter with us losing about two minutes of daylight each day.

I have also seen some of our flying members (on some of the flight tracker sites) up taking advantage of the recent better weather.

We are still looking at having a Summer short notice fly in and Justin should have a piece explaining how we expect to run it.

The next Strut meeting will be at the Harrow on Monday July 4th at 2000.

In the meantime enjoy your aviation. *Iain*

Cover photo

Happy memories. Iain Gibson took the fine photo below at Sywell in 2017.



The next meeting is on...

**Monday 4th July
at the Harrow Hotel
Eskbank Road, Dalkeith
at 8.00pm**

**Don't forget to pay your
bargain annual £25.00
subscription**



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

A cool afternoon in East Lothian

John Whitfield explores the wonder of clouds once more



Keith's big fundraiser



Keith Griggs' big challenge this summer is to raise money for Cancer Research UK with the backing of Amey Secure Infrastructure, his employer. CRUK is Amey's Employee Chosen Charity and Keith's plan is to fly from here to Lands End, landing near wherever a donor lives and giving them a half hour local flight.

The run is being organised and widely advertised by Cancer Research UK. Once the pledges have been made Keith will plan the route of his trip which will start on Monday 22nd August.

Already there have been some excited, positive reactions, like 'ever wanted your own private flight? Well now's your chance!' And 'this is fantastic! The chance of a lifetime to go on your own private flight in a two seater plane. Thank you Keith for your support of Cancer Research UK'.

This looks like being a big hit, so watch out for more information as it comes along.

Spadeadam Danger Area.

I put this useful piece of information that Alex McClintock found, in the last Newsletter, but it's worth repeating.

'As Spadeadam Danger Area is relatively close to us I thought the GPS jamming trials notified in the AIC below may be of interest to (or affect) some Strut members. I was flying within a stone's throw of there yesterday. The first two trials have passed but as there are dates in September, October and November of this year it may be worth including the information in the next Newsletter. The document can be viewed in the link below: Aeronautical Information Circular P 034/2022'

Stoneykirk

From Ed Lyon

The day after our Fly-in/hosting the LAA I was again at East Fortune for the three lectures on the Falklands War and very good they were too.

Browsing in the places to visit display I came across this pamphlet about an Aviation Museum in Scotland which I had never heard about before.

It has six aircraft cockpits on display; a Vulcan B1, Canberra T4, Vampire T11, Sea Hawk FGA6, Jet Provost T4, Sea Vixen FAW2, Buccaneer S1 and, if it's quiet, access to the cockpits can be granted.

So if any of you find yourselves down near Stranraer on a wet Sunday afternoon then this may be worth a visit but do check the website first as it's only open on occasional Sundays from March to October.

The website is www.2av8.co.uk



From Stewart Luck

Fw: Youth & Education Support (YES) are asking YOU to help fund a project in September.



Hi Folks.

I am sure as an aviation enthusiast you will have heard of YES especially if you are a member of the LAA.

More and more people are working with young adults because they can see the problems in society that need dealing with. Generally, Kids need Guidance, Leadership and Educating while having FUN! Thats what play is all about so we start them young.

In this short note I hope you can see that YES members want to provide some of that and pick up a few people with a positive attitude towards our sort of aviation whatever that is. Please help us by contributing a little or as much as you can. Here is the link if you are minded to help.
<https://gofund.me/0f366925>

Northern Ireland Causeway International Airshow, organized by Mark Bowler.

Please consider donating to support the motion flight simulator developed... Mark Bowler needs your support for Northern Ireland Causeway International Airshow [gofund.me](https://gofund.me/0f366925).

Dont shoot the messenger! We work with teenagers and Mark is the biggest one we have and volunteered to help make this project happen.

One of the organisations YES have been working with is the WW1 Heritage Trust because they have an activity that brings together all the things schools are talking about such as STEM with its virtual reality element, STEAM, and History along with useful life skills such as communication, coordination, instilling confidence and sorting out mental health problems. Parents love this Sim, many want a go in it themselves and because of that it invokes conversations at home that don't normally happen between families. Its such a good package that local councils are hiring it for school visits around the UK.

If the project gets funding for ferries/hotels etc and goes ahead we expect to be taking it to a School or college as part of the trip.

Now you and I know that Airshows are exciting and where kids are inspired. There are few taking place these days but one VERY big seaside event takes place in N.I. in September. (Think Southend). It brings communities together from all over the island of Ireland. The organisers have a big STEM tent set up supported by industry. Its mainly 'hands on' so giving out YES leaflets would not make the cut therefore we proposed to get the WW1HT Sim' there. Thousands of families attend on the two days of the event on 10/11 Sept.

The New NI International Air Show for 2022 (previously called Airwaves Portrush) will provide an enhanced viewing experience for spectators and increased exhibition viewings. The Coastal lands between Portrush and Portstewart will host ground attractions and spectators. The ground layout is more extensive, with multiple viewing points along the three mile stretch of the Borough's coastline.

This year's programme will include big impact aircraft, civilian aircraft, RAF and Naval assets, static displays from the armed forces and Ulster Aviation Society. Some special pyrotechnic air displays will take place over Portstewart Strand over the weekend, as well as the epic fireworks display to wrap up the weekend!

On the ground, young people can learn more about careers in STEM, and the Ulster Museum and Aviation/Space.

Thanks for your time spent reading this. Please contribute, spread the word or support the project/organisers by attending the event.

Once again here is the link if you are minded to help! <https://gofund.me/0f366925>

Kind regards. Stewart Luck, YES chairman
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Balado 2021

Some photos from Iain Gibson's extensive archive



Peering through the fog

There is a great deal being written about the war in Ukraine, much of it the truth and much of it is disinformation. The following from Alan Swegle links to an article that shines a light on something I was unaware of.

'This is a feed from one of my unnamed correspondents from a site (Coffee or Die) that I do monitor the Ukraine crisis on occasion, but I did miss this good one. My favorite site is the ISW site, but anything by Fred Kaplan is also excellent.

This article not only explains a USAF group's cooperation with the Ukrainian AF, but defines the problems the Ukrainians have using their old Soviet designed aircraft in a high threat sophisticated anti-aircraft missiles and other radar guided rapid-firing weapons environment.

There is also the problem that it is impossible to mount US guided air-to-ground long range missiles on these older Soviet era airplanes which do not have the electronics instrumentation to utilize modern US missiles.

The article is excellent in describing the entire air to air and air to ground warfare from both the Russian and Ukrainian standpoints.

Neither side has the airplane stealth qualities of the F-35 and the F-22 airplanes or the electronic warfare capabilities of the F-18G airplane to disable the electronic capabilities of anti-aircraft systems.

At present the Russians have a 10 to one advantage in artillery systems and that are allowing the Russians to make significant ground gains against the outnumbered Ukrainians in the Luhansk and Donetsk Oblasts. The Ukrainians are in increasing danger of having major forces being encircled in the eastern Ukraine.

NATO is learning much useful information in this Russian war against Ukraine, but its (including the US) assistance is late, slow and modest.

Checkout the article on the website below.

<https://coffeeordie.com/grey-wolf-team/>

Two from John Whitfield

Some more interesting links from John. The first one questions just how good WW2's Norden Bomb Sight was, the one that it was claimed could 'drop a bomb in a pickle barrel' from 20,000 feet. Not so, and money and politics were involved.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U6D5rXbMBKo>

On to happier and simpler things and the noisy as a hive of angry bees Saab 93 from 1958. In its day it was a world beating rally winning car with a tiny 750cc two stroke engine and John loves its simplicity, efficiency and ease of repairing. This one is being explained in a pleasant, laid back style by Jay Leno.

<https://www.bing.com/videos/search?q=jay+lino+1958+saab&view=detail&mid=83F52A82A557A21A867583F52A82A557A21A8675&FORM=VRDGAR&ru=%2Fvideos%2Fsearch%3Fq%3Djay%2Blino%2B1958%2Bsaab%26FORM%3DHDRSC3>

And some from Tony Schonfeld

Friend Tony in London always comes up with interesting stuff and he found these clips of Kyle Franklin and his 'drunk pilot' routine.

There are three clips of (probably) the same routine but they are all worth a watch.

<https://twitter.com/i/status/1536599567793373185>

<https://youtu.be/zeLJPiJw-FQ>


And the last one, taken in the cockpit with him:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I8xnc9HpF-Y>

Finally...


You have paid your subs, haven't you? You get such a lot for your modest £25.00 so contact Duncan asap to arrange a payment if you are not going to be at the next meeting.

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30-31 July	Easter Airfield Highlands & Islands Strut Annual Fly-in
30 July	Kilkeel, N Ireland
2-4 September	Popham. LAA 'Grass Roots' Fly-in



**FLY-IN
2022**

Annual Charity Fly-In
BBQ
30th July 2022
1300 at Kilkeel Airfield

If you have a Fly-in or event you would like publicised in the Newsletter, please drop me a line.

I won't know about it unless somebody tells me.

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