

29th December 2006

Well the christmas festivities are over for another year, we hope you all had a good time.

We wish you all the very best for the new year and hope to see you flying (an Escapade or Easy Raider) into a jailbreak sometime soon.

29th November 2006

Well its that time again, up the road to the NEC in Birmingham. For those not conversant with the British Microlight calendar, its time again for the Sport and Leisure Aviation show (formally Telford or SPLASH) this weekend 2/3 December.

We look forward to seeing you there, we will be on stand 50.

25th August 2006

Well that's another PFA rally done and dusted, thanks to all who came and visited us. Shame about the weather. Maybe a second try this weekend (26/27) with the wing Farm fly-in/jailbreak. Hope to see you there.

2 new pictures

Firstly newly completed and waiting for permit to test Eddie Bishop and Liz Dunn's great looking Rotax powered with new DUC propeller

And secondly our new demonstrator, which has flown 2 hours so far, Jabiru powered with Newton prop.

13th August 2006

Well its here again, so we look forward to seeing you all at the PFA Rally oops Flying For Fun at Kemble airfield on the 18/19/20 August. We are on stand 97.

18th May 2006

Tomorrow is the day for the new June edition of Pilot magazine to be in UK shops, contents this month include a flight test report and pictures of the UK Escapade.

1st May 2006

Firstly a very great thank you to all those Escapees who brought their aircraft to Popham and disported them around the stand, next year a concentrated fly by in (very loose) formation would seem to be in order. If the SkyR*?/@ mob can do it so can we!

Also thanks to those non (or soon to be) Escapees who also came to see us, nice to make new friends.

More to follow, thanks again.

22nd April 2006

Well only a week to go to the "opening" of the season, of course I mean the Microlight Show at Popham to be held on the 29/30 of April. We will be there and weather permitting we hope to have at least 4 aircraft flying in, the new demonstrator will also be there for sitting in, wing folding etc. We are also hoping to be able to do trial flights at Chilbolton on the Saturday evening.

We look forward to seeing you there.

5th April 2006

G-VNON gets its First flight (at last.) The aircraft took to the air at lunchtime on Wednesday in the capable hands of Tom Porteous. After three 30 minute flights Tom declared the aircraft to be a delight to fly and it had passed its formal test. A few more hours of endurance flying and a full permit will be issued.

March 2006

G-VNON is still ready and still waiting for its permit... however it does seem to be at the top of the heap now.

G-SCPD is also awaiting its permit, last heard of at number 3 in the queue.

We will again be hosting BMAA Inspectors' days – 5th and 6th March. For more information please contact Rob Hill, Chief Inspector, BMAA.

Work is in progress on our new – Jabiru – demonstrator. We're aiming to show it at Popham show this year.

Pilot magazine came along to do a photoshoot in preparation for an Escapade review, we'll let you know which issue as soon as we know.

We gave a talk to Andover PFA strut on Monday 13 Feb – nice to see some familiar faces there. The next talk will be to Chilbolton Flying Club. If anyone else wants to book us you know where we are!

01/02/06

Firstly a belated Happy New Year or Kong Hee Fatt Choy which is probably a more timely greeting.

UK production is up and running with the first completely UK kits having been delivered in November and December.

Congratulations to Clive on the first flight of G-PADE on the 24th January.

G-VNON is ready and waiting its permit to test fly.

We had a good time at the NEC and thank all who came to see us.

Updating of this site will continue with the map and owners being our priority!

19/12/05

Happy Christmas To All Builders And Flyers!

We hope you like the look of our new website. Please be patient while old content is updated.

Any constructive criticism or suggestions welcome.

24/11/05

We will be on Stand 29 at the Sport & Leisure Aviation Show at Birmingham NEC on the 26th & 27th November.

We look forward to seeing you there.

29/04/05



G-ESKA has completed its 25 hours and has its permit to fly (contact us for demo flights)

01/12/04

Firstly, apologies to all those avid readers of our site that we have not published anything new for a (long) while - we have had a turbulent /hectic year summarised as follows:

1. 20 kits sold, received, repackaged, inventoried and distributed.
2. Development of the firewall forward package for the Escapade including getting exhaust system, oil sump tank and water radiators made.
3. From January 05, the fuselage (and some of the larger units) will be fabricated in the UK; this has required the tooling to be built.
4. Building of our new 912 demonstrator
5. In conjunction with the engineering department of the PFA, an agenda for JAR/VLA certification has been devised and progress is being made. Further news on this early in the New Year after Francis Donaldson has again flown the Escapade.

Unfortunately (is this the word I want) due to the popularity of the Escapade the manufacturing department have not had any spare capacity for the production of Easy Raider kits. We hope to correct this during the coming year.

01/11/04

Telford show: once again thanks to all who came and talked to us, particularly to our builders - especially Rob Hughes and Mark Jones - who not only talked to us but to many other potential and actual builders (donkey and hind leg come to mind!).

As you can see from the picture, Rob had to do double duty - as the model accompanying the aeroplane!



Don't forget to visit Rob's build diary website at www.escapadebuild.co.uk

01/08/04

PFA Group A approval: There has been talk of obtaining PFA Group A approval for the Escapade almost since its inception. A flight with Tom Porteous for Francis Donaldson of the PFA has now been followed up with a very positive meeting. Francis for the PFA, Tom Porteous and John Hamer for the BMAA, Jeremy Harris and Terry Francis all met to discuss what work needed doing to obtain JAR/VLA (Group A) approval.

The improvement in the exchange rate has meant that some kit options are now part of the (upgraded) standard kit.

Joe Trujillo, Just Aircraft's weld master, came over from the USA - "visited with" some builders and took on board some comments on improving the kit. He also managed to fit in a (very) early morning walk to Stonehenge to witness the annual Solstice event, Druids and all!



To assist our Rotax demonstrator's progress, Chris Piper (of CKT Aeroengineering, www.ckt-engineering.co.uk) started work on developing an exhaust system.

We now have a range of clothing available, see [Clothing](#) page.

01/07/04

PFA rally at Kemble



01/05/04

Aerofair 2004: Popham microlight show.



First appearance of Reality Aircraft's latest recruit, Justin (as in Justin time to be given all the grotty jobs!)





01/04/04

Sun'n'Fun 2004 - Escapade N119JA was awarded "Grand Champion" prize in "Light plane" category.



BMAA Inspectors again spent a couple of day with us at the Reality Aircraft workshop doing Escapade familiarisation days.

"Development of the Easy Raider and Escapade" - a talk given by Terry to the Royal Aeronautical Society, Light Aviation Group, in London