



STAMPE CLUB NEWS-EMAIL

Please note that the views expressed in this email are not necessarily those of the Stampe Club. Readers should be aware that the content is written mainly by amateurs. While reasonable efforts are taken to check the accuracy of statements in this News-email, no confidence should be placed in them unless independently checked and confirmed by an appropriate authority. Contributors to the News-email possess no greater expertise than that of their readers. Therefore, no advice, guidance, recommendation or factual statement should be relied upon until checked against a more dependable source. Neither the officers nor the contributors nor the Stampe Club accept responsibility for facts or opinions stated in this email.

Spring 2010

Introduction

HAS THE SPRING SPRUNG?

It is with some embarrassment that I look back on the introduction of the last News E-Mail in which a lightly veiled criticism was made of the Met Office forecast for the winter. As it happens, it turned out to be probably the worst winter in North West Europe since 1963.

Therefore, in an effort to avoid upsetting the 'weather gods' I will merely refer to the fact that the season of spring is now upon us.



Photo Courtesy of Reg Jouhaud

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 observe the need for confidentiality.

Contact: Austin Trueman: austin@astrueman.co.uk

Regulatory Changes for G-Reg Stampedes

The position to date

Following the meeting last November with the CAA courtesy of the offices of AOPA in London and the follow up correspondence (a euphemism for persistence). It would seem that there is now 'more than a little light at the end of the tunnel!' In this respect, it is encouraging to learn that the CAA are considering a 'dual approach' whereby Stampedes may go from a C of A to a Permit to Fly. Consequently, it would not be possible to import an aircraft directly onto a Permit to Fly. In other words, it would be necessary to obtain a C of A in the first place and then transfer to a Permit to Fly if so desired.

If all this happens, it will, as you can imagine, be a most welcome change of policy on behalf of the CAA to whom some credit must be given. Hopefully, this change of policy will allow all Stampes (presently operating on a Private Category C of A) to consider transferring to a Permit to Fly whereas any Stampes being used commercially will need to stay on a Public Transport Category C of A. Indeed, it is also worth adding that there are a few private owners who also wish to stay on a C of A for a multitude of reasons.

Watch this space!

Contact: Nancy Bignall: nancybignall@dial.pipex.com



An aerobatic Stampe in the background of a Junckers JU52 with an exceptional registration.

Photo courtesy of Reg Jouhaud

Dates for your Diary

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

The Antwerp is probably the best 'Stampe Fest' 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 Stampists all organised in an efficient but light-hearted manner by the ever enthusiastic Danny Cabooter. If you do not fancy flying to Antwerp, at least think about going by car. It is worth it!

A major attraction is the Air Museum or, more correctly, the Antwerp Stampe Museum.

Contact: Danny Cabooter: stampe@skynet.be

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

This midsummer Fly-in to the Army Air Corps based in Hampshire is a new venue for the Stampe Club. It has two long grass runways for which a landing fee of £22 can be offset by what is reputed to be rather cheaper fuel (presently reputed to be £1/litre) than most other airfields.

The attractions of Middle Wallop also include an interesting Air Museum and Restaurant.

Further details will be provided closer to the time.

Contact: Nancy Bignall: nancybignall@dial.pipex.com

Saturday 26 June 2010 **Cathy O'Brien Trophy at Headcorn**

This annual event at one of the UK's best and friendliest airfields always proves to be enjoyable due, in no small part, to the efforts of Chris Jesson and his wife, Evelyne. Put simply, Chris organises the flying and Evelyne organises the food. Fantastic combination!

It is also worth mentioning that whilst this is an aerobatic competition it now includes a 'beginners' sequence so as to encourage new entrants.

Regardless of whether you intend to compete, it is worth going to Headcorn to be amongst the Stampists. This event will again include a large contingent from France.

If you do not want to get involved with the flying or the aerobatics, at least come for the company and the food!

Contact: Chris Jesson: chris.j.jesson@btinternet.com

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

Whilst the Coupe d'Anjou attracts serious aerobatics Stampe pilots, it is also a venue for other Stampists who may not wish to compete. Consequently, Angus Buchanan would encourage all UK pilots to consider this as a flying adventure rather than a compulsory competitive opportunity! Indeed, Angus would like to cruise in company with as many other Stampes as possible starting out from Headcorn on Thursday, 29 July 2010.

For those who do wish to compete, there is a practice day on Friday, 30 July with the formal competition on Saturday, 31 July 2010. The return trip is planned for Sunday, 1 August 2010.

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

It is also worth mentioning that Angus has always been overwhelmed by the generosity and hospitality he and other UK pilots have received. As a result, he would many other UK pilots to participate this year.

Contact: Angus Buchanan: angus.buchanan@virgin.net

Other Do's When and Where?

If you know any other fly-ins which would welcome Stampes (of course this includes all fly-ins) such as those organised by Vintage Aircraft Club and the like, please send a note around to the other members.

Parts for Sale

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.

Contact: Andy McLuskie: andymcluskie@aol.com

Websites

There are numerous websites which contain a variety of interesting information about Stampes. 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 last 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

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

Contact: Austin Trueman: austin@austintrueman.co.uk

Miscellaneous

Back in the air!



G-ATIR (previously but no more Plums & Custard) after a long (very, very long) re-build. A story in itself!

P.S. Will probably (but not certainly) end up with a chequered rudder!

Photo: Courtesy of Classic Air Care