

The next club meeting will be:

The Trident and The DeHavilland Aircraft Museum



A Zoom presentation by
Alistair Hodgson

On

Tuesday, 29th September at 8.00pm

Yes, we are going to have a go at an online Club Meeting using Zoom. It will not be the same as getting together in a social setting, but with things the way they are it will at least be an event and also a try-out for the AGM in November.

One of our members will be hosting the event and you will be able to join the “Waiting room” from sometime after 7.30. The actual presentation will start at 8.00. There will be opportunities for questions afterwards.

Alistair came to a Club meeting some years ago to talk about the Museum in general and although this presentation will mention recent developments there the focus will be on the Trident. This aircraft was designed as a Comet replacement for short- and medium-haul services. Although it faced its fair share of difficulties it was a very innovative aircraft and helped to pave the way for the modern low-cost airlines. Alistair will also take a detailed look inside the Museum’s own Trident nose section and discuss some of the restoration work that is under way.

If you have not used Zoom before then you just need to know that it is a simple video conferencing application that can be run on a PC, tablet, phone or any screen that will attach to the Internet and can receive emails. If you want to actively take part in the meeting then you will also need a web-cam and microphone. Before the meeting you will be sent an email with a link that will enable you to log in to the meeting. There are many pages of help and You-Tube videos available that give very good explanations, such as <https://youtu.be/hIkCmbvAHQQ>. Or just go to <https://zoom.us/> for everything. See you online.



Meanwhile...

Development of the new field is moving forward. The Club has now signed the lease for the new field area and the farmer is starting to prepare it for us. It has been marked out and is being ploughed and flattened prior to sowing grass seed ready for next year when it will be up to us to maintain it. We will be seeking volunteers to help with this.

There have had to be a few adjustments to our original application to take account of objections and other requirements, but one major condition is that we do not overfly the footpath across the adjacent field so we have had to change the layout of our proposed area. We have agreed a layout that gives us a predominantly NE-SW strip around 90m long with alternative short runways if the wind changes.

Here are a couple of photos showing the present position. The high level view was taken by a glider pilot at about 2800ft or roughly 2200ft above ground level and our patch is clearly



visible in the centre. The other was taken from a drone at about 200ft and the car gives a good indication of scale.



Transmitter for Sale

Bruce Austin has a very good used Futaba T6J transmitter with one Futaba receiver, the original charger plus a Futaba buddy cable for disposal.

All in the original packaging box.

The reason for selling is a move to using a Taranis transmitter so the T6J is no longer needed.

Thinking of a price of £60.00.

Contact Bruce at bruce44.austin@gmail.com. Collect from Stokenchurch.



British Model Flying Association Model Aircraft & Drone Flying Survey 2020

Have you completed the survey yet? The BMFA need help to build a clearer picture of model aircraft and drone flying in the 21st century to ensure the sport flourishes now and for future generations of pilots as the appeal of model aircraft and drone flying continues to grow.

The survey takes around 10 minutes to complete and if you take part you have a chance to win one of the 16 prizes of up to £500 on offer. If you have not already done so go to the survey at

<https://surveys.bmfa.uk/2020survey> .

An Alternative to Indoor Flying with Covid Restrictions - No Fees, No Travelling, and No Face Mask!

Indoor flying with Covid-19 would require a change to our behaviour in the hall not to mention a significant administrative overhead. Add to this an unwillingness by venues to accept our bookings and it means that indoor flying is unlikely to happen this winter.

A nice little alternative is to join in with the Thursday evening simulator link up, the sessions run from 7:00pm - 8:00pm every Thursday.

What Is Required?

We use the Realflight simulator and we have tested versions 7.5 and higher. We have a spread of V7.5, V8 and V9 and these work fine together. Earlier versions are expected to work as well but we haven't tested these. The simulator can be bought second hand from BMFA Classifieds as well as eBay or it can be bought new from many dealers, e.g.



- https://www.kingslynnmodelshop.co.uk/product_info.php?cPath=67&products_id=13794
 - This version includes a handset specifically for the simulator
- https://www.kingslynnmodelshop.co.uk/product_info.php?cPath=67&products_id=13793
 - This is just the software and it will work the following adaptor and a Spektrum handset: https://www.kingslynnmodelshop.co.uk/product_info.php?cPath=67&products_id=13859

The latest version has support for VR headsets, but none of us have tried this feature yet (it costs a few quid for a headset) but it is reported to give a truly magnificent experience.

How to Join in.

The multi-player sessions are hosted by either Brian or Cliff; by 7:00pm most Thursdays there will be a session that you can join in with. To join the session:

- start the simulator;
- once it has loaded select "Join" from the Multi-player drop down menu;
- This should present you with a list of available multi-player sessions, choose "Wycombe_Aylesbury", the password is 'cliff';
- The flying site is dictated by the host but feel free to petition the host to choose another;
- Model choice is free but we tend to get inspired when others change model we often follow suit.

Participant Chat

The in-sim voice chat is rather bad so we communicate via a group WhatsApp chat. The session host (Brian or Cliff) will keep a look out for participants joining the session and will 'dial' in newcomers as and when they appear in the sim. To take part in this aspect it is necessary to install WhatsApp and let Brian and Cliff have your phone number.

Limits

The recommended maximum number of participants is 8 but the sim can handle up to 20 so we expect to be able to accommodate everyone.

Feel free get in touch with either Cliff (cliff_neighbour@yahoo.co.uk) or Brian (b.s.toolbox@btinternet.com) or just keep a lookout for the session and join in add-hock!

Of course, if you think it will help then you are welcome to wear a face mask!

Happy Landings

Cliff & Brian



There's always something from YouTube

It will not happen again in my, and probably your, lifetime so let's enjoy a Concorde Flight from New York to London at Mach 2 which took just 3hrs15min

<https://youtu.be/YeEB2Lxbfa4>

Highlights include Captain's commentary of the unique take-off, breaking the sound barrier and landing plus food



& life onboard. It shows what it was like as a passenger on board the aircraft at Mach 2.0 (twice the speed of sound) at an altitude of 57,000 feet.



And on the subject of fast aircraft The Plane that Dreams are Made Of: The SR-71 Blackbird <https://youtu.be/81ofbypM2aI>. Compare the shape and design concept with that of Concorde. There must be something in this aerodynamics stuff.

And did you know that it was the fourth in the development line <https://youtu.be/S2xgI3wQbWQ>

Finally something that has nothing to do with flying, oh I don't know though...! How to load a truck in Taiwan <https://youtu.be/J0wuXUMJPdM>. I would hate to have to write the risk assessment for this.

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My thanks to those members who have contributed to this and other Newsletters recently.
Have you got something that you could contribute?

Meetings and Events in 2020

Date	Day	Event	Location
29 Sept. 20	Tuesday	Trident and the DeHavilland Aircraft Museum	Online
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There are no other events in the near future.

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