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Greetings one and all. I am sorry for the August hiccup. No speaker, no newsletter and no chairman. However, the last speaker cancelled on Thursday evening and it left me no time to fix a replacement. There was no newsletter because my PC was in serious medical trouble. It has been to the doctor and had a new motherboard, much bigger and faster than the old one. It has also had one or two IT amendments of which I have no understanding or control. I have an administrator and I am relegated to user. That is to stop me from pressing wrong buttons. As for my absence, this was due to technical problems with my car clutch. It broke off on Sunday afternoon and was at the garage awaiting repair. Excuses over.

I hope you are all planning to get to the Rally at Sywell. From what I have heard, it will hopefully be blessed with a certain red machine that is the labour of a previous strut co-ordinator. Nuff sed. The exhibition area is bigger than last year. More to see with a special area set aside for significant home built aircraft. Not to be missed.

The next meeting is **Monday September 5th** at The Plough as usual.

The speaker is **Howard Heeley** and he is the Trustee of the **Newark Air Museum** and also was involved in a Book and Video about **Aviation in Nottinghamshire**. If you are interested, it is in the domain of the Nottinghamshire County Library and is available for loan if you have a library card or similar.

Over the past year, I have been very busy after my move. As a result, my time and finances are greatly reduced. Now is the time that I need assistance from any strut member just to take on one task that needs to be progressed. Please help now because as I approach my 78th birthday the inevitable looms closer. I have had one close brush with the big C so if it suddenly comes back and takes me quickly there is a good chance that the strut will fold. Please save it. YOUR STRUT NEEDS YOU.

The local Build-a-Plane sponsored by Boeing has sadly fallen by the way side. I cannot understand what is the reluctance for youngsters to take up aviation in any form. I built my first model when I was 7, before my Dad died. He bought a kit for me when I had measles or chicken pox or something contagious. I was into big diesel Keil Kraft 6ft span models when I was 14 and have even raced and competed at National level in other disciplines as well. Please advise me why the kids of today show very little interest. Is it the teachers at the schools? Is it the parents? Is it the awareness of paedophiles? What a waste of an opportunity. I never had such a chance. Everything I did in aero modelling and flying has been self paid for and self accomplished. I think the majority of you are the same. Any answers? Replies on a postage stamp to me.

I am currently trying to re-arrange the October speaker. Hopefully it will be John Sully. He is ex RAF and then civil airline work. He flies a Taylor Titch and an Emeraude. He also is one of the pilots for the Panton's Lancaster 'Just Jane'. He is a former colleague of Colin Ferguson both RAF and Airlines.

Hope to see you at Sywell and at the Plough afterwards. That's's all for now folks.

Stewart