



STAMPE CLUB NEWS-EMAIL

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General Notes

This News-email is intended to be a quick and effective means of communicating with members. However, it is important to emphasise that it is only intended to supplement the excellent newsletter prepared by Mike Cowburn. Consequently, as the name implies, it will only be sent by email.

As a matter of policy the personal email addresses of members have not been quoted as these can be found on the list of members which will be issued separately.

You may also notice that there is also a slight change in name and style!

Subscriptions

If you are reading this News-email, you have paid your subscription.

Regulatory Changes

Certificate of Airworthiness or Permit to Fly?

Whilst the flying press have featured various articles and/or letters about the possible regulatory changes in respect to Certificates of Airworthiness vis-a-vis Permits to Fly etc, a recent telephone conversation with the CAA's Safety Regulation Group would suggest that the CAA are still processing the three bids made for the type rating arrangement. These bids were made by the following organisations and/or persons:

- Tiger Airways
- Real Flying Company
- Andy McCluskie

However, due to other priorities as well as the time taken to scrutinise the bits, it is unlikely that a decision will be made by 1 October 2008 as originally envisaged. Consequently, Nigel Davis of the CAA suggested that Stampe Club members should be aware that the decision may not be made until the end of the year. Until then, the status quo will be preserved. The CAA will write to owners accordingly.

It should also be mentioned that the CAA have other 'orphan' aircraft to consider both at present and in the future. This would seem to be causing some problems which will require a policy decision at the CAA to take it forward. Whilst a 'twin' approach to the regulatory control is certainly not out of the question, the CAA emphasise that this is not something they have ever done before, although evidence would suggest that this is not quite true.

It is also worth mentioning that the CAA are well aware of the views of most Stampe private owners and, undoubtedly, this will be taken into account. Having said that, if you have not yet written to the CAA to express your preference for a Permit to Fly, now is the time to do so!

Coupe d'Anjou, Angers, France **Friday 1 to Sunday 3 August 2008**

If you thought that bad weather was only affecting U.K. then think again! A 'clutch' (a suitable common noun for a group of Stampes) from the U.K. spent 4 hours in the air to get to Angers only to find that the competition had been cancelled because of the weather! Consequently, this is a 'call to arms' for next year's event!

Kathy O'Brien Aerobatic Trophy **Saturday 16 August 2008**

The Kathy O'Brien aerobatic competition was held at Headcorn on Saturday, 16 August this year and despite the weather over much of the country at the time, Headcorn was lucky to maintain flying conditions throughout the whole day albeit that most eyes were looking at the clouds in the distance!

Whilst the details of the competition will be published in the Newsletter, it is worth giving a special mention to John Smith who flew in from Shoreham and did particularly well bearing in mind that he is recovering from surgery and had not practiced the routine beforehand! It is also worth mentioning that the beginners' competition was a great idea and certainly something worth repeating.

However, a special mention should go to Chris Jesson's wife Evelyne who, in true French style, produced a splendid lunchtime spread which was greatly appreciated by everyone!

Staying on a Gallic theme, Chris Jesson reports that some French Stampists expressed some interest in next year's Kathy O'Brien! More French food!

White Waltham Informal Fly-in

Saturday 13 September 2008

This has already been notified by Nancy Bignall and, consequently, this note merely serves as a reminder. Nancy guarantees that the weather is going to be wonderful!

The idea is that we arrive at 11.30 onwards at this smashing airfield with one of the best club houses in the country.

Other Do's

When and Where?

If you know of any other 'do's which would welcome Stampe's (of course that includes all fly-ins) such as organised by the Vintage Aircraft Club, please send a note around to all the other members.

Useful Websites

- www.stampeworld.com

This is a website set up by an unknown Chris Hunt but who (for reasons yet unknown) appears to have set up a very useful website which features John Smith's G-HJSS on the 'welcome' page. Most U.K. Stampe owners will have received a letter from Chris Hunt.

- www.stampe.org

Be aware that this site appears to infect. Use with care or preferably not at all!

- Go to Google and enter Stampe. It will bring up some interesting websites.