

TVAS News

The Voice of the Trent Valley Aviation Society

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Len Taft

It is with some sadness that we learned that Len Taft passed away on 28th August 2009. Len had not been in the best of health recently, but it was still a shock to all of us to learn of his death so soon after he left the society. Len was known for his enthusiastic engagement within the committee, and of course for the varied signs and meeting announcements he prepared so lovingly for us. The society was of course represented at Len's funeral, and we also provided a wreath on behalf of everyone in the society. So rest in peace Len – you'll be missed and long remembered.

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

July

Andy Martin's travels around the USA featured in our first meeting under review... From New York to California, from Nevada to Florida, from airlines to air shows, this one had something from anyone with an interest in aviation in the USA.

August

"More Moores", is I think the best way of describing our August meeting. Recounting their experiences in the aviation activity, the Moores family's contributions to TVAS were duely expanded to include wife and daughter – and despite the fact your editor could not be present, fascinating the stories were I am told!

September

"Dave down under" resulted in our secretary showing us some images from his trip to Australia earlier in the year, including both east and west coasts, and the airshow at Avalon. Whilst the weather may not have always been perfect, the variety of aircraft found in different museums and airports was certainly interesting

Society Diary: TVAS dates for 2009 and early 2010

Monday 19th October	Daryl Barber / Chris Farmer – further details nearer the date
Monday 16th November	Mike Snowden – postponed from the originally scheduled meeting in October, our slide-master Mike will be giving us another fascinating show
Monday 21st December	Christmas buffett and quiz – our usual festive fare, and maybe (just maybe) the drinks will be on TVAS again!
Monday 18th January	Annual photographic competition – full details of categories, how to enter, etc. available nearer to the date
Monday 15th February	To be confirmed – notification nearer the date
Monday 15th March	To be confirmed – notification nearer the date

Meeting subjects will be announced nearer the date, either by flyer posted or e-mailed to you. For further details, the society's website at <http://www.tvas.info> is also regularly updated with events.

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

EMA Winter Flight Schedule

There are very few interesting passenger operations through EMA this winter, but the few that are interesting are detailed below – thanks to our usual source for this advance info!

Departures

STD	Flt	Airline	A/C	To	Start Date	End Date	Day
01:30	VIK808 A	Viking	733	LYS	13-Nov-09	13-Nov-09	.....5..
07:00	MON9014	Monarch	321	RVN	11-Dec-09	11-Dec-09	.....5..
09:00	4R 7352	Hamburg	319	BJL	06-Nov-09	26-Mar-10	.....5..
12:00	NM 413	Manx2	SWM	IOM	26-Oct-09	27-Mar-10	123456
13:20	BGH5806	BH Air	320	SOF	19-Dec-09	27-Mar-10	.....6..
20:00	NM 419	Manx2	SWM	IOM	25-Oct-09	21-Mar-10	.....7..

Arrivals

STA	Flt	Airline	A/C	From	Start Date	End Date	Day
00:50	4R 7353	Hamburg	319	BJL	14-Nov-09	05-Dec-09	.....6..
00:50	4R 7353	Hamburg	319	BJL	12-Dec-09	27-Mar-10	.....6..
11:30	NM 412	Manx2	SWM	IOM	26-Oct-09	27-Mar-10	123456
12:20	BGH5805	BH Air	320	SOF	19-Dec-09	27-Mar-10	.....6..
12:50	VIK805 A	Viking	733	CGN	08-Nov-09	08-Nov-09	.....7..
19:40	NM 418	Manx2	SWM	IOM	25-Oct-09	21-Mar-10	.....7..

In addition to the above, Aurigny continue their ATR-72 operation from/to Guernsey throughout the winter, and of course all easyJet flights through EMA cease in early January 2010. There is also a Bulgaria Air 737-300 charter operating through EMA on Saturday lunchtimes from the end of December until the end of the winter season although information on this flight came in too late to be included in the main table above

And that's it for a rather uninspiring winter – not that we'll be able to see much (see later!)

IMPORTANT NOTE: Airport speed cameras

We'd like to draw your attention to the fact that the airport have placed average-speed cameras (the type that measure a vehicle's time between two cameras) on the road running past Royal Mail and UPS (Cargo East), and on the road running past DHL (Cargo West) during July.

Whilst we do not condone speeding in any circumstances, members may be wise to keep within the 30mph speed limit if using internal airport roads

NEWSLETTER contributions

This newsletter is somewhat shorter than normal. The editor can only do so much himself, so if you have ANY material that might be of interest to other members – news, trip reports, photographs, etc – please let the editor have them as we'd be keen to include material from members in future newsletters.

The EMA Spot

Abbreviated news this time around, but the highlights and lowlights are:

- ❑ DHL now have their first brand new 767-300Fs in service. These two aircraft are quite noticeable, not only being bright yellow but also being some of the few 767s sporting rather large winglets! G-DHLE and G-DHLF have settled into service, with one operating Leipzig-New York and the other East Midlands-New York. When the third aircraft is delivered, it will operate East-Midlands-Cincinnati, spelling the end of Lufthansa MD-11F operations through EMA
- ❑ Aerologic (a new joint venture between DHL and Lufthansa) started operating their 777Fs through East Midlands on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings, arriving at 20:15 and leaving two hours later. Both of their first two aircraft – D-AALA and D-AALB visited EMA in the first week of operations through the airport
- ❑ New screening has been put up over the fence at the end of Diseworth Lane in Castle Donington, effectively obscuring most views of the airport from this popular location. Quite why the “brain trust” at EMA thought this was a good idea remains a mystery, but it seems reasonable to assume spotters will now seek out other locations around the perimeter from which to view.

GA Residents

- GA residents based at EMA now include:
A109 G-GRND, G-MEDX; Be58 G-BNUN; Be200 G-CLOW, G-WCCP; Be400 N497XP, N97EL, N709EL, N719EL; BN2A Islander G-AWNT (sometimes!), C150 G-BAEZ; C152 G-BGGO, G-BGGP, G-BLZP, G-BOTG, G-OIMC; C177 G-FNEY; C182 G-CBIL, G-LVES; C310 G-FFWD; C340 G-BVES; C560 G-XBLU; DA-42 G-PETS; Emb Phenom M-INXY, Jet Provost G-BWD?, PA-28 G-BMPC, G-BPRY, G-CDON, G-JONM, N84718; PA31 OY-BTZ; RC690 N71VE; Sf260 G-BAGB, N330DG; Spitfire G-RRGN; Stearman G-BNIW; TB20 G-DMAH; plus the two Gulfstream 5s and two Bells operated by JCB, and the Islander and Do228 operated on behalf of “the men from the ministry”

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