



EAST MIDLANDS STRUT OF THE LIGHT AIRCRAFT ASSOCIATION

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Firstly greetings One and All and welcome to our Indian Summer. Hope you are taking advantage of these still evenings.

The Speaker at the meeting on Monday October 3rd will be **John Sully** and his talk will be **Reflections on over 55 years of Flying.**

He is an LAA member who flies an Emeraude and a Taylor Titch. He started flying in the RAF on Hermes and progressed onwards. In civvy street I think he was at Monarch and later went to Orion Airways.

He is an erstwhile flying colleague of Colin Ferguson and previous strut member Ed Wild.

He currently is one of the 'Just Jane' Lancaster pilots at East Kirby, which he taxis around and does the odd fast taxi with the tail up.

Well another good Rally at Sywell and I saw a lot of familiar faces, some olden day faces and some new ones.

Congratulations to Martin Jones for the major award for the Beta. I managed to get 'Taffy' Smith to bring the Mew Gull down and there were some magnificent photos of them together. They also shared the same hangar.

Not many familiar faces at the AGM at 3-00pm on Saturday. Although we used to have the AGM at the annual Rally, we usually had it earlyish Saturday morning. I vaguely seem to remember we had one at about 6-30pm but the mornings were popular as there were not a lot of arrivals and duty people usually found someone to cover for them. The Rally team did a good job yet again.

I understand that the Verhees Delta arrived, but didn't stay long. Can anyone confirm? I can well remember the stir it caused at Kemble.

The first National Council after the AGM was last Saturday. Colin Cheese was present and he thinks that it hopefully may be a bit more constructive than in the past. The new CEO was in attendance for anyone who did not meet him at Sywell.

At long last Steve Rice has got his ground adjustable new propeller and spinner and another flight test certificate. Hopefully by the time this goes out the Test Flight has happened successfully.

Richard Mole was due to have his wing main spar proof loaded on Friday, observed by Francis Donaldson. I expect it will pass the test. Afterwards Francis is going to Derby to take a look at Black Magic. Brian Hope will also be present for both events to record for posterity and also a feature in Light Aviation.

The strut also needs a bit of re-organising to fill the vacant committee jobs. Please think about putting something back in to the strut. I've been doing it for too long.

Well, that's all for now folks,
See you at The Plough on Monday.
Stewart