

TVAS News

The Voice of the Trent Valley Aviation Society

Spring 2008

**Best wishes to Bill
Blanchard and Jayne from
everyone at TVAS. We
hope May 17th goes well
and wish you every future
happiness together**

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Since the last newsletter... What's happened at TVAS recently?

January 2008

The annual photo competition went off without a hitch (albeit with less submissions than previous years). Congratulations go to the winners – Bill Blanchard, Eric Dewhurst and Steve Gensler – for entering some stunning images. More details and the winning pictures are on page 2.

February 2008

Richard Evans stepped up to the plate and provided us with an evening's entertainment – thanks Richard!

Do YOU have material that would entertain us all for an evening, or just part of an evening? If so please let us know – we'll be happy to fit you in!

March 2007

Steve Davis returned with another interesting selection of images and an informal “shout out the answers” quiz (some of the airfields were challenging to identify!). So our thanks to Steve for an entertaining evening – see you again soon maybe?

Society Diary:

Monday 21st April

Member Presentation: Andrew Bright

World traveller Andrew will be bringing us some interesting images from places we don't get to visit all that often – the Far East and Latin America!

Monday 19th May

Member Presentation: Andy Martin

We're off to Reno Nevada, but not for the casinos! Come along and take a look at the fastest motor sport on earth – or more correctly, above it!

Monday 16th June

Annual general meeting

Plus other “entertainment” if time allows – Bill's wedding photos, perhaps! ;-)

Wednesday 25th June ***

BBQ

The annual burger-fest in the Aeropark, friends and family most welcome

Monday 21st July

Member Presentation: Eric Dewhurst

Eric has recently had the opportunity to have almost unprecedented access to the Japanese Air Force (as the photo competition demonstrated). This month, we'll see more of his stunning images

Monday 18th August

Member Presentation: Steve Gensler

A presentation entitled “The Irish Air Corps”

Meetings take place in Diseworth Village Hall on the 3rd Monday of every month, except where marked (*). Doors open at 19:30 for refreshments and a prompt (-ish!) 19:45 start**

2007 Photo Competition – The Winners!

Best Digital Image – Military Subject. Eric Dewhurst



Best Digital Image – Civil Subject. Bill Blanchard



Best Slide. Steve Gensler



Trent Valley Aviation Society who's who...

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<http://www.tvas.info>

There, you can check our latest event diary, get more details about the next meeting, find our contact details, download a membership form, view a newsletter archive, and even see a few photographs!

Thanks to the “usual [unnamed] suspect”, we’re able to bring you the highlights from the East Midlands Airport summer 2008 passenger flight schedule over the following two pages. Note that this includes all non-UK airlines with the exception of Ryanair and Air Malta, but does not list any UK airlines except the new services by Manx2. A full version of the schedule in PDF format, including all passenger operators, is available on the TVAS website. Please note that we CANNOT supply a freight schedule.

EMA Summer 2008 – Arrivals

ARRIVALS														
Scheduled Time	Flight Number	Airline	Aircraft Type	Seats	Route	Start Date	End Date	M	T	W	T	F	S	S
11:30	NM704	Manx2.Com	Metroliner	19	IOM	31/03/2008	24/10/2008	■						
12:05	NB583	Sterling	B735	126	CPH	19/05/2008	18/08/2008	■						
12:10	NB583	Sterling	B735	126	CPH	25/08/2008	08/09/2008	■						
18:10	NB583	Sterling	B735	126	CPH	05/05/2008	05/05/2008	■						
18:40	FHY511	Freebird	A320	180	DLM	26/05/2008	06/10/2008	■						
19:20	OHY439	Onur Air	A321	220	DLM	05/05/2008	20/10/2008	■						
19:55	NB709	Sterling	B737	148	ARN	31/03/2008	24/10/2008	■						
20:05	OHY605	Onur Air	A321	220	BJV	05/05/2008	20/10/2008	■						
08:40	OHY2683	Onur Air	MD88	185	AYT	20/05/2008	21/10/2008		■					
09:45	NB583	Sterling	B735	126	CPH	01/04/2008	17/06/2008		■					
09:45	NB583	Sterling	B735	126	CPH	26/08/2008	21/10/2008		■					
10:00	ECA874	Eurocypria	B738	189	PFO	20/05/2008	21/10/2008		■					
11:30	NM704	Manx2.Com	Metroliner	19	IOM	31/03/2008	24/10/2008		■					
12:20	NB667	Sterling	B737	148	OSL	01/04/2008	21/10/2008		■					
19:20	OHY2605	Onur Air	A321	220	BJV	06/05/2008	21/10/2008		■					
20:50	OHY213	Onur Air	A321	220	DLM	27/05/2008	21/10/2008		■					
11:30	NM704	Manx2.Com	Metroliner	19	IOM	31/03/2008	24/10/2008			■				
12:15	NB583	Sterling	B735	126	CPH	02/04/2008	18/06/2008			■				
12:15	NB583	Sterling	B735	126	CPH	27/08/2008	22/10/2008			■				
20:15	NB583	Sterling	B735	126	CPH	25/06/2008	20/08/2008			■				
21:10	BGH5591	BH Air	A320	174	BOJ	21/05/2008	01/10/2008			■				
22:00	BGH5589	BH Air	A320	174	BOJ/HUY	21/05/2008	01/10/2008			■				
11:30	NM704	Manx2.Com	Metroliner	19	IOM	31/03/2008	24/10/2008				■			
12:05	NB583	Sterling	B735	126	CPH	22/05/2008	19/06/2008				■			
12:05	NB583	Sterling	B735	126	CPH	28/08/2008	23/10/2008				■			
12:20	NB667	Sterling	B737	148	OSL	03/04/2008	15/05/2008				■			
14:05	FUA1717	Futura	B738	189	ACE	01/05/2008	01/05/2008				■			
19:15	NB667	Sterling	B737	148	OSL	22/05/2008	19/06/2008				■			
19:15	NB667	Sterling	B737	148	OSL	28/08/2008	23/10/2008				■			
20:30	NB583	Sterling	B735	126	CPH	03/04/2008	15/05/2008				■			
20:45	NB667	Sterling	B737	148	OSL	26/06/2008	21/08/2008				■			
11:30	NM704	Manx2.Com	Metroliner	19	IOM	31/03/2008	24/10/2008					■		
12:05	NB583	Sterling	B735	126	CPH	06/06/2008	12/09/2008					■		
19:00	NB583	Sterling	B735	126	CPH	02/05/2008	02/05/2008					■		
19:55	NB709	Sterling	B737	148	ARN	31/03/2008	24/10/2008					■		
07:30	BGH5525	BH Air	A320	90	VAR/MAN	03/05/2008	25/10/2008						■	
08:00	BGH5527	BH Air	A320	90	VAR	03/05/2008	18/10/2008						■	
08:15	JKK3253	Spanair	A320	180	PMI	24/05/2008	24/05/2008						■	
08:50	JKK3297	Spanair	MD83	180	IBZ	03/05/2008	25/10/2008						■	
09:20	OS2363	Tyronlean	F70	75	INN	17/05/2008	17/05/2008						■	
15:30	FUA1715	Futura	B734	189	PMI	24/05/2008	21/09/2008						■	
19:50	NM708	Manx2.Com	Metroliner	19	IOM	17/05/2008	25/10/2008						■	
22:35	ECA872	Eurocypria	B738	189	LCA	24/05/2008	25/10/2008						■	
07:30	BGH5553	BH Air	A320	174	BOJ	04/05/2008	05/10/2008							■
10:05	FUA1327	Futura	B738	189	PMI	04/05/2008	19/10/2008							■
10:45	FUA1725	Futura	B738	189	TFS	05/10/2008	05/10/2008							■
12:00	FUA1725	Futura	B738	189	TFS	18/05/2008	28/09/2008							■
15:25	NB583	Sterling	B735	126	CPH	30/03/2008	14/09/2008							■
16:00	NB583	Sterling	B735	126	CPH	21/09/2008	19/10/2008							■
16:30	NB667	Sterling	B737	148	OSL	12/10/2008	19/10/2008							■
18:30	NB667	Sterling	B737	148	OSL	30/03/2008	18/05/2008							■
18:30	NB667	Sterling	B737	148	OSL	01/06/2008	14/09/2008							■
19:50	NM708	Manx2.Com	Metroliner	19	IOM	30/03/2008	19/10/2008							■
22:00	OHY437	Onur Air	A321	218	DLM	04/05/2008	19/10/2008							■

EMA Summer 2008 – Departures

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Scheduled Time	Flight Number	Airline	Aircraft Type	Seats	Route	Start Date	End Date	M	T	W	T	F	S	S
12:00	NM705	Manx2.Com	Metroliner	19	IOM	31/03/2008	24/10/2008	■						
12:35	NB584	Sterling	B735	126	CPH	19/05/2008	18/08/2008	■						
12:40	NB584	Sterling	B735	126	CPH	25/08/2008	08/09/2008	■						
18:40	NB584	Sterling	B735	126	CPH	05/05/2008	05/05/2008	■						
19:50	FHY510	Freebird	A320	180	DLM	26/05/2008	06/10/2008	■						
20:20	OHY438	Onur Air	A321	220	DLM	05/05/2008	20/10/2008	■						
20:25	NB710	Sterling	B737	148	ARN	31/03/2008	24/10/2008	■						
21:05	OHY606	Onur Air	A321	220	BJV	05/05/2008	20/10/2008	■						
09:40	OHY2684	Onur Air	MD88	185	AYT	20/05/2008	21/10/2008		■					
10:15	NB584	Sterling	B735	126	CPH	01/04/2008	17/06/2008		■					
10:15	NB584	Sterling	B735	126	CPH	26/08/2008	21/10/2008		■					
11:00	ECA875	Eurocypria	B738	189	PFO	20/05/2008	21/10/2008		■					
12:00	NM705	Manx2.Com	Metroliner	19	IOM	31/03/2008	24/10/2008		■					
12:50	NB668	Sterling	B737	148	OSL	01/04/2008	21/10/2008		■					
20:20	OHY2606	Onur Air	A321	220	BJV	06/05/2008	21/10/2008		■					
21:45	OHY214	Onur Air	A321	220	DLM	27/05/2008	21/10/2008		■					
12:00	NM705	Manx2.Com	Metroliner	19	IOM	31/03/2008	24/10/2008			■				
12:45	NB584	Sterling	B735	126	CPH	02/04/2008	18/06/2008			■				
12:45	NB584	Sterling	B735	126	CPH	27/08/2008	22/10/2008			■				
20:25	NB710	Sterling	B737	148	ARN	31/03/2008	24/10/2008			■				
20:45	NB584	Sterling	B735	126	CPH	25/06/2008	20/08/2008			■				
22:00	BGH5592	BH Air	A320	174	BOJ	21/05/2008	01/10/2008			■				
22:35	BGH5590	BH Air	A320	174	BOJ	21/05/2008	01/10/2008			■				
12:00	NM705	Manx2.Com	Metroliner	19	IOM	31/03/2008	24/10/2008				■			
12:35	NB584	Sterling	B735	126	CPH	22/05/2008	19/06/2008				■			
12:35	NB584	Sterling	B735	126	CPH	28/08/2008	23/10/2008				■			
12:50	NB668	Sterling	B737	148	OSL	03/04/2008	15/05/2008				■			
15:05	FUA1718	Futura	B738	189	ACE	01/05/2008	01/05/2008				■			
19:45	NB668	Sterling	B737	148	OSL	22/05/2008	19/06/2008				■			
19:45	NB668	Sterling	B737	148	OSL	28/08/2008	23/10/2008				■			
21:00	NB584	Sterling	B735	126	CPH	03/04/2008	15/05/2008				■			
21:15	NB668	Sterling	B737	148	OSL	26/06/2008	21/08/2008				■			
12:35	NB584	Sterling	B735	126	CPH	06/06/2008	12/09/2008					■		
19:30	NB584	Sterling	B735	126	CPH	04/04/2008	02/05/2008					■		
20:25	NB710	Sterling	B737	148	ARN	31/03/2008	24/10/2008					■		
08:00	BGH5526	BH Air	A320	77	VAR	03/05/2008	11/10/2008						■	
09:00	BGH5528	BH Air	A320	90	VAR	03/05/2008	18/10/2008						■	
09:10	JKK3254	Spanair	A320	180	PMI	24/05/2008	24/05/2008						■	
09:40	JKK3296	Spanair	MD83	180	IBZ	03/05/2008	25/10/2008						■	
10:10	OS2364	Tyronlean	F70	75	INN	17/05/2008	17/05/2008						■	
10:30	NM709	Manx2.Com	Metroliner	19	IOM	17/05/2008	25/10/2008						■	
16:30	FUA1716	Futura	B734	189	PMI	24/05/2008	21/09/2008						■	
23:35	ECA871	Eurocypria	B738	189	LCA	24/05/2008	25/10/2008						■	
08:30	BGH5554	BH Air	A320	174	BOJ	04/05/2008	05/10/2008							■
11:05	FUA1326	Futura	B738	189	PMI	04/05/2008	19/10/2008							■
11:45	FUA1726	Futura	B738	189	TFS	29/06/2008	06/07/2008							■
13:00	FUA1726	Futura	B738	189	TFS	25/05/2008	22/06/2008							■
15:55	NB584	Sterling	B735	126	CPH	30/03/2008	14/09/2008							■
16:30	NB584	Sterling	B735	126	CPH	21/09/2008	19/10/2008							■
17:00	NB668	Sterling	B737	148	OSL	12/10/2008	19/10/2008							■
19:00	NB668	Sterling	B737	148	OSL	30/03/2008	18/05/2008							■
19:00	NB668	Sterling	B737	148	OSL	01/06/2008	14/09/2008							■
20:10	NM709	Manx2.Com	Metroliner	19	IOM	30/03/2008	19/10/2008							■
23:00	OHY438	Onur Air	A321	218	DLM	04/05/2008	19/10/2008							■

Comments and feedback on this newsletter are welcome! The newsletter is, to an extent, what YOU make it, so if you have an item you'd like to see in the next newsletter please send to me as soon as you can. Thanks. **Andy M**

Remember... Meeting reminders and newsletters can be e-mailed to you, saving us time and money – its environmentally friendly too! Let us know if you want to receive newsletters and flyers from TVAS electronically

The EMA Spot

As we're all meant to be interested in aviation in the locality, it seems appropriate to highlight some of the more interesting comings and goings, and news from the local, since the last newsletter...

January

27th – bmi Regional's latest EMB-135 G-CDFS was at EMA for a few days, operating the EMA-BRU schedule. It was still in former JetMagic colours, with small bmi Regional titles on the forward fuselage. ADB AN-124 UR-82027 was also present, leaving for Tbilisi on Monday 28th and then returning again on 31st, diverting in due to inclement weather at PIK. It departed yet again to Trenton, just stopping to uplift fuel.
29th – Possibly the first A318 to visit EMA, Comlux's A318 Elite HB-IPP, dropped in for a day stop.
30th – Eastern used Saab 2000 G-CDEB on one of their Aberdeen rotations, with another one – "Aberdeen" liveried G-CDKA – appearing on 5th Feb.

February

2nd – More AN-124s to start the month, with ADB UR-82073 arriving during the morning and leaving for Tbilisi around six hours later. bmi A320 G-MIDV was observed in the hangar, now in Spanair colours. World Airways MD11F N381WA operated the late-evening GEC flight from JFK
3rd – Bluebird 737F TF-BBF was the Sunday day-stopper, as usual!
4th – Yet another AN-124 visited when ADB's UR-82029 arrived just as dark fell, leaving again for Tbilisi on the evening of 5th. Cessna 550 CS-DHE was the first NJE of the month, landing at lunchtime, and MapJet's MD-80 G-FLTM visited early morning. Another bmi A320, G-MIDU, arrived for end-of-lease hand-back
6th – One of a small number of aircraft on the Manx register – CitationJet M-BWFC operated by the owner of Bolton Wanderers Football Club (get it?) – dropped in mid-morning.
7th – A couple more bizzies today – Hawker 850XP VP-COD (125 with winglets to you!) left just after 4PM, and Learjet D-CTRI landed just as dark fell.
8th – Air Berlin 737-400 D-ABAB arrived for paint, and American Challenger N828KD (stopped to 9th) and Gulf4 N385PD also dropped in
9th – Another Netjets 125 – CS-DRW – visited during the late afternoon and the late evening Lufthansa Cargo/World MD-11F was N275WA
10th – CitationJet HB-VMU was the only notable, staying overnight
12th – Exin AN-26 SP-FDS was a nice early morning visitor, whilst Sterling used Astraevs 737 G-STRJ and their own OY-MLW
13th – Irish Learjet EI-REX arrived around teatime for an overnight stay, whilst VERY early morning visitors were Aeronova Metros EC-GVE and EC-HZH. The semi-regular Avient flight was operated by DC-10F Z-ALT, and Aerovis AN-12 UR-CBG also dropped in for a day or two
14th – Cirrus Air Learjet D-CLUX turned up again, and Sterling used OY-MAE and OY-SEB
15th – British Learjet G-SOVV (night stop) and Citation G-JOPT were the only notables today
16th – Citationjet N242ML dropped in for a nightspot, and the Austrian ski-flight was operated by Fokker 100 OE-LVM
17th – Ce750 D-BTEN and Be200 D-IKOB joined the American CJ525, and Sterling used MD-80 SE-DJE on one of their flights. County Air Ambulance's final days saw the EC135 swapped for Bo105 G-CDBS
18th – Danish Falcon 2000 OY-CKN, Ce560 N846MA, Be400 CS-DNM and PC12 HB-FPR were today's unusuals
19th – Air Berlin 737 D-ABAA departed wearing the airline's latest colours after treatment in the paint shop, whilst former bmiBaby 737 G-BVZG arrived carrying Aeroflot Don's rather attractive paint-job
20th – Titan 146 G-ZAPO and late-arriving Falcon 900 N298W were the only items worthy of note, although the PC-12 (18th) was still present
21st – ADB AN124 UR-82008 ferried in from Kiev mid-afternoon, staying until early the following morning
22nd – bmiBaby were using Titan 737 G-POWC today
23rd – The usual Saturday Austrian Fokker 100 was OE-LVL, whilst very new Tomsonfly 737-800 G-FDZF also visited
24th – A320 G-MIDV, which arrived a few days earlier, was visible today wearing its new Spanair paintjob (became EC-KOX, and visible as such 27th)
25th – CJ525 HB-VWF was an early morning arrival, whilst Greek Ce560 SX-SMR arrived mid-afternoon
27th – DC-10F Z-AVT operated the Avient flight arriving just after 1000, and three hours later Linden Air Cargo Hercules N402LC also dropped in – this was a former EMA regular from many years ago as it was the one-time HB-ILG of Zimex Aviation! Two Belgians – Ce560

OO-CLX and CJ525 OO-LIE, whilst E-3D ZH101 / Nato 14 rounded off a good day for EMA by diverting in from Waddington

28th – TBM850 N223JG kicked off the day, with Learjet D-CGGB arriving early afternoon. The Linden Herc departed fairly early in the morning, and Sterling used 737s OY-SEL and OY-MAA

29th – Gulf4 N119SP was the only notable for the last day of the month, landing after dark and staying overnight

March

1st – Netjets were in on the act early in the month with Ce560 CS-DFQ, and unusual visitor for paint was Air Berlin Fokker 100 wearing its new registration VH-FNC

2nd – Netjets again – CS-DXL – was the only item of note

3rd – Manx2 launched their new service from/to the Isle of Man using Metro D-CNAG on the first service, and Hawker 850 TC-TKC put in another appearance

4th – French CJ525 F-GSCL kicked off a busy day, with similar D-IFISH and Ce560 G-IPAX following, and German Da42 D-GAAA arrived later in the day. Manx2 used Let410 on their lunchtime service. RAF Sentry ZH101 visited again for training

6th – Kingair F-HAMI arrived in the morning for a nightspot, and Challenger D-AIND arrived in the evening to park outside JCB's hangar

9th – Citation D-CMPI and Citationjet G-HGRC were the only notables

10th – Sterling again used MD80 SE-DJE on one of their services, whilst CJ525 PH-SOL spent some time in the maintenance area

12th – Former bmiBaby 737 G-BVZG, now in full Aeroflot Don colours as VP-BYV, departed to Rostov on Don – farewell to a long-time EMA regular!

13th – Citations P4-LJG and D-CMPI were today's biz-jet offerings

14th – Brand new Ryanair 737 EI-DYD set up shop for a few days

16th – Visitors today were Learjet D-CGGB and Citation HB-VMU (which also visited on 23rd)

17th – Hawker TC-TKC was back – again – whilst Falcon 50 C-GKCI was an evening arrival calling "KC-One"

18th – Netjets Ce560 CS-DNY kicked off the day, and American King Air N64GG also visited. Air Cargo Express DC-8-63F 9G-AXB was a star visitor overnight, departing fairly early on 19th

19th – Learjet D-CAVE was the only notable today after the departure of the magnificent DC-8

21st – Fokker 100 OE-LVE operated the Austrian flight, and Balkan Holidays A320 LZ-BHE also dropped in on a ski flight

25th – Monster machine ADB AN-22 UR-09307 (arrived previously) was still present on Cargo East, whilst newish DHL A300 OO-DIH was also present

27th – Sterling used two Maddogs today – SE-DJE and OE-IKB. A321 G-TTIF was in for de-branding prior to moving from GB Airways to easyJet

28th – A320s D-ANND and D-AXLA operated today's Sterling flights, whilst PA42 D-IFSH was a visitor to DHL (occasional regular visitor). Manx CJ525 M-PSAC also visited, parking in the maintenance area, and Lear D-CGGB was back again in the evening to stay a couple of days. "New" Exin AN26 SP-FDO also turned up in the evening, followed shortly afterwards by Falcon 50 F-GXMC

30th – Busy day for freight today, with Volga Dnepr's AN124 RA-82044 and IL76 RA-76950 both arriving to stay overnight. "Friend" from last year A320 YL-LCC also showed up (now "based"), but at least it now wears Lat Charter colours and titles! Metro D-CSAL was present in the evening.

31st – MNG F-27 TC-MBD wrapped up March, arriving on a "Neptune" call sign

April

1st – A slow start to the month, with only 125 G-IWDB of note

2nd – Be60 Duke N626N was a surprise visitor, whilst Metro EC-GPS operated the Manx flight. A321 OY-VKD was in for a My Travel to Thomas Cook re-paint, and air ambulance A109 G-MEDS was noted, which replaces the County Air Ambulance EC-135/Bo105 operation

4th – Another AN124 – VDA's RA-82046 – was the only noteworthy, although the Hawker from 1st was also still present

6th – Finally, the "other" re-engined VDA IL-76 showed up – RA-76951 was a welcome visitor!

7th – Quite a few today! Icelandair 757 TF-FIG was on Cargo East (Icelandair now operate most weekday nights, arriving around 2100), Lear D-CCAA was seen on the main apron during the day, and PA-42 D-IQAS was on DHL. Netjets put up Ce560 CS-DXO and another Ce560 visiting was N846MA. A320 F-HDCE operated an XL France flight, and Exin AN26 SP-FDO also visited again

8th – The Netjets from 7th was still present whilst Ce441 N184VB also visited (and again on 17th). Manx CJ M-PSAC also put in another visit

9th – A surprise visitor in the early hours was Egyptair Cargo A300F SU-GAY, and Air Mediterranee A321 F-GYAN was also on the main apron early morning. Bmi A320 G-MIDU became EC-KPX for Spainair, and Netjets managed to send in Hawker 800 CS-DRN

10th – Nothing much visiting today, but PA34 N81AW was noted in the hangars and maybe newly based?

11th – Dornier 228 D-IFLM operated today's Manx2 flight, Extra D-ELRN was another German visitor, and OY-VKD (see 2nd) emerged with its new paint job

12th – Overnight, DHL's newest A300F OO-DIJ put in a first appearance, and then Dutch Seneca PH-HLM landed just after lunch

14th – Visitors today included "usual suspect" Lear OO-TME of Toyota Motors Europe, King Air LX-PRG and Polet AN124 RA-82080. One of the Sterling flights was operated by MD-80 SE-DJF

15th – Two Manx visitors were the highlights, with Learjet M-GRLS and King Air M-OORE both present. Polet AN124 RA-82080 remained on DHL, whilst King Air LX-PRJ visited from Luxemburg and Pitts S1 N697RB was noted at Donair

16th – Astraucus 757 G-STRY departed back to LGW after day in the hangar with its new bmi titles in evidence – G-STRX will follow next week – and it was Ryanair's turn to pound the circuit for much of the day with EI-DHZ

17th – Gulf 5 N73M arrived for a night-stop, and Italian BE400 I-VITH arrived for a stop of several days (still present on 20th). Ce441 N184VB also visited, whilst Donington Park was blessed with a trio of Gazelles – YH-HES, YU-HET and YU-HEV

18th – CJ525 SE-RIO was a short-term visitor. One of Sterling's flights was operated by MD-80 SE-DJF, and Spanish CJ525 EC-ISQ dropped in and stayed overnight

19th – Only noteworthy visitor today was Be90 D-IRIS

20th – Yet another CJ, PH-ECL visited, whilst the only other notable was Robin F-BROC

With thanks to Andrew Bright and various members of the E-MAG yahoo group – their messages greatly helped the compilation of this item!

UKIA – its all over!

Well, it lasted about eight weeks! UKIA shut up shop on Christmas Eve. With their only 767 G-CECU impounded and bills and staff unpaid, EMA's first regular long haul service has come to a premature end.

Route Changes

There's been more changes in the Chav Air (and full-service!) route networks out of EMA. Highlights and lowlights include:

- **bmi baby** – adding Nice three times a week for Summer 2008
- **bmi Regional** – added a lunchtime Cologne flight from early February on the ERJ145 to fill the void left by easyJet dropping the route
- **easyJet** – have dropped Cologne, but are adding new services to Palma and Barcelona
- **Ryanair** – has added Cork and Belfast City flights. Frequencies on established routes are being increased and a 6th and 7th based aircraft are being introduced
- **Sterling** – increasing frequency on some of their routes for the summer (so something must be going right for them!).

Note: This feature has taken your editor quite a bit of time to compile. Therefore, I would value feedback on whether you've found it interesting, or just a waste of paper. Whether it continues in future newsletters will be dependent on your feedback, good or bad!

Back Page Photo Spot

Seeing as no one has sent me any pictures for the newsletter, I guess it falls to the editor to fill the remainder of the back page again! This sequence of images (and more) was taken from the front seat of a chase car following a Lockheed U-2 down the runway at Beale AFB in California late last year. The U-2 is a very difficult aircraft to land, and so every landing is "chased", with the flying pilot being talked down the last few feet to the runway by another qualified pilot driving a chase car. It was one heck of a ride, with these pictures being taken at around 140mph!!!

