

*East of Scotland Strut of the Light Aircraft Association
February 2020 Newsletter*



Photo Wallace Shackleton

Chairman's bit

Managing to catch a flight here and there between the weather.

We have a talk from Alberto Gregori at the next meeting. Should be entertaining, he has a wealth of experience in far off places.

We must also discuss the LAA Round Scotland Trip which is based around Perth on 24-30th May. However the Strut is planning to invite as many of the 80 expected aeroplanes as want to come to land at East Fortune and to see the 1 ½ Strutter and/or the East Fortune Museum. Although the Scottish Tour is over 6 days we will only open for two at the most.

We could also organise a wee competition of some kind? Ideas?

These things don't just happen so we are going to need volunteers from within the Strut to help Keith and Ed organise the day.

I hope we can get things outlined at the next meeting so we are counting on the willing.

Looking forward to some flying weather.

Fly safe. *Justin*

Co-ordinator's bit

Happy New Year to one and all.

The next meeting will be on Monday February 3rd at 2000 at the Harrow. Alberto will give us a presentation - details are on the next page.

The March meeting is our AGM and we would like to see some new faces on the committee. You don't need to do anything if you would like to serve as an Honorary member. Please let Justin or myself know if you are interested. The LAA are holding a 'Round Scotland' Rally in May mainly based on Perth. Part of the visit includes a visit to Keith Griggs' strip at East Fortune with visits available to the Museum of Flight and the APSS premises, similar to what we did for the RV people last year. The LAA are saying there could be 80+ participants. We would like a good turn out of members to help with this and we are looking for names of those who can help out. At last the days are getting longer albeit somewhat cold, wet and windy, so enjoy your aviation. *Iain*



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Colin's new website

Colin Lourie has rebuilt the Strut's website and it now looks even better. A top class product overall. Find it at; eos-strut.org

Cover photo

A lovely shot of G-AREZ taken by Wallace Shackleton. The Turbulent has just moved from Southend to 'up north' at Easterton.

The next meeting is on

Monday 3rd February
at the Harrow Hotel
Eskbank Road, Dalkeith
at 8.00pm

This month we have a Presentation by orthopaedic surgeon Alberto Gregori about his important work in Zambia with FlySpec . More information on 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:
eos-strut.org

Monday's meeting. 'FlySpec: 35 years of Aviation Based Specialist Care'

Alberto Gregori is a long time friend of the Strut. He is an Orthopaedic Surgeon who works in Lanarkshire and also as a 'Flying Surgeon' in Zambia. Monday's meeting will be about this work with Flyspec, working long hours for no pay in remote places and repairing shattered lives. Some 60% of his patients are children who were born with severe deformities or have suffered dreadful accidents but may never have seen a doctor before because of the vastness of the country and the isolation of their communities.

Come along to what will be a fascinating meeting, and I'm sure a donation to this inspirational charity will not be turned down.

<http://www.flyspec.org/>



Rockets on Princes Street



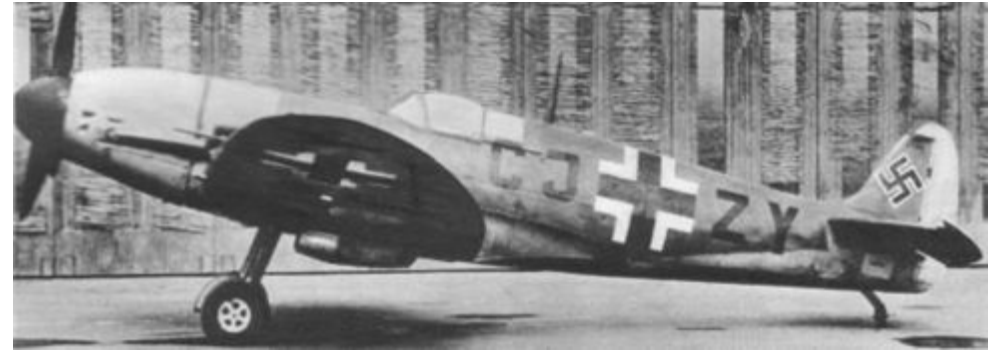
I must have passed this dozens of times without noticing it, but 108 is the Head Office of Skyrora, who are about to launch small satellites from Scotland. Find out more at <https://www.skyrora.com>

The best Spitfire?

Jim Prettyman found this interesting footnote to history. A Spitfire Mk Vb made a forced landing in occupied Jersey in 1942, the pilot thinking he had landed in Kent. On finding he was in enemy territory he tried to set fire to the aircraft but was captured before he could do that. Tragically, as one of the 'Great Escape' prisoners, he was to be murdered later by the Gestapo.

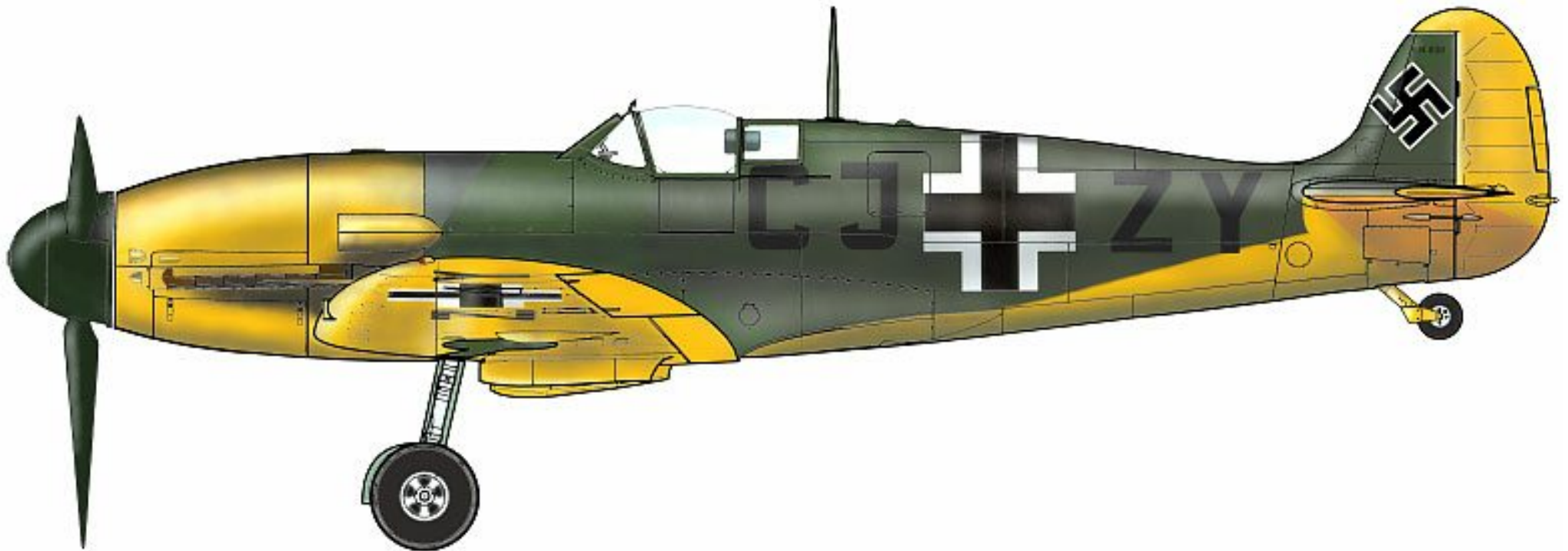
<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/how-nazi-flight-of-fancy-combined-spitfire-and-messerschmitt-into-messerspit-j3qk52zv>

The Germans repaired the aircraft and fitted it with a Daimler Benz DB605A engine, and found that it flew faster and climbed faster and higher than a normal Spitfire or a Bf 109.



Jim and Al Swegle corresponded about the Spitfire's wing and unearthed this detailed but informative document;

<https://www.aerosociety.com/media/4953/the-aerodynamics-of-the-spitfire.pdf>



Watch out!

Ed Lyon has a timely warning for us;

It may be of interest to know that there are changes to Edinburgh Airport Drop-off and Pick-up charges.

The Drop-off charge is still the same at £2 for five minutes. However, the pick-up charge is now an extortionate £5 giving 15 minutes and £9 up to 30 minutes as you now use the short-term car park.

If you use the Drop-off to pick up your passenger then you might just get a nasty surprise in the post. They are videoing you and it's a £100 fine! See the notice above.

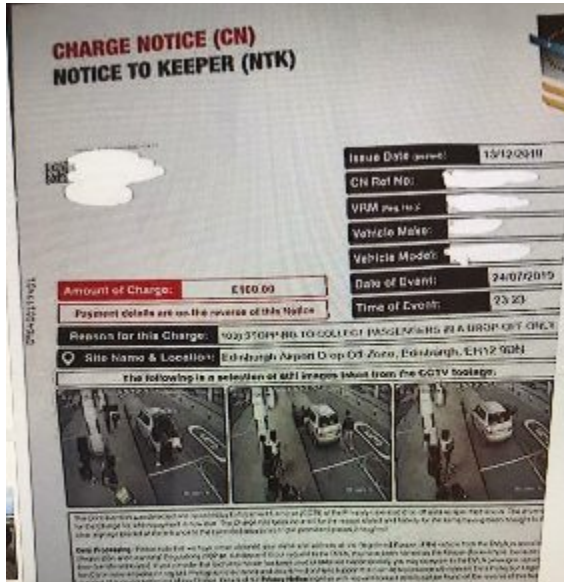
You can still use the Long Term Car Park and the Shuttle Bus to Pick-up/Drop-off for free with up to a thirty minute stop but it's always worth checking the EDI airport website for information.
www.edinburghairport.com

From the LAA

We are pleased to announce new dates for our popular Electrical Wiring Courses for 2020. Both courses are taking place here at Turweston and to book a place please call the office on 01280 846 786.

Our Electrical Wiring Introduction Course will be held on Friday 13th March.

Our Advanced Electrical Wiring Course will be held on Friday 20th March.



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