



STAMPE CLUB NEWS-EMAIL

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Introduction

Spring has sprung!

The May is out! The blossom has formed! The clocks have been put forward and there is now some warmth in the air! Time to fly!

Also time to thank all those (both in the U.K. and elsewhere), who have taken the trouble to say 'nice things' about the News-email. It is pleasing to note that it has been well received and is obviously not seen as a complete waste of time!

General

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 'no 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 honour the need for confidentiality!

Membership

Encouraging New Members

Whilst there has been a trickle of new members over the year, it is fair to say that most Stampe owners are not exactly 'young gazelles'!

Indeed, like other similar flying groups the Stampe Club does seem somewhat mature!

Consequently, comments have been made about the desire to attract younger members albeit too young to own expensive aircraft!

In addition, it has also been said that the Stampe Club is too cliquey and/or does not have an open attitude! Is this true or even important?

Does anyone have any comments and/or ideas or will the status quo continue?

Contact: Austin Trueman

Accounts

There is no accounts information yet for the year 2008 presently available, albeit we are assured there are no problems with allowances and/or expenses or, for that matter, second homes!

Contact: Leader of the House of Commons

Regulatory Changes for G-Reg Stampes Certificate of Airworthiness or Permit to Fly?

Recent contact with the CAA has confirmed that matters are no further forward in bringing this matter to a conclusion.

Consequently, the status quo still applies. That is, all G-Reg Stampes still require a Certificate of Airworthiness.

Dates for your diary

23 and 24 May 2009 **Antwerp Fly-In**

This year's Antwerp Fly-In occurs slightly later in the month of May on the weekend of the Spring Bank Holiday! Consequently, this provides an ideal opportunity for attending what is probably one of the best 'Stampefests' in Europe! If previous years are anything to go by, the weather will be glorious!

Whilst the Antwerp Fly-In does not contain any 'serious' aerobatics it does provide a light hearted get-together with other Stampeists (mainly but not exclusively Belgic) all organised in efficient but light-handed manner by the ever enthusiastic Danny Cabooter.

Even if you do not want to fly to Antwerp it is worth attending. Easy journey by car!

Contact: Danny Cabooter

Saturday 27 June 2009 **Cathy O'Brien Aerobatic Trophy,** **Headcorn, Kent**

Chris Jesson is once again organising the UK's premier Stampe bash which includes aerobatic competitions for both the 'beginners' and 'standard' sequences as published by the British Aerobatics Association. This can be obtained by going to a website on:

www.aerobatics.org.uk.

However, it is likely (although yet unconfirmed) that there will be meaningful 'French contingent' from Angers. As a result, it is important 'pour l'honneur' for as many UK aircraft to attend if not to participate, but at least to add to the atmosphere at what is probably one of the UK's best and friendliest airfields.

It is also worth mentioning that French hospitality also extends to this event via Chris Jesson's French wife, Evelyne, who last year provided a superb lunchtime spread for all those in attendance. Consequently, if you do not come for the aerobatics, at least come for the food!

Contact: Chris Jesson

Sunday 19 July 2009 **Cherbourg, France**

Contact Pierre Cordier

Friday 31 July to Sunday 2 August 2009 **Coupe d'Anjou, Angers, France**

Following the cancellation of last year's competition, it is hoped that 2009 provides an opportunity for more 'G Reg' aircraft to attend.

Once again, Angus Buchanan has kindly offered to help in arranging hotels and the like and, in order to encourage newcomers, he would be happy to assist those 'first timers' who may be a bit nervous about crossing the Channel!

Having said that, whilst the Coupe d'Anjou attracts serious aerobatic Stampe pilots, Angus Buchanan hopes that some UK pilots who consider themselves less capable will regard the trip to Angers as an overseas adventure rather than a compulsory competitive opportunity! Consequently, Angus would like to 'cruise in company' starting out from Headcorn on Thursday, 30 July 2009, returning on Sunday, 2 August 2009.

It is also worth mentioning that Angus was overwhelmed by the generosity of the hospitality he and the other pilots received last year. As a result, he would encourage other UK pilots to participate in 2009.

Contact: Angus Buchanan
Sunday 6 September 2009
St-Quentin-Roupy, France

Contact: Pierre Cordier

Saturday 12 to Sunday 13 September 2009
White Waltham Weekend

This will be held on the West London Aero Club Members Day, when Stampe Club members can participate as guests (it is not open to the public). There will be a spot landing competition on the Saturday morning, various flying displays (low key), and we can have one Stampe aerobatic display. We hope to have dinner on the Saturday evening and either a fly-out on the Sunday or organise other activities for the Sunday. Further details are available.

Contact: Nancy Bignall

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.

Annual Dinner

Just when everything seemed lost, Karen Starkey has kindly 'volunteered' to organise this year's annual dinner. This is good news, as Karen's efficient yet light-handed approach has always been successful!

Having said that, does anyone have any ideas and/

or suggestions for where the Annual Dinner should take place? Is London the most convenient place?

Contact: Karen Starkey via David Starkey

Parts for Sale

Martin Holloway has mentioned that there are various undercarriage bolts available (at a price) for Stampe Club members. Otherwise, any information on spares and/or recommendations of good and reliable Engineers (without attitude) are always useful!

Contact: Martin Holloway (by phone)

Websites

In order to provide a 'contact point' for the Stampe Club, a simple dedicated website is presently in a course of preparation.

This is being designed primarily to provide contact details to any prospective new members. It is not intended to duplicate any of the information presently available on the many other websites such as those mentioned below.

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

If you find a website which you think will interest other members, please let everyone know!

Contact: Austin Trueman

- www.stampe.org

This is a long-standing website run by Andy McLuskie under the title of the Stampe Club International which apparently has now been updated.

- 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 website.

- www.vintageaircraftclub.org.uk

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