

*East of Scotland Strut of the Light Aircraft Association
July 2023 Newsletter*



Photo Dennis Penny

Chairman's bit

Thank you everyone for your efforts towards making our Fly-in at East Fortune a success. Keith's contact with the weather Gods came up trumps again.

Also thanks to Tim Rayner for his talk at the last meeting on Amy Johnson. Most enjoyable.

Further to our concern over the Drone requirements, I relayed my notes taken from our discussion to the appropriate source. I have been advised that the decisions on airspace changes to do with this have been delayed to 2024.

The current DroneCloud Blueprint Project appears to say that BVLOS (Beyond Line of Sight) drones and aircraft will be sharing the same airspace in 2024.

Some of their proposals showed a complete absence of knowledge of how we fly in Uncontrolled Airspace. It is hard to imagine how this could work safely.

The push is to facilitate drone deliveries when surely we want to be a world leader in military drones which are proving so effective. They would require drone ranges which would easily be contained in existing military ranges such as Otterburn. We seem to be preparing to deliver hamburgers to the enemy.

Let's hope common sense prevails.

Cheers, Justin

The Strut Shield



Steven Borthwick receiving the Strut's top award, the Nick Wales Shield, from Justin Kennedy at our recent Fly-in. Steven was abroad when the AGM was held.

Cover photo

Dennis Penny's photo of Graeme Park's Kitfox arriving at East Fortune East. More of Dennis' photos from page three onwards.



The next meeting is on...

Monday 3rd July
at the Harrow Hotel
Eskbank Road, Dalkeith
at 8.00pm

Nothing planned yet



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

East of Scotland Strut Fly-in, East Fortune East, 10-11 June 2023



The Fly-in over the weekend at East Fortune East was a great success with the weather playing ball on the Saturday but unfortunately on Sunday, although the weather was OK at EFE, other parts of the country were less fortunate so limited the number of arrivals.

A total of 25 aircraft flew in over the two days. Tim Rayner had donated the barbeque and Keith Griggs donated all the drinks. Five visitors were transported round to the Museum.

The Strut would like to thank all those members who came along and helped in the setting up and running of the Fly-in. *Ed Lyon.*

Dennis Penny



Host Keith Griggs' Emeraude (above) outside the hangar.

An interesting contemporary is Tim Rayner's CP 301C. Tim was first arrival from Archerfield, fired up the barbecue and looked after us all weekend.

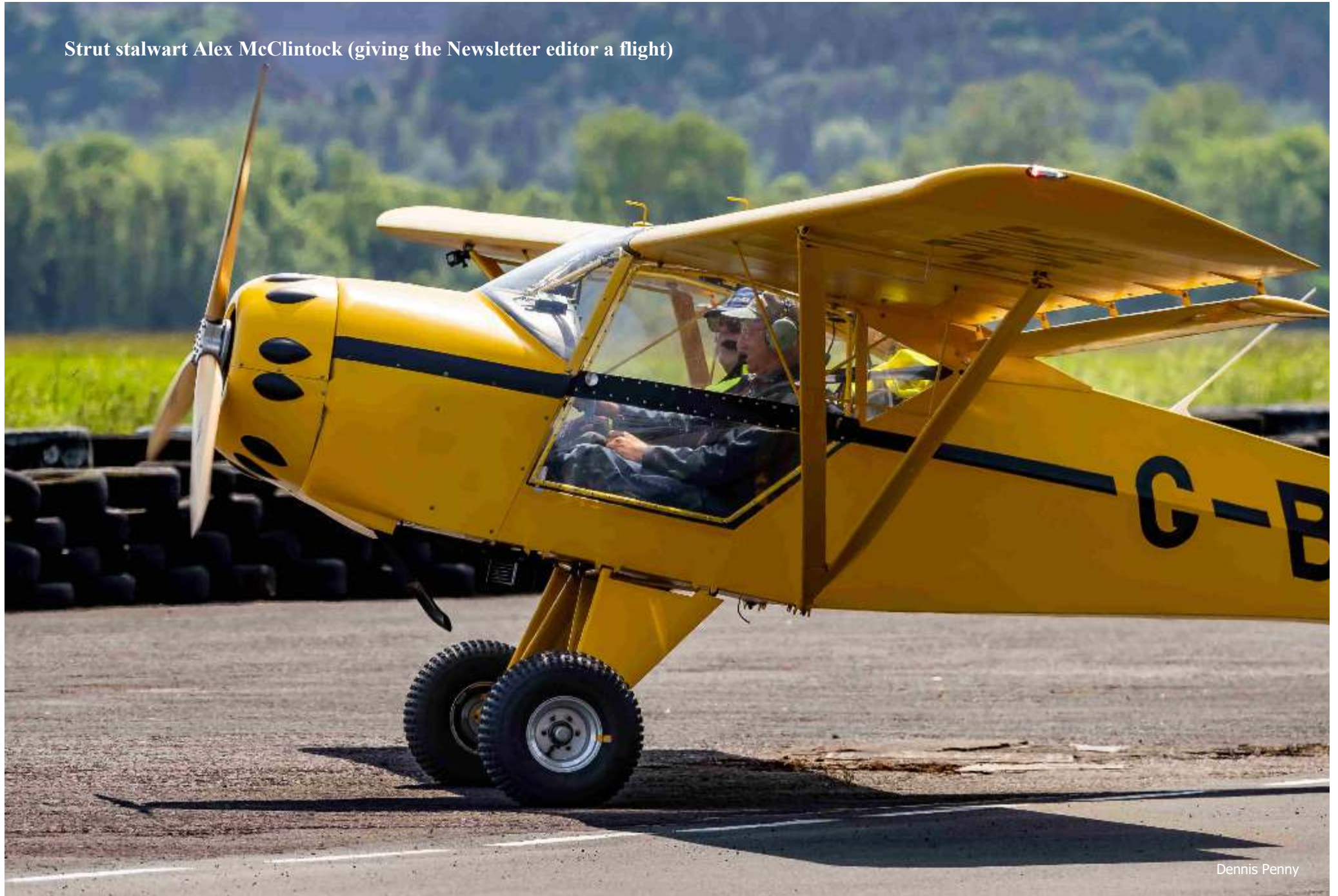
Big thanks go to Dennis Penny for most of the photographs. Some of the aerial shots, (many more than you can see here) are spectacular. If you want copies of your aircraft at modest cost contact him at dennis@pennypictures.co.uk

The following are visitors, roughly in order of arriving...



Dennis Penny

Strut stalwart Alex McClintock (giving the Newsletter editor a flight)



Dennis Penny

Gerry Robertson (rhs) came from Perth in his Grumman AA5 but had to leave early so he could land back at Kirknewton while their gliders were on a lunch break.

Next was Mike Wood from Easterton (below) with his lovely SD1 Minisport.



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Matt Lanham from Fife in his Zenith 750



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Jim Stevenson and friend from Longside in their Vans RV12, then Graeme Park in his Kitfox from Strathaven



Dennis Penny



Dave Brown and friend came from Inverness in their Jabiru



Dennis Penny

Graeme Cassio came from Balado in his CTSW and Keith Boardman from Perth in Vans RV 12 G-RMPS



Dennis Penny



Mark Williams came up from Athey's Moor, near Longframlington, in his EV97.

Derek Pake and friend flew in from Fife in his RV8, G-WEEV, then carried on to Prestwick.



Dennis Penny



From Biggar, S Dornan and his chum
in Eurofox G-UNNN.

Apologies here but I can't make out
the names. Cameron Pecht? (and
party) in this Robin DR400 from
Aboyne.



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Ian Ferguson in his Skyranger from Perth...

...and also from Perth, Tam Carr plus boss in smart EV97 Eurostar G-IDOL.



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Sunday was quieter because of less good weather but Alex and Tim returned in the Kitfox and CP301C. Jim McTaggart came from Archerfield in his Bulldog, Bob Tadman plus friend came

from Perth in a Eurofox and Archie Liggat came in a Sherwood Scout from Kingsmuir. Apparently a passing aeroplane practiced a couple of loops and wingovers nearby which brightened up the afternoon.

Finally, and by no means least, thanks to Keith Griggs' efforts and the generosity and goodwill of our members and visitors, £507.77 was raised for St Columba's Hospice.

This was donated in memory of Pauline Jaffary, the wife of the landowner David Pate. *Andrew.*

Early morning flight...

...and what a view. Thanks to John Whitfield for this



Church Fenton

Back in May Keith Griggs and John Wheeler flew down the 150 miles to Leeds East airport (formerly Church Fenton) for lunch.

'Interesting airfield with infrastructure in for an international airport, the new terminal building complete with baggage x-ray equipment now being used for very expensive super cars. Managed to look through the back door of one of the many hangars where they have in the corner a Sea Harrier.'



Two more

First, from Jim Prettyman, this item from the BBC about the Rolls Royce next generation engine. Jim and his correspondents question RR's claim that burning fuel derived from waste used cooking oils, (will there be enough?) will lead to their target of net zero flight by 2050.

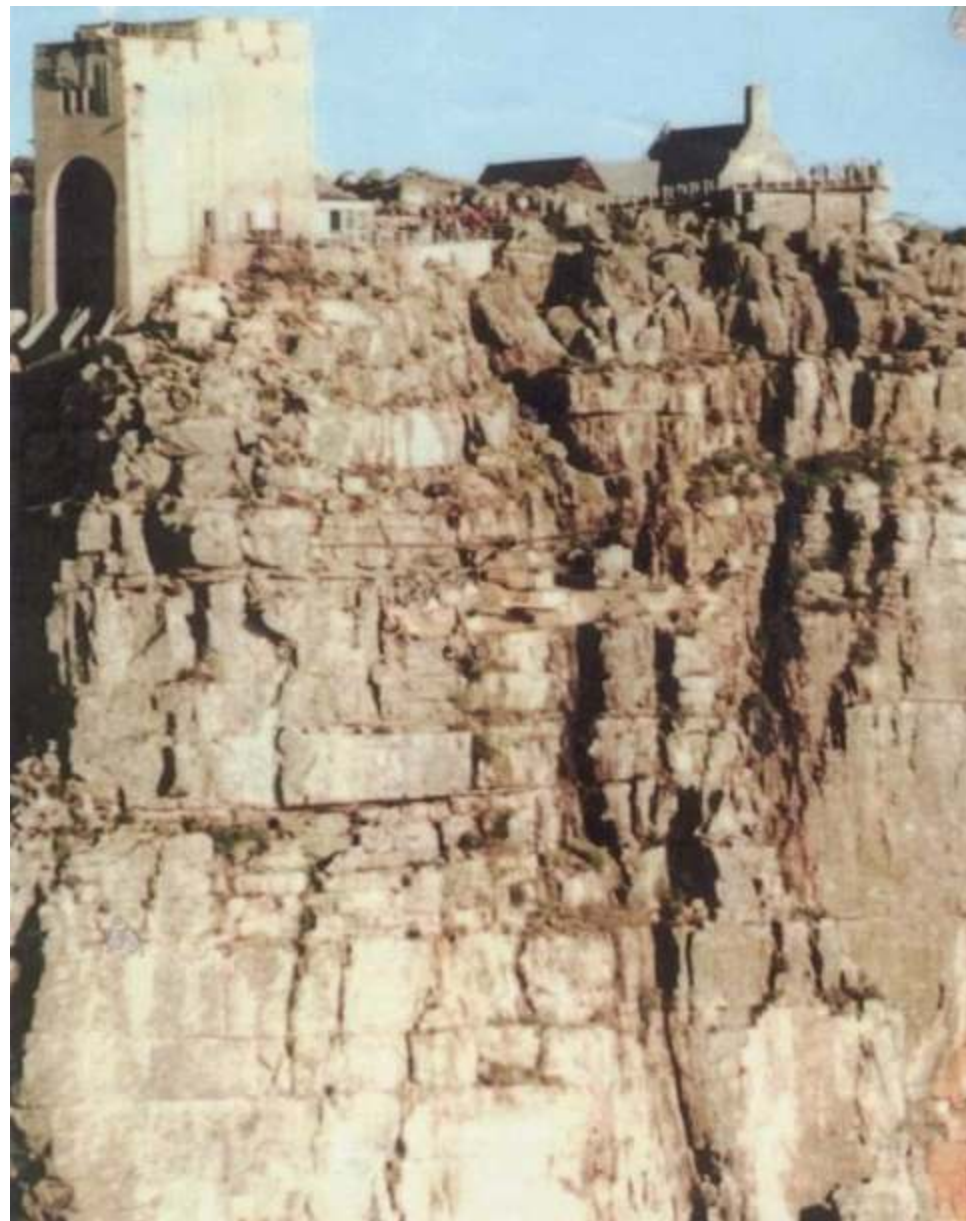
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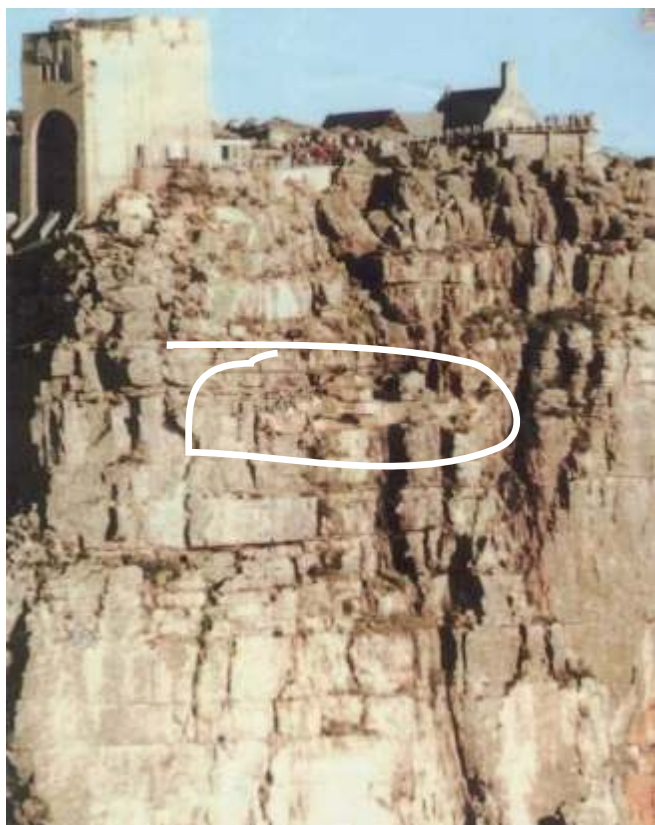
Finally an interesting piece from John Whitfield showing James Cameron exploring the Titanic in a ROV in the 1990s as a prelude to making his blockbuster film, and touching on the dangers involved.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dS8K1lbicb8>

The art of Camouflage

Ed Lyon came across this. There is something lurking in the photo below, but what is it? If you can't find it the solution is on the next page.





(From previous page)

Look down the cliff, you will see a helicopter passing by right to left (or even in the hover). *Ed*

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