



## The voice of the Trent Valley Aviation Society

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# Welcome

Hello and welcome to the Winter 2011 edition of the TVAS Newsletter.

An early publication this time and only 4 pages mainly because we wanted to publish the rules for our Annual Photographic Competition coming up on 16<sup>th</sup> January 2012. We hope that by now you have started to give some thought to the photographs you want to enter. This is, in my opinion, a good evening where we see the labours from our members and there are always some excellent photographs for us to look at.

There has not been much response to my appeal for articles for future magazines; thanks to Brian Kiddy, Daryl Barber and Dave Gretton for their efforts. I am sure most of you meant to write something but.....

You all have such a huge interest and wealth of experiences in aviation matters to share with the rest of us, why not give it a go!

Ian Sant

**Society Diary:** TVAS dates for the remainder of 2011 and into 2012; there is something for everyone over the coming months.

21-Nov-11	Graham Vale	'A blast from the past'
19-Dec-11	Christmas Buffet and quiz from Eric Dewhurst	
16-Jan-12	Photographic Competition (Rules on page 4)	
20-Feb-12	Mervyn Brown	Joining the RAF and learning to fly
19-Mar-12	Tony Jarram	BRUSH (including its aviation activities)
16-Apr-12	Richard Hamblin	Subject to be confirmed
21-May-12	Stefan Streluk	Flying Boats and Floatplanes
18-Jun-12	30 <sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting	

Just space here to show you an interesting 'paint job' at EMA 4<sup>th</sup> October 2011 was this CRJ200 in the colours of Rusline and carrying registration VQ-BNA.

**Credit: Brian Kiddy**



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The Editor will always welcome articles of interest but reserves the right to amend, edit or omit at his discretion.

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Previous Meetings since the last Newsletter:

**19<sup>th</sup> September 2011** – The original speaker – Richard Broom had to postpone his presentation at short notice, so digital images were invited from the members for an informal evening. We were extremely surprised when a guest brought along by Mike Jacques said he had a ready made short presentation with him on the Doolittle raid on Japan in 1942 using B-25's from the aircraft carrier USS Hornet. This proved to be an extremely interesting short talk, which was followed by images from this years Yeovilton Air Show, The de Havilland Moth Club fly in at Belvoir Castle, and some shots from Canada and northern USA.

**17<sup>th</sup> October 2011** – The original speaker – Terry Lee had had to postpone his presentation of Air-to-Air Photography, and Mike Snowden stepped into the breach with a look back at the International Air Tattoos at Greenham Common, Boscombe Down, and Cottesmore, with a few as a taster from the first Fairford events. As always Mike presented a marvellous array of images of the aircraft at these shows, bringing back memories of many aircraft types no longer in service, and a few that are still around.

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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! Also check out the Society Yahoo group.

**NEWSLETTER: Contributions**

The editor would welcome items for the newsletter from ANY member – stories, pictures, and anything else that would be of interest to our membership in general.

The editor will take material written/printed on paper, or in digital form either via e-mail or CD. Please consider sharing some of your aviation knowledge and/or experiences with our other members!

**Moths at Belvoir Castle**

For many years the de Havilland Moth Club held a regular rally at Woburn Abbey, which acted as a marvellous backdrop to aircraft from the 1920's and 1930's. The last Woburn event was about six years ago, but this year a new venue was used: Belvoir Castle, near Grantham. This too provided stunning scenery in which to see these old aeroplanes.

Roy Carr and I set off on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> August and reported in to the Moth Club as volunteers manning the Members Pass Desk for a short while. The organisation and layout of the event left a lot to be desired on the first day, but this was a new venue, with lots of lessons to be learned. Initially the aircraft were parked such that most of them were not visible from the public enclosure, although members had access to them. This was remedied by mid afternoon on Saturday, with most aircraft being repositioned, but this day had attracted few members of the public anyway.

Sunday was much better, and also boasted superb sunshine all day. The public attended in greater numbers, and the Castle was open to the public as well. Again Roy and I had volunteered for duty, manning the gate into the Moth Club Enclosure; unfortunately this occurred at the same time as the short “display” so photography for us was a little difficult at this point, but otherwise as volunteers we had had free access to the aircraft park.

**Dave Gretton**

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The limited display included the usual Tiger Moth Diamond Nine display team, a parachute descent from Langar based Cessna Caravan D-FBPS, and some spirited flying by a superb DH89A Dragon Rapide (G-AGJG) and DH90A Dragonfly (G-AEDU). As this was a celebration of the designs of Geoffrey de Havilland his early designs were represented by replicas of the BE-2c of 1912 (G-AWYI) and the DH-2 (G-BFVH) of 1915. The BE-2c is marked as the first aircraft to land in France after the outbreak of the First World War, and the DH-2 was the first practical British fighter aircraft. Also displaying with considerable panache was a Chilton DW1A G-AESZ, this seemed to be hurtling at great speed down the display line, despite its small Carden engine of only 32hp and a recorded maximum of 126mph. Also included in the show was a pair of DH60 Gipsy Moths and a pair of DH82A Tiger Moths, which took part in a limbo-flying event, and also an exercise to burst balloons released from the ground.

Foreign visitors over the weekend included Piper Cub PH-VCY and Tiger Moth PH-CSL from Holland, Tiger Moth D-EHHT, and Cessna 140 N2651V. Other interesting visitors were two Thruxton Jackaroo conversions of the Tiger Moth, and the unique Queen Bee conversion. Altogether about 65 aircraft attended each day, with some non-Moths, including several Chipmunks and a Stampe.

All in all a very pleasant weekend, in a marvellous setting, and it is to be hoped there will be a similar event held there again next year, with the organisational difficulties ironed out. A full log for the event is available on request.



G-ARUI Beagle A61 Terrier owned by T W Dann



G-ACEJ DH-83C Fox Moth - Scottish Motor Traction marks - owned by J I Cooper



G-AEDU DH-90A Dragonfly - owned by the Norman Aeroplane Trust



G-HDAE DHC1 Chipmunk 22 with Sharks Mouth nose art - owned by Airborne Classics Ltd



PH-VCY PA-18 Super Cub



G-AGJG DH-89A Dragon Rapide in wartime Scottish Airways marks - owned by the Miller family

**Credit: All the above photographs Dave Gretton**

## Photo Competition Rules January Meeting

For the annual photographic competition at our January meeting there are four categories members may enter:

### 1. **The Viscount Trophy**

This is the AirTrans trophy, which has been renamed. This is for slides only, and members may enter up to **ten** slides for this category. The slides must never have won in a previous TVAS competition before, but may be of any age, and can be military or civil in subject.

### 2. **The Len Taft Memorial Shield**

Members may enter any image (slide, print or digital) which is aviation related for this section of the competition, providing the member concerned has never previously won any part of a previous TVAS photo competition. Each member is limited to a total of **ten** images in this category. The images may be civil or military in subject, and may originate in any format – however see the general notes below.

### 3. **Digital Civil**

and

### 4. **Digital Military**

Each member is limited to a total of **ten** images, spread across these two categories of the photo competition, in any combination required. Each image may only be entered in **one** of these two categories. The military or civil images must have been taken within the last twelve months and may originate from several different formats – however see the general notes below.

## **General**

With the exception of the Viscount Trophy (which is for slides only), all images submitted must be in digital format and **MUST** be resized to a maximum of 1024 x 683 pixels; if members are unsure about how to do this please bring the images (slide, print or digital), to the December meeting, and give them to Daryl Barber, who will apply his scanning and editing skills to them, ready for the competition. He will return your images to you at the January meeting.

It will not be possible to accept prints or slides for scanning, or to resize digital images, on the night of the competition.

The owners of winning images will retain the copyright, but must be happy to have the images reproduced on the Society website and in the Newsletter.