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Stampes Club

STAMPE CLUB NEWSLETTER



ROLL ON 2024!



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Subscriptions for 2024

Over the coming weeks, members will be reminded by the Club Secretary, Richard Ward, that subscriptions for membership are due on 1 January 2024. Fortunately, due to the unpaid efforts of a dedicated group of volunteers, the annual subscription to the Stampe Club remains at 25.00 GBP.

If possible, payments should be made by electronic transfer using your family name as a reference. Members are asked to pay any banking transaction costs.

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What a Year!

It is almost impossible not to hear or read something about the unusual climatic conditions affecting, what seem to be, all parts of the world.

All this promotes the usual debates about global warming

and/or cyclical weather patterns. But none of this helps when looking out of the window at rainy and windy skies. If it has not been too wet, it has been too windy and sometimes too hot. Roll on 2024!

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Are You Ready For 2024?

Now is the time to plan your international journeys which, for UK club members, includes the challenge of crossing 34km of water.

International travel in a Stampe always brings an extra pleasure, particularly when mixing and chatting to Stampe owners from other countries.

It's all a great adventure. You should try it. Obviously, the variances of the weather should be considered and time allowed for planned or unplanned stop overs.

Look out for the announcements for events and, equally as important, let other Stampeists know about fly-ins in your area.



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Don't Do What We Do – Do As We Say!

Belgian Mobility Minister Georges Gilkinet is working on a ban on domestic private flights in Europe as seven out of 10 of these are operated by private jets. However, the European Commission has recently stated that it wants to solve the environmental

problem for all aviation (including recreational aviation) and that it makes no sense to simply ban individual sectors. Interestingly, EU employees also fly private jets and that will remain the case!

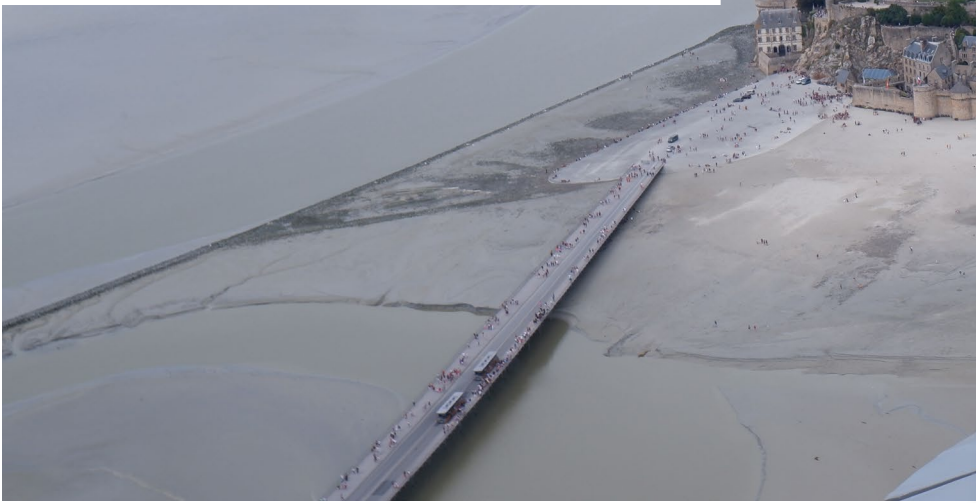
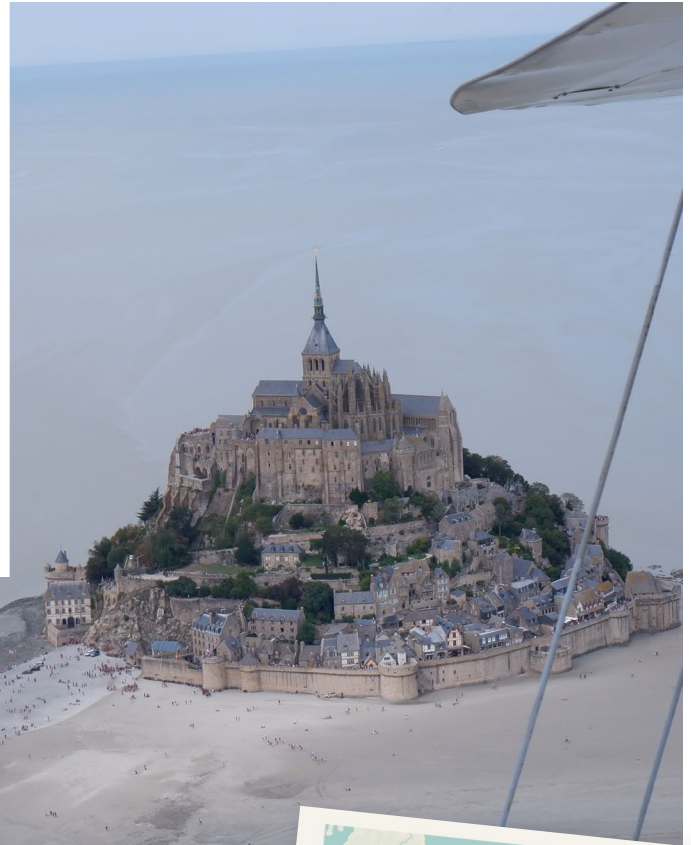
MILANO – LONDON – MILANO



Filipo Colnaghi provides a heart-felt summary of his summertime journey from Milan to London and back, during July/August 2023, in his beloved Stampe I-SARY. What an adventure!

In the wake of a Royal Air Squadron member's May visit to Milan, flying to Italy aboard a 1936 German Fock-Wulf biplane, all the way from UK shores, I found myself contemplating a similar Channel-crossing endeavour. Both my Stampe (I-SARY) and I were certainly up for the task. The journey, as it turned out, flowed quite smoothly due to the support from fellow aviation enthusiasts, who were ready to lend a hand to a vintage aircraft venturing far from its home base.

Weather patterns, fuel economy, and friendly airfields determined our schedule and shaped our route. Engine oil cans were stacked and shoved in every available niche. At milestone airports such as Angers-Marce in France and Old Warden in the UK, I replenished my oil supplies, ensuring SARY's heart remained well-fed.



In Angers, I received a heartfelt welcome from my friends and fellow CPVA members, whom I hadn't seen in many years. Their warm reception went beyond mere greetings; they provided invaluable support, with Jean-Marc Rivault being of great assistance when checking the tie rod tensions. This meticulous work took us roughly 7 hours, stretching into the midnight hours on the night before my departure for the Channel. Their dedication and assistance added an unforgettable milestone to my journey.

Before crossing the Channel, I made a stop in Le Touquet, where Philippe Cotrell greeted me as a son and made sure I was taken care of by the kind and professional ground staff. His hospitality and support were deeply appreciated.

Undoubtedly, the highlight of this adventure was the flight across the English Channel, where SARY's healthy Renault engine propelled us safely to the iconic white cliffs of Dover. I know many Stampe pilots have done this several times, however, but those 27 miles over the Channel felt like the longest flight I had ever done.



I kept my plane for several weeks in Old Warden, where my dear friend Richard Menage, along with Jean-Michel Munn and Stu Goldspink, kindly hosted me, providing not only a place to rest but first-class seats at the Flying Proms on the 19th of August.

It was roughly a 2000-mile journey (1986 NM from my SkyDemon calculations), commencing on July 20th and concluding on August 26th. While it would have been better to complete the entire trip without interruptions, given that I'm not retired yet, I had to return home twice for work reasons to keep the 'fuel' flowing. The journey was filled with numerous incredible moments, making it an impossibility to include them within this summary.

However, it's the newfound friendships cultivated at every airfield from Milan to London and back that create lasting memories in my life. My Stampe was mended, simple meals were offered, and kind people extended car rides or received me into their homes, providing a warm welcome to a stranger they had never met before.



While the joy of flying and the freedom it brings have been my lifelong passions since I was little, it's the connections and support from the aviation community that inspire me to fly more and explore farther. This adventure has not only been a journey across landscapes but also a journey into the hearts of Stampe enthusiasts who share a deep bond and love for this legendary machine.

"If you were a part of this incredible journey, and you've just finished reading this article, I want to express my heartfelt gratitude to you. I hope you'll consider connecting with me at the Aero Club Milano whenever you visit Italy, whether you're flying a Stampe or not. Your presence and support meant a lot to me."

The Washout Fly-In!

Scheduled for Bank Holiday on Saturday 26 August 2023, the Stampe Club was looking forward to another successful fly-in at Headcorn (EGKH) in the middle of Kent.

Kent is well known as the garden of England and, like most lush gardens, it rains. And so it did over the August Bank Holiday. The weather was dreadful.

As a result, many possible attendees, both in the UK and Belgium, were forced to give up. A great shame!

Nevertheless, the Stampe Club will organise this again in 2024 when the Angus Buchanan trophy will again be awarded to the 'best' Stampe. Watch this space!



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Winter Flying?

For Stampe Club members operating in the northern hemisphere, the thought of flying over the winter months comes with some additional considerations, both for your Stampe as well as yourself.

Aircraft hangers are generally large and cold, cold places with often little (if any) insulation to the outside temperatures. So, how to keep your Stampe ready for action, particularly at short notice, when an opportunity to fly arises.

The winter months can be wonderful bringing dense air, resulting in better performance – on the other hand, freezing temperatures can present a number of challenges.

Starting a cold Stampe can be difficult. Engine oil tends to become thick, resulting in restricted flow, which can cause damage to the engine. So, what is the answer? Well, it is simple. Keep your engine warm and cosy at best and pre-heat your engine before starting.

- For a start, turn the engine over by carefully and safely rotating the prop. Whilst this will not help with the temperature, it will remove the surface rust which will develop on the cylinder walls. But be sure you check that the mags are 'off' beforehand!
- Low energy heating tubes or blankets (which are used in domestic greenhouses) can keep the engine just above 0°C.
- Pre-heating your engine can be achieved by using a domestic fan heater perched on a step ladder. Leave it for at least five minutes or for as long as it will take you to take the covers off and sort things out. The hot air should be directed towards the carburettor area and should be hot to touch before you stop heating.
- What you should resist is starting the engine without flying. Engines need to operate under load in order to get up to operating temperatures. However, you must make sure the engine temperature is well off the blocks before you taxi using minimum power settings.
- Winter flying can be very rewarding and the best way to keep your Stampe happy and healthy. Remember, aero engine specialists will tell you that, unless an engine is used at least every two weeks, it can be described as being under-utilised. In any case, make sure you are well wrapped up. 'Long johns' and body warmers (operated from a small battery) really do work.
- If all this sounds too much, you may wish to consider 'pickling' your engine with a specialist preservative oil which, of course, has to be removed before you fly again.

Keep warm!



The Beginning Of The End!

Whilst there has been much talk about reducing lead in avgas, there is now legislation in the USA which will spell the end of 100LL avgas.

The USA Environmental Protection Agency has finalised and issued an 'endangerment finding' for lead in aviation fuel which will trigger a legislative process for lead omissions from aircraft. Inevitably, this will spell the end of 100LL avgas.

On the back of all this is an initiative called EAGLE (Eliminate Aviation Gasoline Lead Emissions) which keep the pressure on the FAA and the oil industries so as to provide an alternative to 100LL by 2030.

In Europe, EASA has banned Tetra Ethyl lead from 2025. But where does the UK stand in all this?





Fake Snow

We are probably used to using the initials AI to stand for Attitude Indicator but In the world of Christmas Card design AI stands for Artificial Intelligence.

The Stampe Club Christmas Card for 2023 was generated using algorithms and an AI image tool as the basis for the picture. Artificial Intelligence has trouble discerning between a Stampe and Stearman so once the image was created a 3D model of a Stampe was used to get the front end of the aircraft correct.

It was then overlayed and beautiful blended using conventional digital retouching tools. Progress for sure but next year we may revert to good old fashioned watercolour.

If any of you out there feel you could provide the image for the Stampe Club Christmas Card 2024 please email them to our Chairman Austin Trueman at austin.trueman@gmail.com

Get Ready For 2024!

**Yes, its time to get organised and plan ahead for next year.
So get your diaries ready!**

If you know of any events which would interest Stampe Club members, please get in touch. A short email would be enough.

Fly-in Pithiviers (LFFP) France

Saturday 29 and Sunday 30 June 2024

Antwerp International Airport (EBAN) Belgium

This event is a must for anyone interested in Stampes. It is handled in an efficient light-handed manner which provides great enjoyment to all those in attendance; both locals and visitors.



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We Want Your Stories

With members all over the world, 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!

Please note the 'deadline' date for anything to be considered for inclusion in the next Newsletter is Friday, 8 March 2024. Feedback in response to any of the items raised is always welcome!



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