

Welcome to Edition Number 6, Mar 2013

Welcome to another newsletter, weather has been appalling hasn't it.... Anyway, as I write this newsletter, the sun is shining and happy days are ahead.... Our biggest news since the last edition is that we



have decided to proceed initially and cautiously with the CAA manufacturers approval A8-1, which would mean we would be able to sell ready to fly microlights. We anticipate approval will not be gained until 2nd half of 2014, and if the process proves to be too costly or unreasonably difficult, then we may bail out!

Other news is that we have finished our new microlight demonstrator MFOX (nose wheel 80 HP), it will be on display with ETUG at all the aviation shows this year. We have also uploaded some interesting videos on our website—wing

fold sequence and a montage of 2012 aerotowing performances—check them out...

EuroFOX News

It is with great sadness that we must report the untimely death of Richard Arkle based at Aboyne airfield. Richard had a EuroFOX on order and was due to visit the factory in late January 13. We received a message saying that he had died whilst traveling abroad and that he would not be able to complete his order. Richard had come onto the EuroFOX stand at the NEC in December very excited about his 2013 project, we are all saddened by his death.

A trust fund is being set up in his name at Aboyne in order to help fund youngsters into gliding and to solo status, EuroFOX has promised to return Richard's aircraft deposit to this fund when it is set up. Anyone interested in donating to this fund should contact us.

Ken Flies the nest

Ken Watt who has been building his EuroFOX at Shobdon under the guidance of Adrian Lloyd since late last summer has completed all his test and flying duties and took off for his home base Ashcroft near Manchester during February. Well done Ken, end of that 6 month holiday!! See below Ken's aircraft in readiness for departure.



EuroFOX project progress

Peter Gregory who is building his tail wheel LAA aircraft at Shobdon has all but finished, final inspection carried out, we hope Peter will be airborne by the next newsletter. Nick McLeod near Aberdeen has also been seen taxiing his blue tail dragger around and again he should be flying by the next newsletter. Nick Heywood based near Gloucester is close to running his engine on his nose wheel BMAA machine, we hope to have a photo of his aircraft next edition. G UFOX syndicate is in a similar position with their BMAA tail dragger, its all getting exciting for spring time. Malcolm Talbot, Chris Norman and Colin White, have all made good progress and we will keep you informed of their status in the next newsletter. Sutton Bank gliding club will receive their tug aircraft early April, along with Mark Houghton (BMAA nose wheel) Sutton Bank will have the first rope retraction system approved by the LAA, keeps us ahead of the wannabe competition! We had a super report in S&G magazine about the EuroFOX working hard at Banbury gliding club, thanks to Peter and Roger for this, so pleased you are delighted with the aircraft.



Extras

We have a small number of “wheel jacking plates” in stock at Oaksey for £25, gives a secure base for jacking the main fuselage up if needed. (see above) Also, for nose wheel aircraft, a plastic cap to fit over the nose wheel swivel nut. A water proof lightweight travel canopy is being sourced from our friends at Eurofox USA (Aerotrek). Finally Nick Heywood has made a sturdy tail wheel for use on the tail skid of the nose wheel aircraft when the wings are folded back, we have a small number at Oaksey.

Other News

The CAA have agreed in principle a noise approval ticket for a 100 HP BMAA aircraft without the need for a £500 test. It seems daft to me that microlights are discriminated against in this way, an identical EuroFOX group “A” aircraft can make as much noise as it likes!! Rotax issued an Alert service bulletin on cylinder head assemblies, all UK Eurofox aircraft are not affected.

We would like to ask all builders to help with our efforts to promote the EuroFOX by sending in photos or articles when they have finished their build, the LAA and BMAA magazines are tired of hearing from me all the time!

Check out a couple of our builders blogs (G UFOX and G MOYR), links to these on our website
We are still after your pics for the office “wall of fame”, please email them in. Bye for now.