



*East of Scotland Strut of the Light Aircraft Association
January 2019 Newsletter*

Photo Steven Borthwick

Chairman's bit

The talk on drones by Colin Lourie is on schedule for the meeting on the evening of January 7th. How topical can we get?

Hope the excellent weather has facilitated some good flights.

Also we are looking for workshop aviation pictures for our new website. Let's see some. Send them to me at justin@systemwise.co.uk.

Good New Year to all.

Justin

Cover photo

Photo taken by Steven Borthwick of the Sopwith 1½ Strutter being built by the Aviation Preservation Society of Scotland near East Fortune, after it was recently covered and painted. There is another photo of this work of art on page five.



Co-ordinator's bit

Happy New Year to one and all and thanks to all who came to the last meeting.

The next one is at the Harrow on January 7th. where Colin Lourie will give a talk about his new interest in Drones.

Also it looks like one item for the AGM in March will be to do with the GDPR rules that came into force last year. As a result we may have to get both renewing and new members to sign a form confirming our policy on Data Protection. More nearer the time.

As I type this on New Years Day I can see at least one member committing aviation on FR24 (see page four). Hopefully the weather gods will play ball this year and we get more flyable days than last year. *Iain*

From the LAA

Please could you circulate this email to your members who may be interested in courses below:

<http://www.lightaircraftassociation.co.uk/Courses/courses.html>

There are 5 places left on the course below which takes place on Friday 18th January 2019. If you wish to attend, please give us a call to book your place. Space is limited so this will be on a first come first served basis.

<http://www.lightaircraftassociation.co.uk/Courses/electricalwiring.html>

The next meeting is on

**Monday 7th January
at the Harrow Hotel
Eskbank Road, Dalkeith
at 8.00pm**

Colin Lourie will give a presentation about his new drone and the photographs he has been taking with it. See also the next page.



**About the Light Aircraft Association:
www.laa.uk.com**

With a history extending over 70 years, the UK Light Aircraft Association promotes safe and economical operation of sports and recreational aircraft. Representing the aviation interests of around 8,000 recreational pilots, amateur-builders and enthusiast members, the LAA oversees the operation of more than 2,500 light aircraft and the build of another 1,700, whilst providing sector-leading consultation and advocacy in aviation-related regulatory matters both in UK and Europe.

**This newsletter can also be viewed on
the Strut website:
www.eos-strut.org.uk**

Colin's Drone photos



Colin Lourie has amassed one of the best collections of Scottish aviation related photographs, taken over the years since he was a schoolboy in the early 1960s. Apart from their now major historical significance they are often images of great beauty.

Colin's newest direction is from the other way round, from up in the air looking at the landscape below with his new professional quality drone. At the next meeting in the Harrow he will show us some of his images, like this one of North Berwick, and how it all works.

Colin is also rebuilding the Strut website that has served us well over many years. The new one is fantastic. We have previously put out requests for photos of all the Strut's aircraft, and particularly the building of them if that is relevant. It would be a shame if you still haven't sent yours in, so please do so straight away.

Keith Griggs says 'Happy New Year'

And nicely done too, on January 1st.

The screenshot shows the flight radar website interface. The browser address bar displays the URL <https://www.flightradar24.com/data/aircraft/g-bdkh#1/06/5711>. The website header includes the logo and navigation tabs for AIRPORTS, AIRLINES, AIRCRAFT, FLIGHTS, PINNED FLIGHTS, and STATISTICS. The main map area shows a flight path (yellow and green lines) over the Edinburgh region, with various airports and landmarks labeled. A playback window titled "Playback of flight GBDKH" is overlaid on the map, displaying the following flight data:

GREAT CIRCLE DISTANCE	N/A
AVERAGE FLIGHT TIME	-
ACTUAL FLIGHT TIME	0:23
AVERAGE ARRIVAL DELAY	-
FROM	TO
TIME	11:23 UTC
CALIBRATED ALTITUDE	300 FT
GROUND SPEED	65 KTS
VERTICAL SPEED	-
TRACK	252°

Additional aircraft details shown in the playback window include: AIRCRAFT Piel CP301A Emeraude, REGISTRATION G-BDKH, and SERIAL NUMBER (MSN) -.

A banner at the bottom of the playback window reads "3 months of free Voom Fibre 1". The Windows taskbar at the bottom shows the active window "G-BDKH - Piel CP..." and other system icons.

1½ Strutter

The first bit of wood was cut in 2000 and many hours of careful work later, here it is at the APSS hangar. Amazing and inspirational.



Steven Borthwick

Steven's new Kitfox

Steven Borthwick's pride and joy on the A1 at the Scottish Border. Steven and Keith Griggs trailered it from Eshott to Balado. More on the next page.







Sorry to say, the joke backfired for these four hunters in America (with their three Moose heads) when several motorists were distracted by the sight and crashed. The police stopped them and they were all very drunk. It was funny though.

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