



STAMPE CLUB NEWS-EMAIL

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Winter 2009

Introduction

A BARBECUE SUMMER – UMM!

Well, so much for the Met Office forecasts! Not a particularly good year for open cockpit flying around northwest Europe. However, there were some exceptions. And some of those are including in this news-email.

Worryingly, the current Met Office forecast is for a mild winter. Consequently, this will probably mean a long cold winter with lots of snow!

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!

Regulatory Changes for G-Reg Stampes

Meeting with the CAA

A meeting was held with the representatives of the CAA on Thursday, 12 November 2009 at the offices of AOPA in London in order to hear directly the reasons why the CAA cannot implement a dual system of certification which appealed to most Stampe owners. That is, where commercially operated Stampes and/or those private owners who (for whatever reason) wish to remain on Certificate of Airworthiness (C Of A) can do so whilst others (the vast majority) can transfer to a Permit to Fly (within UK airspace) albeit with the normal restrictions.

The meeting was both amicable and informative. The CAA made a note of the Stampe Club concerns especially in respect to certified spares and the shenanigans which go on in order to satisfy many C of A's! In this respect, the Stampe Club representatives insisted that more openness and honesty would undoubtedly enhance safety.

However, whilst the CAA were sympathetic to the call for a dual approach to certification, it was determined that the CAA are somewhat restricted by Article 11 (i) (b) of the Air Navigation Order (ANO) which is as follows:

The CAA shall:

(b) refuse to issue a national permit to fly in respect of a non-EASA aircraft registered in the United Kingdom if it appears to the CAA that the aircraft is eligible for and ought to fly under and in accordance with a national certificate of airworthiness.

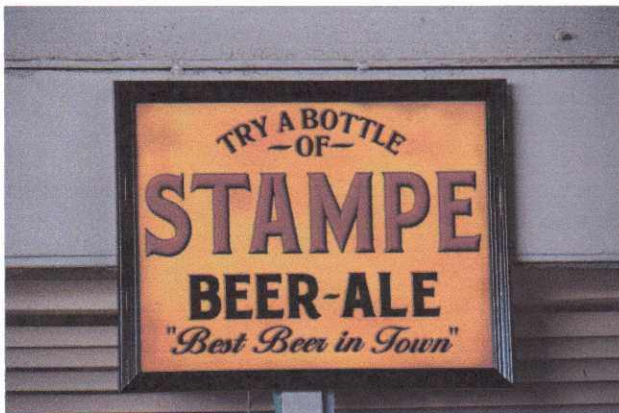
It was interesting to note that apparently all Stampes would have been transferred to a Permit to Fly some time ago if it were not for the 'handful' (probably 4 aircraft) which are presently on a Public Transport C of A. As a result, all other Stampes must now stay on a C of A unless a (slight) policy change can be instigated. To this end, Martin Holloway has recently written to Chris Finnigan, Head of GA Policy at the CAA to effectively ask for some flexibility in the form of an exemption from Article 11 (i)(b).

In addition, you will have also just received a copy of Nancy Bignall's email to the CAA's legal department. It all helps, but as Nancy says, "Don't hold your breath"!

In conclusion, it is fair to say that most Stampe Club owners feel that this is a missed opportunity to rationalise the certification process and bring the whole matter of 'new' spares out into the open. There would then be more transparency and, therefore, more honesty and undoubtedly more safety if the Light Aviation Association (LAA) were involved. The simple fact is that the LAA inspectors generally have more experience of timber framed aircraft than the 'men from the CAA'!

Nevertheless, the Stampe Club is grateful to Nigel Davis and Rick Bewsey of the CAA for their time as well as Martin Robinson, AOPA Chief Executive, and particularly George Done, AOPA Chairman, for their valuable input.

The Stampe Club was represented by Martin Holloway, Nancy Bignall, Angus Buchanan and Austin Trueman.



If all this is tending to 'drive you to drink', you may like to consider Stampe beer! Photo courtesy of Reg Jouhaud.

Contact: Nancy Bignall

Membership New Members

A warm welcome to the following new members:

David Ashley, Edouard Dupont and Ian Noakes

Contact details can be found on the latest List of Members.

Name and Shame!

You will notice when you receive the List of Members that a tick has been added to the names of members not paid up for 2009. So, quite simply, those with a tick have not paid! Consequently, please send your cheques for £20 to Martin Holloway.

Contact: Martin Holloway

2009 Events

Saturday 24 May 2009 Stampe Fly-in at Antwerp

Danny Cabooter reports that this event was again well supported by some 10 Stampes, three of which flew in from outside Belgium.

Danny Cabooter is known in Belgium as Mr Stampe! This is in recognition of his efforts to initiate the wonderful Stampe Museum at Antwerp. For those of you who have not been to this museum, it is well worth a visit. For that matter, so is the annual Stampe Fly-in!

Saturday 27 June 2009 Cathy O'Brien Trophy at Headcorn

A great day supported by large contingent of French Stampists at one of the best airfields in the country. A detailed write-up from Chris Jesson can be found in the Autumn 2009 newsletter. And yes, the food was great!



Photo: All ages, shapes and sizes at Headcorn

Friday 31 July to Sunday 2 August 2009 Coupe d'Anjou at Angers.

This must be on everyone's 'must do' list! Sounds great! An interesting write-up by Angus Buchanan with photos of the intrepid aviators can be found in the Autumn 2009 last newsletter.

Contact: Angus Buchanan

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

Is there any support for an annual dinner? Perhaps a black tie 'do' in central London in early spring 2010 or a low key affair elsewhere?

By the way, the last Stampe Club dinner was held in the RAF Club in Piccadilly and was a great success due, in no little way, to the efficient, yet light-handed organisational skills of Karen Starkey.

Contact: Nancy Bignall

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 maintenance organisations is always useful!

Contact: Martin Holloway

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.

- 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. Please refer to article in the Autumn 2009 Newsletter.

- www.vintageaircraftclub.org.uk

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

Contact: Chris Hunt

Accounts

The Stampe Club accounts for 2008 are shown on the following page and have, apparently, been prepared without any government 'bail-outs' and/or 'quantitative easing'!

Contact: Martin Holloway

And finally

A happy Christmas and a good and safe flying year for 2010 to everyone!