FLYING FARMERS ASSOCIATION

Newsletter - March 1982

1. Programme for 1982

We are writing to give members an outline of the 1982 programme, and to ask you to let us have your views on an overseas visit.
The programme which we are proposing will hopefully be something like this:

June 29 - Firm date.

Visit to Cleanacres Ltd., trial plots for high input cereals. Lunch with Cleanacres, followed by trip to Burford Wildlife Park. We hope to look at the economics of the latter. Fly-in will be to a tarmac strip in the Brize Norton MATZ.

July 9 - Firm date

Visit to Mr. Barry Wookey, The Manor, UPAVON. This farm is about 1600 acres of which 800 are entirely organic. Wheat is milled on farm to flour, and some is sold as home-made bread. Fly-in will probably be to Netheravon, and onwards by bus.

Trip Abroad

We are considering the possibility of a fly-in to look at farming in Eire. We have several good contacts. If sufficient members are interested, we will proceed with a plan. Please indicate interest on the tear-off slip. The trip would be in mid-June or mid/late July. It is also possible that we might be joined in the trip by members of the Herefordshire Agricultural Club - who would come as passengers. Members of that Club have expressed interest in joining us for a combined visit.

Additional items - as yet undated.

(i) A re-visit to Meteorological Office, BRACKNELL - which has been updated considerably since our last visit.

(ii) A visit to Wing Commander Ken Wallis and his autogyros in Norfolk, late summer.

(iii) For 1983 - a trip to the vast Central Electricity Generating Board underground generating station at Dinorwic, North Wales. Owing to "running in" problems, this visit is unlikely to be allowed in 1982.

(iv) Also for spring 1983 - a combined trip to Cornwall and the Scilly Isles - in particular to look at the rural economy of Tresco.

(v) Annual General Meeting and talk, Tuesday of Smithfield week, 1982. Darroll Stinton of the Civil Aviation Authority will give a talk on his work "Test Flying for the C.A.A." This will be extremely interesting.

2. Suggestions from Members

Please will any member who has suggestions for additional visits this year enclose details with the tear-off strip to Bart Woodall. This tear-off strip should be returned as soon as possible after receiving this newsletter please, to enable us to get on with the planning.

3. Members' Airstrip Insurance Policy.

The following article has been submitted by Adrian Pelly. Please note his new address.

Airstrip Liability Group Insurance Scheme

Most airstrip owners appreciate that they can be held legally liable for incidents arising out of any defects in their airstrips, which could include straying animals, foreign bodies dropped on the strip and the like. In addition to any actual damage or injury claims, heavy legal defence expenses might be incurred and, if no arrangements have been implemented to provide protection, the result could be very costly.

Consequently, to assist members, the Association has a Lloyd's Insurance Policy, placed through Chandler Hargreaves Whittal and Co Ltd, 63 Woodmancote, Dursley, Gloucester. GL11 4PG. (Tel Dursley 46464) and negotiated by F.F.A. member, Adrian Pelly.

This Policy covers the Legal Liability of airstrip owners against Third Party claims for bodily injury and/or Property Damage, with an indemnity of £50,000 for any one accident or occurrence.

The Premium is negotiated annually on 1st July and is paid in full by the Association. This is then divided by the number of members insuring their strips and the net premium (currently only £12.00 per strip) is collected from individual members by Adrian Pelly.

In view of the rapidly escalating Court awards, it may be felt that this limit is inadequate, so a facility is available for individual members to increase the indemnity to £250,000 @ £60.00 p.a. per strip or to £500,000 @ £100 p.a. per strip.

Anyone who has not yet enrolled in the scheme and would like to do so is asked to get in touch with Adrian Pelly, either at the address of the brokers shown in paragraph 2, or from the 1st April 1982, at his new home address: Coombside, Coombe Road, EAST MEON, Petersfield, Hants GU32 1PB (Tel E.Meon 478) - and he would also be glad to provide quotations on any other aspects of insurance particularly his speciality of farm and estate insurance.

A.V.P.

4. The General Aviation Airworthiness Committee.

The following article has been submitted by our representative on this Committee, your Honorary Treasurer Tony Poulson.

The General Aviation Airworthiness Consultative Committee

The GAACC meets twice a year at Brabazon House, REDHILL. The two meetings are generally held in May and December.
Most of you probably have no idea what the Committee does, what it discusses and whether it has anything to do with the F.A.A. Believe it or not, our Association has had a representative sitting on this Committee for the last 7 years, and because I live within commuting distance of Redhill, it is my job to take notes and inform members of anything that may be of importance to us and to our type of flying.

Several other organisations are represented, eg.,

The B.G.A., P.F.A., G.A.P.A.N., A.O.P.A., G.A.M.T.A., E.A.A., S.L.E.A.T., and B.H.A., to name just a few.

A few weeks prior to each meeting we are asked if there are any items which we would like put on the Agenda or if there are any comments on the previous meeting. Meetings generally start at 10.00 and last all day, with a break for lunch between 1pm-2pm (paid for by the C.A.A.)

The subjects discussed are many and varied. A great deal of time was spent on the Light Aircraft Maintenance Schedule scheme. That was four years ago and now most aircraft are coming up for, or indeed have had, one Star Check (or C of A renewal) There are quite a few points which have come up for discussion. One factor we have learnt is that there are still many owner/pilots who have no idea what L.A.M.S. is all about!

Other items which we discuss are: Special Category C's of A; Permits to fly; and homebuilt aeroplanes, welding and Approved Welders , L.A.M.S. for helicopters above 2730 kgs, Microfiche Library for aircraft spares, Flight Testing for C of A renewals, Approved Maintenance Organisations, Avionics and 720 channel V.H.F. (with a + or - .003% tolerance), radios, and Notice 75 Amendments to propellors... It is all very interesting and sometimes a little above me, but there are several well-known engineers sitting on this Committee and after a time one gets to know their specialist subjects and over lunch anything that I have not fully understood is explained in detail.

If any member has any subject which he or she might think eligible for discussion on this Committee, please telephone me on Runfold 3264 - you never know, you may help change the history of aviation !

A.E.P.

(What about MOGAS ???? Ed.)

5. New Landing Strip.

With our next newsletter, we will publish details of new members, alterations etc., but in the meanwhile, here is a newly opened strip to add to your lists:

172	Brendon Butler	Mortonhampstead 323	50 39 N 03 42 W	Grass N/S	300 x 50

6. Finally

Please complete the questionnaire and post to Bart Woodall as urgently as possible.

The next newsletter will be published, with more comprehensive details of the 1982 programme, in late April.