



AIRSCREW

October 2018

There is a Club Meeting this Wednesday October 17th at The Flying Shack, Staverton
Meet up around 7.30pm for an 8pm start

Starting off the first of our winter talks is **Steve Slade, talking about his "Flying Adventures over the last 30 years"**

This should be a fascinating talk so please make an effort to attend if you can.



Steve Slade at Bowldown earlier this year



Here's a shot Steve took of the flooded Severn Estuary back in 2010

How's your Air Law knowledge?

If it has been a few years since you took your flying exams or if you are just starting out then you might benefit from checking out this really good **free** online resource.

Here you can revise and take practice air law exams.

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Many Thanks



2018 Club Meetings and Events

- January – SVMC AGM – and something special
- February – SVMC, A trip to the Jet Age museum Staverton
- March – SVMC, Tom Hay CFI from The Shack on his flying career both in Spain and locally (7:30 for 8)
- April – no meeting, time to fettle those aircraft
- **May – Summer flying season starts**
- May 5th and 5th - **Popham Microlight Show** – great weather massive turn out both days
- May 16th – SVMC BBQ - The Shack at **Staverton** BBQ – windy – (7 planes but over 30 attended).
- June 15th, 24th – **Fly-UK** – Windy and gusting
- June 23rd, 28th - **France** (Français-Friendly) – (around 45 planes), Rob Keene Banadets, Montauban
- June 27th – SVMC Picnic - **Defford** (12 planes 30 people), Mike Porter, Brian Finch
- July 5th – SVMC BBQ, **Abergavenny** (25 planes 51 people), Frank Cavacuiti and John Hunt
- July 7th – SVMC Breakfast – **Ebrington** (12 Planes 20 people). William Stanley Home Farm
- July 12th – SVMC Feast, **Over Farm** (19 planes 60 people), The Keene's, John and Monica Hamer
- July 18th – SVMC Picnic, **Doynton** (12 planes 18 people), John Sparks
- July 25th – SVMC BBQ, **Redlands** (29 planes 56 people), Joe & Sarah Smith, Les and Ann Hosegood
- August 1st – SVMC Picnic, **Bolwdown** (9 Planes 16 people), Greville Vernon
- August 21st – SVMC BBQ, **Hawling** (28 Planes ?? people), John and Sue Davis
- August 28th – 30th – Spamfield IOW
- September 5th – SVMC BBQ, **Windrush** (15 Planes 30 people) Roy Limbrick,
- September ??? – round the season off with a weekend fly in Mike Lewis
- **September 19th – Committee Meeting to organize winter schedule – Toby Carvery, Over 8pm**
- **October – SVMC Winter Meetings start (The Flying Shack)**
- **October 17th – 'Flying Adventures' Steve Slade special on over 30 years of flying**
- November 21st - 'Racing for Rhinos' Fiona and Angus went to Botswana in May and raced with 120 pilots around a 300m course in the desert.
- **December Wednesday 19th – XMAS PARTY, Over Farm Barn**
- **January 2019 – AGM**
- **February 2019 – France 2018 Tour - Flying, eating, drinking – Jon, Phil, Mark and Ed**
- **March 2019 – To be confirmed**

Winter meetings starts now

Don't forget that the winter meetings start this month and as normal it's the third Wednesday in the month. What we will also be doing will be putting the meetings on the web site under events. No excuses, mark up your calendars and make the effort to attend.

Can you trust yourself? Maybe you need a check list.

As we all get older have you noticed that things that happen automatically as part of routine sometimes don't happen any more! Like leaving the house and finding that actually you didn't lock the door even though you are sure you did. Well it's now happening to me. On 29th September no doubt every club member with a functioning aircraft was thinking about flying. A gorgeous day for it, no wind to speak of, almost perfect visibility and let's face it with winter coming we all need to seize the moment.



I arranged to meet Pete down at Over in the morning but he needed to be home mid-afternoon, so any long flights were not going to happen. Spoke to Paddy down at Broad Meadow and his plan was Rosemarket, which although inviting was just too far for us. By the time we had fluffed about and got ready to go the decision on where to go still hadn't been made and it was past 11. Getting hungry it had to be somewhere with food so whilst not that exciting we PPR'd Shobdon and set out.

All was well with myself in front masquerading as P1 until Pete says – *"I have your seat belt in my hand, it was flapping around outside"*. What! Bugger and blast how did that happen, *'Take the wires Pete while I sort it out'*. Not that easy with a lap board and cables everywhere. Pete grabbed the wires and held DC on course while I rectified the situation. The flight continued, mill pond smooth as we flew along on the edge of the inversion - perfect. Even better as we approached Shobdon the 8.33 radio appeared to be working better than it has all season. Thanks mainly to the fact I had also forgotten the Garmin GLO GPS so had parked the Ipad and Sky Demon in favor of the chart. So finally - the source of the radio issues this season appears to be the proximity of the GPS and Ipad. Any hints on how far apart these things need to be?

The sky around Shobdon was hectic and getting calls in was a challenge as over ten aircraft all seemed to be heading in to dinner at exactly the same time. I finally got the call in overhead and followed the center line to avoid the gliders and tug plane to join the circuit down wind. Busy, yes, but the radio was working well so at least the stress of not really knowing exactly what was being said had gone. We landed, strapped the plane down to stop it being blown away by those carefree GA types and had lunch. I soon forgot the GPS and seat belt issues, so that is perhaps a deeper problem – forgetting what you forgot in the first place.

We drank tea and ate bacon then it was time for Pete to clamber in for the return leg as P1, All the RT went fine and we departed for Over. In contrast to the leg I had flown Pete had a workout he hadn't bargained on as the thermals were now popping into the cool clear sky. No problem – not for me, snoozing without a care in the world in the back. We arrived back at Over landed and started to put DC away. Oh no – what the hell! It appeared that the trike cover on the port side hadn't been secured properly. Neither of us had spotted that and on the return leg it had torn clear of the Velcro holding the top to the frame and moved back in the wind to sit on the exhaust. The top of the cover was now burnt to a crisp. I'd like to fix the blame firmly on someone else but I can't. I don't know why I was having brain fade all day but clearly I was.

No major incidents but the GPS, the seat belt and the side cover just confirm to me that I can no longer trust myself and I need to go back to the good old days when a little knowledge meant that you used check lists. Along with the side cover repair we will be fabricating a selection of appropriate check lists to stop this ever happening again. **Then all we have to do is remember where we put the check lists!**

Oh, and to round the day off while the air was calm all around the hangars, we looked sideways to find some swirly eddie came around the corner, picked the wing up and dumped it back on the floor exactly where it came from – but upside down.



There is a message in there somewhere... What is it Bond says – Once is happenstance, Twice Coincidence – Three times is enemy action. This flying lark needs to be taken a bit more seriously. **Check lists – check lists are the future.** Just be careful out there...

Aerospace Museum Filton

If your looking for something to do on a dull winter's day then why not check out the Aerospace Museum at Filton, Bristol..

So what do you get for your £15 entrance fee?

The museum is split into two main parts. The first exhibition consists of all the early history and has aircraft and engines from the beginnings of flying right through to missile systems. There is even a Bristol car.

The second part is the new Concorde hangar which is very impressive. You can walk all around the aircraft and you are allowed to walk down a small part of the inside of the passenger seating area.

There is a café if you want to finish off your visit with some refreshments.

I personally thoroughly enjoyed my day and would recommend it as a place to visit.



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Club Merchandise

<https://svmc.info/svmc-merchandise>

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