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"Art for Aviation" Initiative is Well Received at Old Sarum

With over 50 BAPC members present there was much interest in the proposed "Art for Aviation" scheme. After a presentation of how the scheme works and how it would potentially benefit BAPC members by John Kenyon, Ivan gave an introduction to his work, his interest in aviation and what he is doing to help BNAPS. Later comprehensive information packs were distributed, each of which included an aviation print showing the quality of Ivan's artistic works. Such was the interest in the prints that a queue formed to get Ivan to sign the prints.

BAPC president Steve Hague (right), with Ivan Berryman (centre) and BNAPS Trust Chairman, Peter Graham, (left) at Old Sarum.

Thanks go to the BAPC for allowing BNAPS to promote the scheme at the meeting and to the Boscombe Down Aircraft Collection for their hospitality and excellent meeting room and facilities at Old Sarum Airfield.

Talk by Air Transport Auxiliary Member Peter Garrod at Next BNAPS Social Meeting on Tuesday 26 March 2013

The Air Transport Auxiliary (ATA) played a vital part in World War by delivering large numbers of service aircraft of all types between factories, maintenance units and operational units. We are privileged that former ATA member, Peter Garrod, will be coming over to the Island and recounting his flying experience with the ATA

We are anticipating a good turnout for this talk. As numbers are limited please phone on 01983 875790 and let us know if you plan to attend.

Stunning Shot of Windward Express Islander Landing at St Barths.

Photographer Michael Eaton captured this stunning image of a Windward Express Islander on final approach to the airport at St Barths. Surely St Barths must be the holiday destination for any B-N Islander fan wanting a close up view of the action. Thanks go to Michael for giving BNAPS permission to reproduce the image in BNAPS News. Michael is involved with The Aviation Shop at Manchester Airport: www.tasmanchester.co.uk/Home.html

Windward Express operates two Islanders, PJ-WEA, PJ-WEB. The Islander's excellent STOL capability makes it the ideal aircraft for operation into short runways such as St. Barths, Baillif, Le Saints and Saba. With only about 1000 feet of usable runway, Saba's runway is the shortest commercial runway in the world! For more information about Windward Express see: www.windwardexpress.com/

News from Island Airways, Great Lakes, USA

BNAPS correspondent Angela Lefevre at Island Airways recently sent some news of their operations to serve islands in the Great Lakes region. Occasionally Island Airways delivers freight to Mackinac Island. This Island does not have any motorised vehicles so once the freight has been unloaded from the Islander all local deliveries are made by horse and cart.

For more information about Island Airways see http://www.islandairways.com/

VCN Restoration Update – Latest News March 2013

Bob Wilson reports on current progress with VCN's restoration:

1 Paul Thomasson trial fitting the new rear fuselage aft bay skin he has made along with its access panels. This was another area of the fuselage quite badly damaged. Paul repaired the frame but was not happy with part of the flange fit and had taken it back to his workshop at home for a final "tweak".

2 View of the refurbished under-floor structure now all sprayed with etch prime. The fuselage frames straightened by Airframe Assemblies are the 2 central parallel fore and aft members on the extreme LHS of the picture have been fitted. The elevator control rods are now fitted up to the fwd fuselage section. Tim Barton is still working on the restoration of the bracket that holds the crank that transfers the movement to the control column. Once this bracket is fitted then the last short piece of under floor elevator rod can be installed.

3 This shows the under-floor structure looking from the front to the rear. The final short piece of elevator drive tube can be seen stored just above the installed lengths which presently finish just fwd of the double frame. All minor repairs to the under floor surface have now been completed and locally etch primed followed by a thorough clean off so that the remaining untreated areas can be etch primed

4 Refurbshed access panels are being re--fitted by Bob Ward to the rear fuselage underside just aft of the kink.

Repairs have been started to the RHS of the fuselage just aft of the rearmost window that has an area of severe dents and distortion. One stringer was severely bent and twisted and has been drilled out and straightened by Paul Thomasson. The repaired stringer was put back in position and skin clipped. The repair was seen to be very effective and with some surface filler will result in an acceptable surface finish. Paul Thomasson is making a new end clip for the stringer.

Guy Palmer and Bob Ward have been hard at work cleaning the forward fuselage and avionics bay areas.

The belly skin has been etch primed both sides but will need another coat of paint on its inner surface before re-fitting. Re-fitting will be a major task as the skin will need to be riveted in a sequence to minimise skin panting/bowing. Given that we are re-using the original skin great care will be needed to obtain an acceptable result. The final fit will take at least 2 days as we only have 1 pneumatic rivet gun and one hand rivet gun and several hundreds of rivets to place. Once the belly skin is replaced the fuselage outer surface will be painted, using rollers, with an undercoat and a white 2 pack polyurethane top coat before turning the fuselage back up the right way.

Little and Large

Servicio Aereo de Honduras S A Electra HR-SAW and South Central Air Transport Islander N85OJA at New Orleans International Airport (MSY) in January 1972. Thanks go to Richard Byrd for sending in this nostalgic image.

Recent new build BN-2T-4S c/n 4019 was seen at Daedalus Airfield on 7.3.13 for engine runs and with a new sensor housing under the nose cone.

Search Continues off the Venezuelan Coast for Missing B-N Islander

The circumstances leading to the disappearance on 4 January 2013 of B-N Islander YV2615 with the Italian fashion designer Vittorio Missoni and his wife and friends on board have yet to be explained. Various reports of more luggage found washed ashore have been made, some also claiming to have found aircraft wreckage. The search for the aircraft is continuing.

BNAPS Now on the Internet

Courtesy of Ivan Berryman information about BNAPS including back issues of BNAPS News can now be found on Ivan's website
www.ivanberrymandirect.com/

Were You There 1?

On a bleak looking day forty six years ago, around March 1967, Islander c/n003, G-AVCN, was seen being prepared for its first flight – BNAPS would like to hear from anyone who was there at the time.

Were You There 2?

This image came to us courtesy of Bob Ward and shows BN-2 G-ATCT under construction at Bembridge, probably around March/April time in 1965. If you were there or can recognize anyone in the picture please let us know. Also we would be interested in any other photographs or drawings about the BN-2's early days.

Aero Collector's Fair Old Sarum Airfield, Saturday 23 March, 2013

BNAPS will have a stall at the above event that is being run by the Boscombe Down Aviation Collection organisation, now resident at Old Sarum.
Entry to the event includes admission to the museum.
For more details see: www.boscombedownaviationcollection.co.uk

New Book by Scott Grier "Loganair, A Scottish Survivor 1962-2012"

Scott Grier has been at the cutting edge of Loganair's progress for thirty-six years and has now written the history of the airline as a first hand account of the story of the oldest British airline that continues to thrive after 50 years of operations.
To order this book go to http://www.loganair.co.uk/loganair/50anniversary

BNAPS Books and Memorabilia Sales Arrangements

Arrangements for sales and stock management are now being handled by John Kenyon and Rita Edgcumbe. If you need a current price list or wish to purchase specific items offered for sale please contact John Kenyon by e mail: mj.kenyon90@btinternet.com

"The Last Grand Adventure in British Aviation" by Derek Kay

Books supplied by BNAPS will include an insert signed by Derek Kay and are priced at £9.00 from BNAPS, that is 99p off the list price. Add £1.50 for UK p&p. Each sale will contribute to BNAPS fund raising. Please make cheques payable to BNAPS Ltd.
A few books from the first batch are still available, to order your copy please contact Rita Edgcumbe at m_edgcumbe@yahoo.co.uk or on 01983 875790.

More BNAPS Supporters Club Members Needed

If any BNAPS Supporters Club member knows of anyone who would be interested in joining please pass on contact details to our BNAPS Membership Secretary, Rita Edgcumbe.
The principal aims of the BNAPS Supporters Club are "*to assist BNAPS to preserve the history and aircraft of Britten-Norman through member donations and to provide assistance with the day-to-day operations of the charity*" - anyone with an interest in local aviation heritage is welcome.
As a point of clarification, whilst BNAPS has contact with B-N Group from time to time, as a charitable trust BNAPS is a completely independent organisation.

Forthcoming BNAPS Events

BNAPS Social Evenings will be held at the Propeller Inn unless otherwise stated, please arrive by 19:00 for a start at 19:30.

26 March 2013 – BNAPS Social Evening – BNAPS is privileged to have Peter Garrod at our next social meeting to give a talk about his flying experiences during World War 2 with the Air Transport Auxiliary (ATA). This will be a rare opportunity to hear about a vital part of the war effort to deliver all types of aircraft around the country between factories, maintenance units and operational stations.
Please note that entry charges on this occasion will be £2.00 for BNAPS Supporters Club members and £3.00 for visitors.

20/21 July 2013 - Vintage Aircraft Club Fly-in Bembridge Airport. Discussions are now underway to establish how best to support this event, it is anticipated that details will be available for the May 2013 issue of BNAPS News

If anyone is willing to give a talk or presentation, generally on an aviation related topic, that would be of interest to BNAPS members and visitors then please

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