



STAMPE CLUB NEWS-EMAIL

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Introduction

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 is designed to be sent by email.

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

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

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Objectives

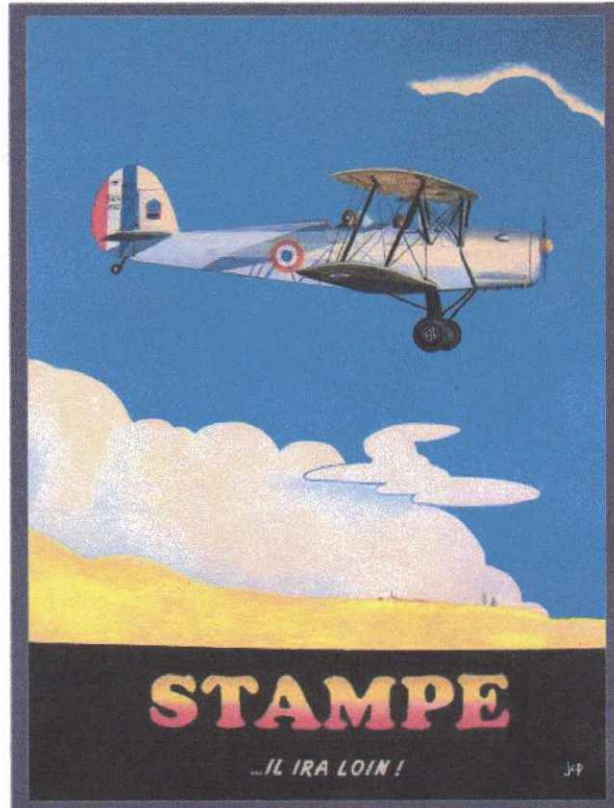
To enjoy Stampe aircraft by promoting the safe flying, upkeep, preservation and restoration, as well as to provide a forum for discussion, exchange of ideas and information and to act as a focus between Stampe Club members and those responsible for the licensing and flight safety etc.

News

The new committee!

Whilst the new committee members have not quite been 'press ganged', there has been a fair degree of 'arm twisting' so as to release Martin Holloway and Nancy Bignall from their duties!

The Editor drew the short straw and is now Chairman!



Jean Claude Petit's wonderful picture of a Stampe in sunny skies, kindly provided by Reg Jouhaud, always provides an uplifting promise of sunny skies!

Nevertheless, the 'new committee' (see report from Middle Wallop) are keen to continue the light handed approach of their predecessors to whom the Stampe Club are most grateful. Indeed, an enormous vote of thanks is due to Martin and Nancy for all their work. In Martin's case over 25 years! Also special thanks to Mike Cowborn who has been responsible for the Stampe Club Newsletter.

Editors Note:

The Editor knows very well the time and energy required to put together such a publication. A lot more organisation is required to prepare a formal Newsletter which is posted to members. Thanks Mike!



The new Committee?
Courtesy of Reg Jouhaud

The Stampe Club

Like all clubs, there is usually a small group who are prepared to get directly involved and a larger group who are less so inclined for whatever reason. Nevertheless, The Stampe Club can only continue with the support of all the members. Consequently, it would be interesting to know what members expect! Is it simply a matter of representation such as the recent dealings with the CAA concerning Permits to fly? Or is it the members list which many find useful in contacting other members? The simple fact is that the turn out for many Stampe Club fly-ins in the UK is pretty poor. Not so, in Belgium and/or France! Why is that? Is it weather, distance or demographics?

Undoubtedly, the weather is a major influence when flying in open cockpit aircraft. But is that the only reason for the poor attendance?

Interestingly, the centre of gravity of the UK (or rather English) members is probably around High Wycombe / White Waltham area. So no excuse there!

The demographics of the Stampe Club are unknown although it is perhaps fair to say that most members are 'mature'. As a result, Stampe Club members are likely to have other demands on their time.

What is known is that The Stampe Club presently has 63 members on the Membership List based in 9 different countries. Although the membership numbers are unconfirmed, the breakdown on a country basis would appear as follows:

UK	43 (of 49 G Registered and 13 without email addresses)
France	6 (3 without email addresses)
Belgium	4 (2 without email addresses)
Germany	4 (2 without email addresses)
Austria	1 (no email address)
Eire	1 (no email address)
Holland	1 (no email address)
Italy	1
New Zealand	1 (no email address)
USA	1

Events

When and Where?

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

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Reports

21st Antwerp Fly-in Belgium Saturday/Sunday 4/5 June 2011

This popular annual event at the home of Stampe and Vertongen was enhanced once again by perfect weather that contributed to making it a great weekend. It was attended by large crowds of visitors: near-by families, fans, supporters, and many Belgian, German and Dutch aircraft. Sadly, no British or French Stampes were to be seen!

Most crews arrived on Saturday morning. The air enthusiasts were excited to see and to hear the concerti performed by low-flying Havards, two T-28s, a Dakota, a two-seat Spitfire and a Mustang. There was a graceful pas-de-deux by a pair of Piper Cubs, a minuet danced by two Tiger Moths, an impressive fly-past by nine RAF Chipmunks in very close formation. A Staggerwing joined the party and was welcomed by two Stearmans. Twelve Stampes sat on the tarmac albeit that many of them were active with a ceaseless flow of joy rides.

The evening BBQ gathered over a hundred guests while a trio of charming young ladies, in wartime-fashion dresses, delighted everybody with Glen Miller songs. Food and wines were superb, socializing, as always, developed from table to table while it was clouding over outside. Everyone crossed their fingers for the traditional Sunday morning formation flying.

The weather cleared up after a rainy night and Danny let eight Stampes and a Tiger Moth over the Grote Markt and the Docks. This was an emotional flight with so many Stampes paying a tribute to the Belgian designers seventy four years after OO_JAN's first flight at Deurne.



Noerbert "Nono" Niels

OK. Who doesn't understand?
A briefing session by Danny Cabooter

As always, the smooth-running, efficient, big-hearted Flemish hospitality was achieved over the two days by Danny and Patricia Cabooter and their family, relatives and friends.

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Editor's note:

If you haven't been to this fly-in, you have missed something. The weather always seems to be good, the company always friendly, the food always excellent and always an enjoyable way to spend the weekend.

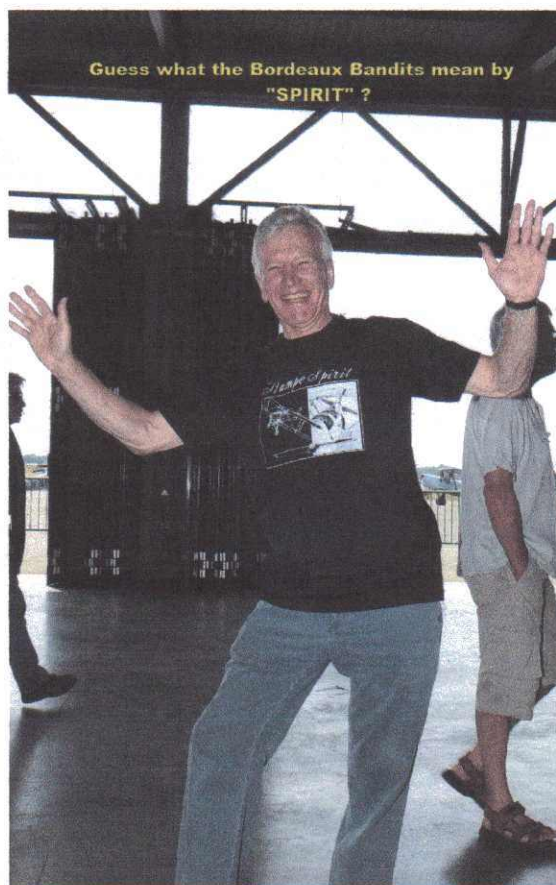
Coupe d'Anjou Angers France Friday 29 to Saturday 31 July 2011

A wonderful sunny weekend formed the back drop to this competition which included one UK (Scottish) entrant in the form of Neil Geddes who flew beautifully, but got his 'left and rights' confused! However, Neil was quick to point out that surgeons do not have to worry about such things as the area for an operation is marked on the skin!



Neil Geddes exiting after an aerobatic session. Do I get out on the left or the right?
Photo by the Editor

The competition eventually was won by Christian Maillard, the son of Edith Maillard. Indeed, Edith seemed to organise the whole weekend including food, drinks, hotel and prize-giving etc. A truly capable lady! She had to be as there was gang of Stampeists from Bordeaux affectionately known as the 'Bordeaux Bandits' who needed special attention. These friendly renegades came with a supply of tee shirts and sweaters which were available for sale at the airfield. As the photo demonstrates, the Editor could not resist these highly fashionable garments!



The Editor getting in the 'spirit' (literally) of the Coupe d'Anjou with a highly fashionable Stampe t-shirt!
Photo courtesy of 'The Bordeaux Bandits'

Editor's note:

The Editor 'fell amongst thieves' (or rather the Bordeaux Bandits) on the Friday evening with whom great fun and hospitality were exchanged. A great evening!



Dangerous! The Bordeaux Bandits!
Photo by the Editor taken outside the airport at Angers

Middle Wallop Hants UK Sunday 18 September 2011

The day started in sunshine and then quickly deteriorated into very wet weather. Consequently, the sight of two Stampes coming out of the mist and low cloud was dramatic in the extreme. What a sight!

The two intrepid pilots (from Headcorn) were Angus Buchanan and Jo Keighley who, during the course of the meeting shortly after their arriving, became the Stampe Club's Secretary and Treasurer respectively. Consequently, Martin Holloway was able to 'off load' a large box of papers and archive information going back to 1985! Indeed, Martin's sense of relief was palpable!

Notes (not minutes) of the meeting are available to any Stampe Club members. Contact Austin Trueman: austin.trueman@gmail.com

During the meeting, Mark Garratt kindly offered to deal with parts and spares etc whilst the Stampe Club has a 'handful' of bolts etc a demand may develop for newly made 'bits' as more UK Stampes are likely to go on a Permit to Fly.

David Starkey, a professional Aeronautical Engineer, has agreed to continue in his role as Technical Advisor. This is to be welcomed!

The new committee members are:

Austin Trueman – Chairman
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Angus Buchanan - Membership Secretary
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Jo Keighley - Hon. Treasurer
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Mark Garratt - Parts and Spares
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David Starkey - Technical Advisor
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Miscellaneous

Articles

The September edition of Pilot magazine includes a pretty 'upbeat' article about Stampes. The article, written by Nick Bloom, the featured aircraft's previous owner, includes some truly spectacular photographs taken by Keith Wilson the well known aero photographer. The 'camera ship' was a Chipmunk with a rear window removed so as to provide 'clear air' photos such as the one below!



G-ATIR now with a chequer rudder
Photo courtesy of Keith Wilson

G-ATIR (formerly F-BNMC) was imported from France into the UK by Twentieth Century Fox for the making of the 1960's film The Blue Max starring George Peppard. The film was based (loosely) on a novel of the same name by Jack D Hunter.

Feedback

The Editor would appreciate a bit of feedback and/or comments or, even better, anecdotes, gossip or your own stories. Anything which would interest and/or amuse other Stampe Club members.

In order to get some idea of what Stampe Club members want, it is intended that members will receive a questionnaire/update of contact details (especially email addresses) together with a request for your ideas. Watch this space!

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Shooting a Stampe!
Photo by the Editor



British Stampe Club H.Q.?
I'm in Dover... calling
you from my sole ...

Parts and Spares

Let everyone know if you have some surplus parts for sale

Now is the time to sell all those bits and pieces as the inherent move to Permits could reduce the value of many so-called 'certified parts'. In this respect, well known Stampist Andy McLuskie, andymcluskie@aol.com 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 a few fittings and fixings etc.

Is there anyone else who has parts for sale?

Contact: Mark Garratt markdgarratt@gmail.com

Getting in touch with the Stampe Club
Courtesy of Reg Jouhaud

Gun Law!

Stampe Club members should be careful who they upset in Angers. The photo below shows a bullet hole in the leading edge of a Stampe! The hole extends upwards at an angle and is likely to have caused structural damage! Apparently, the incident occurred when a disgruntled neighbour near Angers airport visited the hanger one evening with a rifle. The local police are investigating!



Old photo of Stampes at Croydon perhaps?
Courtesy of Reg Jouhaud

Websites

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

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 'Stampe'. It will bring up some interesting websites both in the U.K. and elsewhere. There are some interesting websites out there!

- www.stampe.org

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

- www.haa-uk.aero

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

- www.stampeworld.com

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

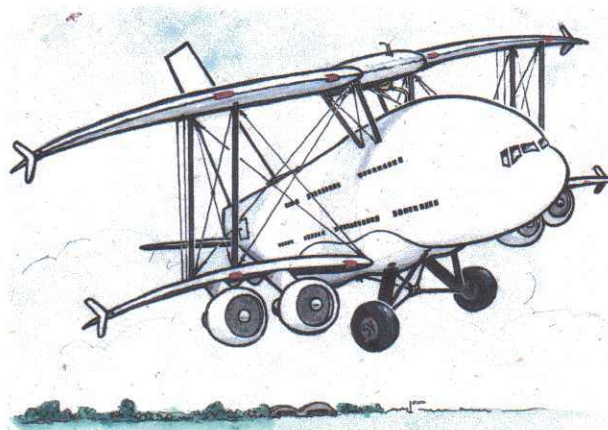
- www.vintageaircraftclub.org.uk

An interesting group who organise many 'vintage and classic' days in conjunction with auto clubs.

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A special thanks

Readers will have noticed regular acknowledgments to Regis Jouhaud. An addicted Stampeist who kindly provides a regular supply of photos (some 'doctored' to suit), cartoons and wonderful original drawings. The Editor believes that Regis' input is priceless!



A Stampalacon 38002
By Reg Jouhaud

Finally

Stampe Club members may be unaware that the American actor, Cliff Robertson, who died recently aged 88, owned many vintage aircraft including a Spitfire and a Stampe. Quite obviously a man of taste!

The actor who was well known for portraying 'dependable types' regularly starred in many films during the 1950's and 1960's including the classic war film '633 Squadron'.