

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



*Photo John Whitfield*



## Chairman's bit

Hello Everyone. The first signs of Spring are on us and our next meeting will be the AGM. Unfortunately our projector has an inexplicable inability in that it can't focus properly.

We don't have a talk for the next meeting but we should be thinking about our Spring Fly-in aspirations.

I attended a fascinating consultation on the airspace proposals for Edinburgh Airport. We of course could do with an established light aircraft corridor for zone transits but their deliberations are, of course, focused on how to increase commercial traffic. I will let you know when there is any concrete outcome.

Hope to see you at the meeting. *Justin*

## The AGM

Please bring along some cash or a cheque to pay your subs for next year. It won't cost very much and it's unfair on Duncan to make him have to keep chasing them up.

## Reminder

The email address that I have used for years failed last year and can't be brought back to life. If you still have [andrewj.macleod@virgin.net](mailto:andrewj.macleod@virgin.net) in your address book please delete it as that correspondence no longer reaches me.

Please use instead the new address; [andrewj.macleod46@gmail.com](mailto:andrewj.macleod46@gmail.com)

You will also find it on the back page of the Newsletter. Thanks. Andrew.

## Co-ordinator's bit

As I type this there is the usual biennial influx of French rugby fans for the Six Nations Rugby at Murrayfield. Not as many as in previous years possibly due to it not being a decider game, as well as Covid at the end of the season.

Like last month the weather has been somewhat changeable with the good days seeing a fair number of our flyers active. Hopefully the cold and wet spell will finish soon as the days get longer.

The next meeting at the Harrow on Monday March 7th will be our AGM where we would like some more people to serve on the committee, even as an extra member. If you are interested please let Justin or myself know. A piece on those willing to stand for next years committee is elsewhere.

In the meantime enjoy your aviation. *Iain*

## Cover photo

Longyester Hopes Reservoir taken by John Whitfield. More from John on page 5&6.



## The next meeting is on...

**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March**  
**at the Harrow Hotel**  
**Eskbank Road, Dalkeith**  
**at 8.00pm**

**This is our AGM so  
please make every  
effort to attend**



**About the Light Aircraft Association:**  
[www.laa.uk.com](http://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](http://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 7th of March 2022 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 Iain Gibson, Justin Kennedy or Duncan Robertson beforehand.

Accounts  
Subscriptions  
Election of Office Bearers  
Fly-ins or Doths  
Other events  
Dirleton update  
Presentation of awards  
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 must 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.*** Iain Gibson is prepared to continue in this position.

**At the AGM you may nominate a new Secretary/Co-ordinator or re-elect Iain Gibson.**

## 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**

## February's meeting

A big thank you goes to the HyPed team from Edinburgh University who put on a very successful Presentation at last month's meeting.

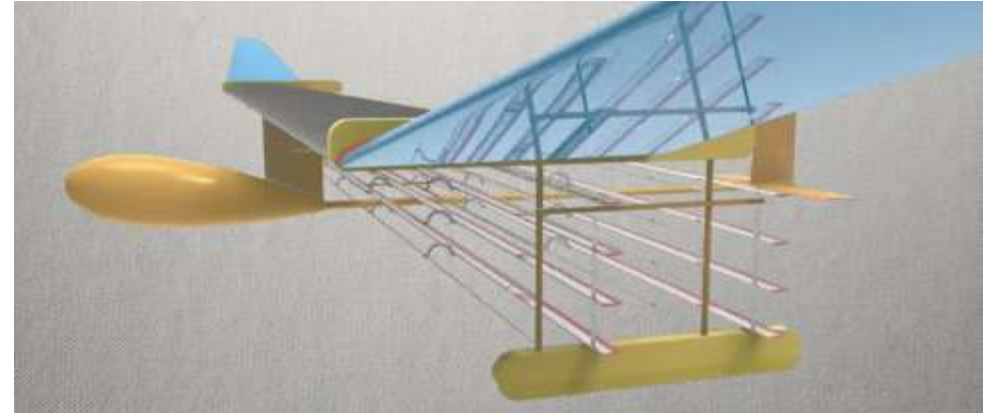
The Hyperloop project they are working on proposes a network of near-vacuum steel tubes to transport humans and cargo in magnetically levitating pods, with many problems and many possibilities. In a worldwide competition they were one of ten winners out of 2600 entries and the only student team to have won the Global Challenge. The technical discussion during and after was excellent. <https://www.hyp-ed.com>



Has Justin bought the tee shirt? Photos by Colin Lourie.



## Ion propulsion



I mentioned this system once before but that was in relation to space travel, where despite the low power, a craft's speed in a vacuum could increase exponentially.

This earth bound demonstrator can fly, just, but nevertheless the power is silent and has no moving parts. It has a way to go if it will ever be practicable, but it's an interesting video. *Image by Designboom.*

<https://www.designboom.com/technology/solid-state-ion-drive-airplane-mit-11-22-2018/>

## Small power generators for your home

There seem to be lots of interesting developments in the small scale generation of renewable electricity, putting the possibility of powering your own home, yourself, closer.

[https://www.reddit.com/r/Videa/comments/nhw3ov/the\\_future\\_of\\_solid\\_state\\_wind\\_energy\\_no\\_more/](https://www.reddit.com/r/Videa/comments/nhw3ov/the_future_of_solid_state_wind_energy_no_more/)

*Image by Halcium Power Pod*  
[www.halcium.com](http://www.halcium.com)





## After the storm

Came some beautiful views. John Whitfield took this and the cover photo on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> February as he headed into the Lammermuirs. On the next page Dunbar harbour walls protect the boats inside.







John Whitfield



## Pilots earning their keep at Edinburgh

Dennis Penny took these photos of aircraft landing at Edinburgh on the morning of 16<sup>th</sup> February, at the height of storm Dudley.



## Painting a Boeing

An interesting clip from my son, showing what goes into stripping down and repainting an airliner.

<https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=307352844245268>



## ...and from the museum

From friend Tony. 'Nice little film about the Lightning', put out by the Imperial War Museum.

<https://youtu.be/YqD2DKvYyJE>







## LAA Scotland Tour

The LAA's Tour of Scotland takes place from the 22<sup>nd</sup> to the 29<sup>th</sup> May. Keith Griggs has made East Fortune East available on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> so fellow LAAers can visit the Museum of Flight and the nearby 1½ Strut. This is a good opportunity for the Strut to help by ferrying visitors to and from the Museum and the APSS.



## Northern Ireland Fly-in

There will be a Fly-in at Carrickmore on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> May.

## Our EoS 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.



## RAF Operations Books online

The Genealogist <https://www.thegenealogist.co.uk> is an online genealogy search engine and they have just announced 'the largest collection of fully searchable RAF Operations Record Books online.'

'This latest release of transcripts provide the most complete collection of indexed AIR 27 records, with over 11 million fully searchable records covering 1911-1963.'

If you are organised you can take up their two week free trial offer but be careful to either cancel it then or allow them to sign you up to full membership.

Image below showing training for the 1932 Hendon airshow with a Gloster Gamecock is from The Genealogist.



**Don't forget**  
**AGM on Monday**

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