



STAMPE CLUB NEWS-EMAIL

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Introduction

A year goes flying by!

It was November 2009 when the Stampe Club met up with the CAA at the offices of AOPA in London. Twelve months on and the Stampe Club are still battling away albeit that the overriding feeling is that good news is on its way. The question is, when? See below.



During the dark days of winter, Reg Jouhaud's wonderful picture of a Stampe in sunny skies provides an uplifting reminder of what flying a Stampe should be like.

Purpose of this News-email

This News-email is intended to be a quick and effective means of communicating with members. Consequently, as the name implies, it will only be sent by email. Regrettably, those 'Luddites' who are 'non-pc' (that is 'non-personal computer') will not receive a copy!

You will soon receive an updated copy of the Stampe Club Members List. Please check your details. However, it would be useful if the Members List contained mobile numbers for 'last minute' arrangements (and/or cancellations) etc.

Please note that as a matter of policy the contact details of Stampe Club members are purposely excluded from this News-email as all the contact details are available from the Stampe Club List of Members. Consequently, it should be emphasised that the Members List is confidential to Stampe Club members only. As a result, the Members List should not be released to any other third parties. It is hoped that members will respect the requirement for confidentiality.

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Wheels moving very slowly!

Regulatory Changes for Stamps

The dual regulatory approach, whereby Stamps may be operated on a C of A or a Permit to Fly is, apparently, now the subject of a CAA policy change paper which is 'doing the rounds' at the CAA, but has yet to 'come out the other end'! In this respect, the Stampe Club has been regularly chasing progress.

This persistence would now seem to have resulted in some action, as in the last communication from the CAA, Nigel Davies mentions that he has been told that the policy change paper will be going to the CAA Management Committee within the next two weeks. Consequently, Nigel Davies 'anticipates'

being in a position to 'pass on 'some good news' before the end of the month. We wait in anticipation!

Interestingly, the DGAC in France are, apparently, now refusing to allow Stampes to renew their equivalent of a C of A. Consequently, French Stampes must now go on a Permit to Fly.

The Stampe Club is grateful to the AOPA Chief Executive, Martin Robinson, who has kindly offered to approach the CAA's Head of General Aviation, Chris Finnigan, about the need to sort this matter out in an expeditious manner.

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Reports

Stampe Fly-in at Antwerp Saturday/Sunday 15/16 May 2010

Danny Cabooter reports that this year's 20th Stampe fly-in attracted some 8,000 visitors, and was dedicated to Hèlenè Dutrieu who, 100 years ago, was the first Belgium woman to obtain her flying license. She was, also the first woman to fly with a passenger. The rest of her life is stuff of films!

The female theme was also evident at the Saturday evening barbeque when the Dutch girls, 'In the Mood', sang their repertoire from 1940 to 1945. At the same time several other female pilots were also honoured. Singing talent was also found in the form of Johannes de Jong who flew in from Nordhorn in Germany.

Apart from an impressive array of warbirds, a formation of fifteen Chipmunks from Zoersel roared across the sky on Saturday.

However, the weekend's activities are never complete without the traditional Sunday Stampe fly past when some 10 Stampes fly in formation over Antwerp.

Stampists who have never been to this event should 'loosen up' and have a bit of fun at this relaxed, but well organised event.



Formation of Stampes over Antwerp

You can watch Danny Cabooter (as well as other great Stampe flying) by linking in with the following:

http://www.youtube.com/watch_popup?v=kTCbYgCnZXw&vq=hd720#t=26

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The Stampe Fly-in into Middle Wallop Sunday 13 June 2010

Nancy Bignall reports that six aircraft attended the Middle Wallop fly-in on a beautiful, but windy, day in June. There were four Stampes – Martin and Jane in G-BAKN, Neville Stops in Michael Doman's G-AZSA, Jo Keighly and his son in G-SVIV, John and me in G-AYCG, plus Robin Lucas and friend in a Stearman (which made our Stampes look suddenly rather small), and Trevor Beadle in his lovely Extra. Joanna Esson came by car, as poor Frank was languishing in hospital.

We all had lunch in the museum cafe, aptly named Apache, and broke off to watch Trevor do a very elegant and punchy display in the Extra. Neville sat in the front and by all accounts found it quite invigorating! I am not sure whether he had eaten beforehand.

Middle Wallop is, of course, the home of the Army Air Corps, where both Prince William and Prince Harry got their rotary wings, and it is where the Museum of Army Flying is to be found. Apart from a large number of fixed wing and rotary aircraft, the Museum contains an eclectic variety of exhibits, including a 1940s house, artefacts, dioramas, models, trophies, etc as well as a rifle range, cinema, shop and so on. It is well worth a visit.

A full report will follow in the hard copy Newsletter. Meanwhile, many thanks to Neville for setting it up.

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Cathy O'Brien Trophy at Headcorn Saturday 26 June 2010

The Stampe Club would like to congratulate Chris Jesson for achieving his Instructor's Rating. However, now that Chris has retired from commercial flying, he is more difficult to contact than before, and that is saying something!

As a result, we will wait for Chris's write-up which will probably feature in the next Newsletter.

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Coupe d'Anjou at Angers, France
Thursday 29 July to Sunday 1 August 2010

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A bunch (or is it clutch) of Stampes at Angers with Angus Buchanan's G-AWEEF in the middle!

Although the Angers participants fell by the wayside, Angus Buchanan and his father, Andy, headed South to Angers in the company of a Pulsar. In this respect, Angus had the advantage of his father's previous experience as a submarine commander to help with the navigation. Things like track and drift etc being remarkably similar albeit that all the navigation advice given was in terms of cables and fathoms! Nevertheless, as the photo proves, the intrepid duo made it to Angers.



Angus Buchanan and father Andy at Angers

Do's and Fly-ins etc.

When and Where?

If you know any other fly-ins which would welcome Stampes (and who would not) such as those organised by Vintage Aircraft Club and the like, please send a note around to the other members.

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Parts for Sale

Let everyone know if you have some surplus parts

Now is the time, as the move to Permits could reduce the value of many certified parts.

Well known Stampist Andy McLuskie would like it to be known that he has a variety of Stampe parts for sale. These vary from airframe parts to things such as ailerons and under carriage bits together with tail wheels and the like, as well as numerous fittings and fixings etc.

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Miscellaneous

Long Distance Flights!

Apart from a long distance trip to sunny France, Angus Buchanan (G-AWEEF), this time accompanied by David Savage (in G-AYIJ), braved the UK weather in June to fly to Cumbria. The trip was aimed at a small microlight strip just East of Blackpool, but gave the hardy duo an excuse (if one was needed) to fly up the West side of the country and down the East side.

The aircraft (accompanied by a Pulsar) managed a formation fly-past over, well, anything that deserved one. This included Blackpool Tower, Windermere and Derwent Water à la Dam Buster Practice. Even Blackpool Airport welcomed a run and break!

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Websites

There are numerous websites which contain a variety of interesting information about Stampedes. In particular, the website www.stampeworld.com run by Stampede Club member Chris Hunt contains a section for Stampede Club members. This is described by Chris in the Stampede Club Newsletter last autumn.

The Stampede Club sends its condolences to Edouard's family and friends.

However, like all websites, you should be careful about 'web links' and 'pop-ups' etc as some websites (especially those with open forums etc) can get corrupted if they are not regularly serviced and updated.

- Go to Google and enter 'Stampede'. It will bring up some interesting websites both in the U.K. and elsewhere. There are some interesting websites out there!

- www.stampede.org

This is a long-standing website run by Andy McLuskie under the title of the Stampede Club International.

- www.haa-uk.aero

An interesting official website for the Historic Aircraft Association. Worth a look!

- www.stampeworld.com

Stampede Club member Chris Hunt appears to have set up a very interesting and progressive website.

- www.vintageaircraftclub.org.uk

A usual organisation who organise many 'vintage and classic' days in conjunction with auto clubs.

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Finally a Sad Note

It is with much regret that the Stampede Club learnt of the deaths of Edouard Dupont (aged 40) in July whilst flying Stampede G-BIMO with Xavier Franiatte (aged 31). Apparently, the pair had been flying some aerobatics after leaving White Waltham on route to Slimfold in West Sussex. The crash occurred at Peppard Common near Henley-on-Thames. The exact nature of the accident, which claimed the lives of both Frenchmen, is largely unknown.

A special remembrance reception, including a flypast, was held at White Waltham some weeks ago to celebrate Edouard's life.