

Ascent Newsletter



Home of the EuroFOX and Breezer

Welcome to Edition Number 31, July 2017

Time Flies...

Welcome to this newsletter, number 31 in fact or about 5 years worth. I've seen some of our competitors try to launch newsletters, but invariably after 2 or 3 editions they fizzle out. It's hard work and time consuming. Which is why we are delighted to receive some super contributions from EuroFOX owners this month, we appreciate them, please keep your news coming in.



To Spain & back.. We are all at it!

Adrian Whitmarsh converted to the EuroFOX from a

flexwing microlight about 18 months ago. In that time he has joined our successful trip to Nitra last year and as the UK winter approached in 2016, Adrian and his wife flew G-FOXW to his holiday home in Spain. Returning in May 17, Adrian has written a great report, with some excellent photos, read it here at this link https://dl.dropboxusercontent.com/u/48737227/July%2017%20newsletter/To%20Spain% 20and%20Back.pdf

On A similar theme, Paul Walton flew his EuroFOX to the Alps, he has put some photos on our facebook page. Steve Williams and his EuroFOX group flew to Switzerland and around the region, Chris Sperring and other EuroFOX's flew to Lundy and southern Germany and Ken Watt to the Channel Islands. If you have a been somewhere interesting and have a story to tell, please let us know.

Trade Shows

We havattended 2 shows since the last newsletter, Popham trade fair and AeroExpo at Booker. Thanks to Nick and Steve Sinnott for allowing us to use their aircraft. Both were very good shows for the Breezer



and EuroFOX with a number of orders forthcoming. We'll be at the LAA Rally in September at Sywell, with our new 120hp EuroFOX Tug on display. It is a stunning colour combination to match the expected performance.



EuroFOX and Breezer Flyin 2017—22nd July—POSTPONED

Due to the forecast showing unsettled weather and the need to organise extra staff, food and radio cover at Oaksey, we have decided to postpone the flyin and rearrange for the new date in August. http://doodle.com/poll/g778ysnxsy3iiq7x

Apologies if you have made plans, and perhaps the day will be flyable in some regions, but no one wants to get stranded, and likewise we don't want to set everything up for 25-30 aircraft If only 5 end up making it. It's a shame as we have had a good flying season to date, but its better all round if we try for a better day. It is hoped to be the 5th or 12th of August, one will be chosen shortly.



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Technical and operational

Ken Watt reports that when he folded his wings with full tanks the outcome could have been so much worse https://

dl.dropboxusercontent.com/u/48737227/July%2017%20newsletter/Fuelish%20Folding.pdf

We have started to approve seriously big tyres for the EuroFOX, its going to be fun testing... Rotax issued a mandatory SB for the 912iS, we have a correction tool if your engine falls within the range. Staying with the 912iS, Rotax report that the starting procedure



should use the momentary switch and not the back up switch. Our starter relay as shown in the March Newsletter is a perfect and unique solution for easy starting. We are also testing a manual 2 blade woodcomp VP prop on both the Breezer and EuroFOX. An electric VP Ivoprop is also on the list to try.

Social Media

This very popular and massively growing way to communicate with anyone and everyone isn't to everyone's liking (I'm a bit of a old luddite). However, we have to embrace it and as such our Facebook page is receiving a lot of visits, posts and attention as is our EuroFOX forum which is also becoming more popular. Please keep the contributions and posts coming. A EuroFOX operator, Steve Sinnott has offered to bring our website up to date, so a new shiny one will be available shortly, many thanks Steve.

Breezer and Eurostar

The Breezer really is very close now to UK approval, late July is the target, we've been there before though... We have 3 aircraft to build when the time comes. We hear that LSA (importers of the Eurostar) are looking to sell the agency. It was for sale last year, and has come up again. This uncertainty with the popular Eurostar microlight may well influence the Breezer's launch.



Delivered, sold or finished

Lleweni Parc's 914 tug aircraft and Banbury GC has received its permit to test, John Sinclair–day's aircraft is waiting the permit to test paperwork, Peter Tindall's factory built taildragger (pictured) has been



finished. G-POPG, a 912iS for Chris Hoyle is almost complete and finally G-CKAB, our new 120hp tug is underway. Aberdeen Air's school aircraft kit arrived, we received orders from 2 other microlight schools in the last month. Sorry to report that G-ONIK had a heavy accident following a go around and has been destroyed. Fortunately the pilot was relatively unharmed in the incident. In the same vein, the Dorset GC tug suffered an engine failure during a tow, the pilot released the glider and made a skilled but heavy landing with damage to the aircraft. It is being rebuilt now.

Please send any contributions or suggestions to Roger, Adrian or Steve, many thanks.