



THE STAMPE CLUB

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ONE OF THE FOUNDING FATHERS OF THE STAMPE CLUB DIES

MIKE COWBURN

The Stampe Club is saddened to learn of the recent death of Mike Cowburn, aged 86 years old, who was one of the four founding fathers of the Stampe Club. He was a life-long supporter.

Mike Cowburn died in Putney, London on 28 March 2017. He was a Civil Engineer, racing car designer, builder and driver. He was also a glider pilot and earned silver, gold and diamond badges for height, distance and endurance. He was also a glider tug pilot with over 5,000 launches to his credit. According to his brother, Martin, Mike saw and flew a Tiger Moth and, in his own words, 'realised where the future lay'!

Mike was a truly enthusiastic supporter of the Stampe Club and, for some years, produced the Club's magazine in pre-electronic days.

Regrettably, in later life, Mike's health let him down. Not that this stopped him flying in his own or someone else's Stampe as a passenger. In fact, Mike was able to call upon many friends who remember very well the conviviality and gaiety he brought to all those who knew him. Not unexpectedly, tributes to Mike have been received from around the world.

The Stampe Club offers its condolences to Mike's family and friends.

START OF A NEW FLYING SEASON

With many pilots in northwest Europe dusting down their aircraft, should some thought be given to brushing up on your current skills?

How current are you? Easy for the weeks to turn into months, especially over the winter/Christmas period. Time flies!

You might want to think about taking a check ride with a colleague or, equally importantly, you might want to give your Stampe a good going over. Double check the basics, engine and airframe. Give them a good inspection.



Close formation flying at Headcorn (EGKH) with G-AWEF, G-BPLM and G-OODE.

THE WEATHER AGAIN

With the Spring weather in northwest Europe getting better, the UK has recently enjoyed unseasonably warm, and particularly dry, weather.

As Club members will appreciate, the words 'Britain' and 'particularly dry weather' do not usually go together. The worry is, will it last or will the weather break down for the Summer? Nevertheless, the 'bottom line' is just enjoy the good times. To which all pilots will say 'Amen'!



Somewhere along the South coast of England

INTRODUCTION

OBJECTIVES OF THE STAMPE CLUB

To enjoy Stampe aircraft by promoting 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 international organisations responsible for licensing and flight safety etc.

MEMBERSHIP

The Stampe Club is open to anyone of any nationality in any country who owns or flies a Stampe or is simply just interested in the aircraft for its own sake as well as those engaged in offering services for the upkeep of Stampes. In other words, the Stampe Club should include a wide range of membership, but all with the objective of preserving the type.

The Stampe Club is truly international and has members in Australasia, Europe, the Far East and North America. Whilst the Stampe Club is presently based in the UK, the content of this Newsletter is intended to serve an international readership.

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NEWSLETTER

Please note the 'deadline' date for anything to be considered for inclusion in the next Newsletter is Friday 30 June 2017.

With members in over twelve different countries, it would be interesting to learn how things are going in your 'corner of the world'. So, if you have anything you would like to say (particularly if it is amusing and/or controversial) or simply interesting to other members, please send it in. Don't worry about your writing skills, it is the story that counts!

Feedback in response to some of the items raised is always welcome!

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SUBSCRIPTIONS

Members should be aware that subscriptions for 2017 should be paid by now.

Subscriptions to the Stampe Club run from 1st January each year. The Stampe Club is pleased to report that members' subscriptions remain unchanged at £25.00 (GBP). Consequently, if you have not already paid, now is the time to do so. For those paying electronically, please use your name as a reference.

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Copies of the latest accounts can be obtained by contacting Jo Keighley.

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STAMPE CLUB'S WEBSITE

It is the Club's objective that the website should be 'the place' to find what you require. Getting good and reliable information is the biggest challenge (and will become more so) – so please share what you have for the mutual benefit of other Club members.

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BITS, PARTS AND PLANES

SPARES FOR SALE?

If you have any spare bits and pieces, no matter how big or small, you may wish to make them available to other Stampe Club members via the Stampe Club website.

To expedite matters, details of any bits, parts and spares can be posted directly on the website. Club members should then make direct contact with the vendor to transact the deal. Please note that, whilst the Stampe Club wishes to promote more inter-action between members, the Club does not wish to act as a broker and/or be involved in any negotiations financial or otherwise. Caveat Emptor always applies.

Members should also be aware that the Stampe Club does not intend to be a direct source of parts and spares, but does wish to assist Club members finding 'bits' as well as assisting in the manufacture of some parts made to strict certified standards.

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STAMPE CLUB LIST OF MEMBERS

The list of Stampe Club members is distributed annually. It contains confidential information and should not be passed to any third parties.

The list is intended primarily to encourage direct contact between members who can be found in the following countries:

Australia
Belgium
Canada
Denmark
France
Germany
Holland
Hong Kong
Ireland
Luxembourg

South Africa
Spain
UK
USA

If you are visiting any of these countries you may wish to make contact. Why not send an email before you leave home?

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

WHEN AND WHERE?

If you know of any good events, why not send a note around to the other members? In any case, please take some photographs to show other Club members where you have been!

Contact: newsletter@stampeclub.org

MAY

Antwerp (EBAN) Fly-in Belgium Saturday 27 and Sunday 28 May 2017

This is a 'must go to' event at the 'cradle' of the Stampe SV4 and the home of the Stampe museum.

There is little doubt that this venue offers everything. Good company, good cheer and, generally, good weather. The main activities occur on the Saturday and end on Sunday with a massive (usually more than ten Stampes) in a formation fly past.

All this is organised with the light handed efficiency of Danny Cabooter and his family.

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One of the many 'hoodies' to be found at Antwerp.

This year a 'gaggle' (about six or more) UK Stampes are hoping to join the fun. The basic idea is to meet at Headcorn (EGKH) early on the Saturday morning and fly back the next day. So, UK Stampeists, why not come along?

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JUNE

AeroExpo UK
Wycombe Air Park (EGTB)
High Wycombe
Bucks
Thursday 1 June to Saturday 3 June 2017

This is a big event. A serious affair, but one which brings all forms of aviation together. From the very small (microlights and the like) to big boys' toys such as private jets.

Apart from all the usual stands, there are many good (and free) seminars, particularly those with speakers from the Royal Institute of Navigation.

This could be a good event at which UK Club members could get together.

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JULY

Stampe Fly-in Pithiviers (LFFP), Belgium
Saturday 1 and Sunday 2 July 2017

The Stampe Pithiviers, in association with the Aero Club of Pithiviers, invite you to join them for what promises to be a fun weekend which includes the now well celebrated paella dinner on Saturday evening.

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A group inspection at a previous Pithiviers event.

This year a group from the UK are hoping to join the event. Why not come along. It will be fun!

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AUGUST

Vintage Aerobatic World Championship
Stauning Airport (EKVJ)
Denmark
11, 12 and 13 August 2017

This steadily growing event now includes a special category (aircraft built before 1955) which will be of interest to Stampe owners.

So far, this event is attracting interest from the Czech Republic, Germany, Sweden, UK and USA as well as Denmark. Sounds good!

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G-BWEF and G-ATIR at Calais last year on the way back from Diest/Schaffen, Belgium.

International Old Timer Fly and Drive-In
Diest/Schaffen (EBDT)
Belgium
Saturday 12 and Sunday 13 August 2017

This is a great event. Lots of Stampes from all over Europe. Lightweight fun in good company.

This event proves to be more and more popular. The Editor had a great time last year!

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NOVEMBER

RAC CLUB, LONDON

Saturday 25 November 2017

Stampe Club members should be aware that a talk will be given in London by the two pilots (husband and wife) who flew from Crete to Cape Town via the Pyramids at the end of last year. This is a one-off opportunity to find out what it was like to fly across Africa in a Stampe.

Cedric Collette and his co-pilot/wife Alexandra Maingard have agreed to talk to Club members about their journey and their experiences in flying a Stampe across Africa.

The evening talk, followed by dinner, will take place in the luxury of the RAC Club in Pall Mall, London. However, like all exclusive things, numbers will be limited, albeit preference will be given to Club members before the event is announced to a wider audience. Rather than facing disappointment at a later date, Club members are encouraged to confirm their initial interest.

For Club members outside the UK, why not plan a (Christmas) shopping weekend in London with an interesting and enjoyable evening at the splendid surroundings of the famous RAC Club in Pall Mall.

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RAC Club, Pall Mall, London

TECHNICAL

A NEW RADIO – WHAT ABOUT A TRANSPONDER?

The end of year deadline is drawing closer for all European aircraft radios to be 8.33 kHz compatible but what about a transponder?

Whatever you may think of the need for this requirement, the fact is, it is going to happen. Time is running out for you to change your radio.

For all sorts of reasons a transponder is now becoming more necessary, particularly in busy airspace areas around large conurbations. Security is also a major consideration for the regulatory authorities. As a result, the day is quickly coming when all airborne craft (including drones) will be required to carry a transponder. It might be worth considering a combined radio/transponder pack.

If you are installing a transponder for the first time, it has to be Mode S. However, if your aircraft already has a Mode A or Mode C transponder fitted, you could keep it as long as you want or until the 'rules' change. It might be worth considering a new Mode S transponder before that happens.



What a big one you've got! A LOM engine being installed by Didier Ferrand in France.

GENERAL INTEREST

PARLEZ VOUS FRANCAIS?

France is a wonderful and rewarding country in which to fly. The attitude and general style of French airfields, particularly the small ones, is delightful.

Whilst English may be the 'lingua franca' of the air, it can be useful for English speaking pilots to understand some flying terms in French, particularly around 'uncontrolled' airfields where local pilots are flying and communicating.



Qu'est-ce que c'est?

English speakers who would like to get to grips with some useful French flying information should take a look at www.francoflyers.org. The website is full of useful French flying phrases. There is a practical section which, on the click of a button on a French phrase, provides an audio facility so you can hear how the words should sound.

Whilst all this could be considered as fun, it could also be considered more than a little useful now that French ATC facilities are being downgraded or withdrawn.

Note

Francoflyers was created by Les King with the help of the late Sue Virr who was a flying instructor at the Aéro-Club de Limoges.

MINOR MODIFICATION CHANGES FOR UK'S CAA REGULATED AIRCRAFT

Some useful news for Club members operating with CAA Certificate of Airworthiness (CofA).

Minor changes to CAA regulated aircraft can now be achieved in less time and less money and less paperwork as the UK's CAA has introduced a new process for UK registered non-EASA aircraft. Good news!

UK PILOT MEDICAL DECLARATIONS

The UK's CAA have introduced a new, and improved, on-line pilot medical declaration process.

The CAA have confirmed that UK pilots using the 'pilot medical declaration' scheme may also use the new scheme to fly 'N-Reg' aircraft within the terms of the Scheme. In other words, it is not restricted to UK registered aircraft.

The new system is only on-line. Consequently, applications by post or email will not be accepted.

NOT QUITE THE OLDEST STAMPE!

F-BGGP is the second oldest Stampe with serial No 41. The oldest Stampe is based in Antwerp under the close care of Danny Cabooter.



The lion on the fuselage looks like one of the three lions rampant from the English Coat of Arms. Is there a royal connection?

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