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Special Event at Saywell International, Worthing

Following completion of a painting commission by Ivan Berryman for Saywell International Managing Director Peter Saywell, BNAPS Trustees held their May meeting at Worthing in the company's hospitality suite. At the start of the meeting the painting, depicting Hayward's Aviation Islander, G-AXXJ, taking off from Shoreham Airport, was handed over to Peter Saywell by BNAPS Trust Chairman Peter Graham.



The classic art deco Shoreham Airport Terminal building provides the backdrop as another classic, this time a classic aircraft, in the form of B-N Islander G-AXXJ, climbs away. Ivan Berryman's painting captures the imagination and one can almost hear the characteristic sound of an Islander taking off

Saywell international is one of BNAPS' corporate sponsors and has a worldwide reputation as a leading aircraft parts stockist and supplier. Apart from holding a large stock of parts for B-N aircraft, the company's connection with the Islander was extended in a new direction when Shoreham based Haywards Aviation was acquired in the 1970s. The airline provided freight and passenger services between the UK mainland and the Channel Islands.



Peter Saywell (right) with artist Ivan Berryman and the painting in Saywell International's heritage area.

Many thanks go to Peter Saywell and his team at Worthing for allowing BNAPS to hold the meeting there and to Ben Wilson for setting up the facilities and arrangements for handing over the painting making it a memorable day.

B-N Group Donates Islander Parts to BNAPS

BNAPS' John Kenyon was in touch with B-N Group earlier this year in an effort to track parts from VCN that might have been left on site at the Bembridge works. It so happened that retired B-N Islander G-AXZK, once used for apprentice training, is now being rebuilt as a training aid for B-N trainees and customer training. This work is the responsibility of Paul Culshaw, B-N's Licensed Training Instructor.

Our request for help must have coincided with the release of surplus parts from the rebuild of G-AXZK and came as a welcome surprise to our VCN restoration operations team. These parts are much needed as our rebuild of VCN progresses.

BNAPS collected the parts on a bitterly cold day in April. Many thanks go to Paul and to B-N Group management for making this possible. We are pleased to add B-N Group to our list of sponsors for our project.



Included in the parts handed over was a pair of square wingtips that BNAPS restoration team needed, together with a number of other items such as engine cowlings, doors, ailerons, windows and detail items that will all be put to good use.

Aurigny Air Services Review Aircraft Fleet for the Future

Recent reports in news media indicate that following the departure of Aurigny MD, Malcolm Hart, the new MD, Mark Darby, is taking a close look at the future direction for Aurigny Air Services and the aircraft types that will make up its fleet.

One aspect of its business that is a focus of attention is the Trislander operation serving inter-island routes and the "long range" route between Alderney and Southampton where, as a type, the Trislander has served the route for over 40 years and provides an essential service for the Alderney residents and for visitors alike.

Aurigny currently operate 6 Trislanders with one Trislander in storage. All are fitted with autopilots to allow single pilot operation under CAA rules and more recently, having successfully completed trials of new GPS/EGNOS based navigation systems, it is understood that the Trislanders could have at least another 10 years of operational life ahead.

It will be interesting to see what emerges as a replacement plan that can provide the same level of service and with comparable levels of economy. The Trislander is certainly a rival to the DC 3 in terms of longevity and leaves one with the question of whether "the only replacement for a Trislander is another Trislander".

For breaking news see: <http://www.alderneyjournal.com/readnews.php?id=1302>

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

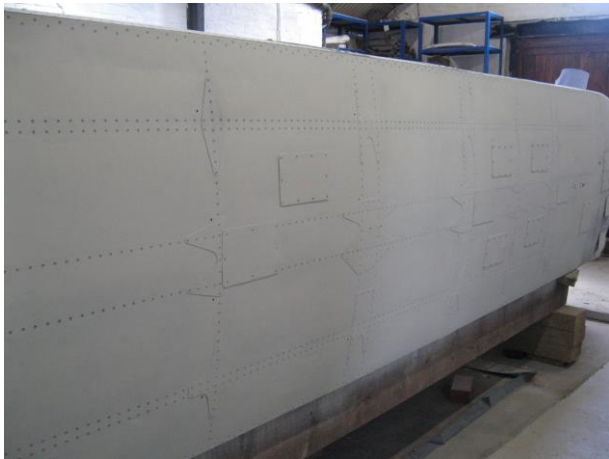
BNAPS attended this event to "show the flag". Some sales were made and a number of useful contacts resulted. Fortunately BNAPS stand was in the heated function room at Old Sarum rather than in the adjacent hangar housing the Boscombe Down Aviation Collection which was bitterly cold.

VCN Restoration Update – Latest News May 2013

Progress of the work on the fuselage has been steady and is now nearing the stage when the fuselage can be returned to the upright position and the remaining fuselage restoration work such as replacing the floor, instrument panels and controls can be completed.



Paul Thomasson and Keith Winter applying the finishing touches to installation of the rearmost under fuselage panel after remanufacture of the skin and access panels plus major repairs to the frame.



A major achievement has been removal, refurbishment and re-fitting of the large 12 ft. x 4 ft. belly skin section that involved the placement of over 1700 rivets. Bob Ward completed the restoration and replacement of the remaining under fuselage access panels. With the completion of these under fuselage restoration tasks, two coats of etch prime have been applied and the next stage is to apply two coats of polyurethane top coat. Once fully dry the fuselage will be returned to its normal upright position.



Pat Gallagher has taken over the Avionics Bay refurbishment work from Guy Palmer. Cleaning and masking is now almost complete and ready for spraying Matt black. Guy Palmer is working with Bryan Groves on the instrument panels and researching the panel layouts, representative instrument line up and possible sources for the actual instruments needed.

As the BNAPS Trustees planned to be at Worthing for the BNAPS Trust meeting, arrangements had been made to call on nearby Northbrook College based at Shoreham Airport. Thanks go to Aircraft Engineering Course Supervisor, John Sartain and two of his colleagues from the engineering dept., for giving Peter Graham, Bob Wilson, Guy Palmer, John Kenyon and Bob Wealthy a tour of the various workshop areas in the Aircraft Engineering Dept. and later to discuss whether the college could envisage taking on some of the restoration work for VCN such as the control surfaces. BNAPS agreed to prepare an outline work plan and will discuss this with the college later in the year.

Sopwith Bat-Boat First Flight 100th Exhibition – As a slight diversion from matters B-N, BNAPS News readers may like to visit the Bat-Boat 100 exhibition at the Classic Boat Museum Gallery in East Cowes. The exhibition will feature a 1/8 scale model of the Sopwith Bat-Boat built by Tony Saunders of Tony Saunders Marine Models of Ryde and a specially commissioned Ivan Berryman painting that depicts the Bat-Boat over the River Medina. The exhibition opens on 8 June and will continue until 28 September. For more information contact the Bat-Boat 100 project by telephone on 01329 315561 or by e mail at solentaeromarine@hotmail.co.uk Note that normal Classic Boat Museum opening times and entry charges will apply.

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/

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 on 07709226063 or by e mail: mj.kenyon90@btinternet.com

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 resumed at the end of September. Separate announcements will be circulated to BNAPS Supporters as necessary in the intervening period.

If anyone is willing to give a talk or presentation, generally on an aviation related topic, that would be of interest then please contact Bob Wealthy on 01329 315561 or any of the BNAPS Trustees.

20/21 July 2013 - Vintage Aircraft Club Fly-in Bembridge Airport.

BNAPS has recently attended a meeting with the Vectis Gliding Club and the Propeller Inn discuss how best to support the VAC weekend.

On the ground side BNAPS will have access to the large marquee courtesy of the Propeller Inn. A Transport Collectors Fair is planned for the Saturday. Local organisations will be invited to support the fair, cost is £10/pitch, tables can be provided at £5/table if required. In mid-afternoon BNAPS will auction an original Ivan Berryman artwork depicting VCN taking off from Bembridge together with prints and items of aviation memorabilia.

Further details of the event will be circulated in due course.

BNAPS Trust

BNAPS is a Registered Charity, No. 1100735, set up to "preserve the history and aircraft of Britten-Norman with the support of members' subscriptions, sponsorship and donations"

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