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EDITORIAL

I would like to begin this month by wishing all readers a merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year. I would also like to thank all correspondents for their support during 1965. New correspondents will always be welcome of course. Next year will see a permanent expansion in the size of Y.A.N. and it is hoped that circulation will also be increased. The latter is very much dependent on YOU.

The paragraph on disused Yorkshire airfields in last month's issue has provoked more letters than any other article this year, in fact, five were received. An article in the January issue will deal with a complete list of airfields in Yorkshire that are in use at the present. Other articles in preparation include a list of aircraft manufacturing factories that are or were in Yorkshire, histories of Yeadon based aircraft, Yorkshire crashes and histories of Yorkshire based military units. Any articles and information would be most gratefully received.

We would like to receive readers views on the possibility of covering airfields outside Yorkshire, with particular regard to Lincolnshire e.g. Kirton-in-Linsey, Binbrook, Manby, Syerston and others. If no views are received, we will take steps to obtain correspondents from these areas. M.W.S.

SECRETARYS DESK

The first Branch meeting since May was our monthly held on 7th Dec in the Otley Room of the Great Northern Hotel. About forty members enjoyed a most entertaining talk/discussion with Allen Rowley, the Air Correspondent of the Yorkshire Evening Post.

Future meetings have been arranged as follows:-

2nd Jan 1966 — this is an extra meeting which has been asked for by members to cover the lost September meeting. A slide show will most probably be on the programme. Venue will be the Yorkshire Aeroplane Club.

30th Jan 1966 — the A.G.M. for further details see below.

27th Feb 1966 — programme as yet undecided.

27th March 1966 — a lecture and slide show by the Northern Aircraft Preservation

Society. Meeting will be held in the Yorkshire Aeroplane Club at 3p.m.

At the meeting on 31st. October the Branch accepted the proposal of the Committee that the Committee be reduced in size to seven. The Committee will therefore be made up as follows:- Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Treasurer, Secretary, Distribution Officer, Y.A.N. Editor and Publicity Officer. (J.A.S.).

BRANCH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

It is now over a year since the Branch was formed and the time is approaching when we should have an A.G.M. This is the ideal opportunity for members to put forward their own suggestions for the running of the Branch during 1966, so it is hoped that we will obtain a 100% turnout for the meeting. The date, time and place are as follows so please make a note of this and come along.

30th January 1966 starting 3.00 p.m. in the Yorkshire Aeroplane Club.

My appeal for notice of any motions has met with no response, so at this time we cannot advise you on the agenda. Topics which will come up are election of Branch Officials and Branch Committee.

Please come along and heckle if nothing else. (J.A.S.).

AIR-BRITAIN SUBSCRIPTIONS 1966.

The subscriptions for membership of Air-Britain for 1966 will be 50/-. Digest will be delivered to all members monthly and will include for the first time B.C.A.N. (This will mean an increase to those members who have only been receiving Digest this year but no increase for those members who are already subscribing to B.C.A.N.)

Please could we have our renewals for Air-Britain as soon as possible. Send them to Mr. D.A.Senior, 15 Southleigh Crescent, Leeds 11.

(J.A.S.)

YORKSHIRE AIRCRAFT AT THE BATTLE OF BRITAIN DISPLAYS.

— all Jet Provosts.

XP626 39/1 F.T.S. at Waddington. XS220 47/3 F.T.S. at Ternhill.
XS175 X/7 F.T.S. at Waddington. XP617 H/7 F.T.S. at Abingdon.
XR668 45/1 F.T.S. at Biggin Hill. (Credits:- M.T.Powell, London Aviation News and Fly-past).

CROSLAND MOOR, HUDDERSFIELD.

G-ARDH Dove 8 flew to McAlpine Aviation Ltd. at Luton on 11/10 to become the first British registered executive Riley-Dove (disregarding the demonstrator). G-ARDH was replaced by the now elderly Dove 6 G-AMDD until the Riley conversion returns at the end of November.

Brook Motor's Horizon G-ATDG will be returning to Sywell to have an extra radio fitted and the Meta-Sokol G-AROF will return for an unspecified length of time. It is believed but not certain that G-AROF will be sold and G-ATDG will return.

(D.W.I.Nicholas).

BUGANNEER NEWS

A visit to Brough in October showed that the latest S.2 on the line was XT283. (J.A.S.).

VALLIANTS AT FINNINGLEY (Adds to P.43).

XD868 was the third B.C.D.U. machine, ex 138/90 Sqn.

WP211, 212, 213 and 216 are all ex 138 Sqn. WZ362 and 365 both ex 199 Sqn.

WZ363 actually crashed in 1964 not 1965.

No. 18 Sqn. has since been re-activated at Odiham with "choppers". (P.A.Jackson).

BROUGH MOVEMENTS

5/7 WP312 Sea Prince. Also 13/7. 12/8 G-ARMH Aztec.
7/7 G-APZG Comanche. 13/8 G-AOGM J/5P Autocar.
5/8 G-AOBV J/5P Autocar. Also 11/8. 18/8 G-ARVP Cherokee.
6/8 G-ASMG Dove 8. 19/8 G-APMV Heron 2.

WP313 Sea Prince. 670/HF. (P.A.Jackson and M.J.Roberts via Tyneside Branch news sheet).

R.A.F. LINTON-ON-OUSE

Chipmunk WG479 O/1 F.T.S. has been confirmed (P.38). Another discrepancy to our list of 1 F.T.S. Chipmunks, published on P.38 is WG469 K (noted 17/10) and an additional one is WZ884 P which was the last of the type built for the R.A.F. (C.K. and P.A.Jackson).

CORRECTIONS TO ISSUE No.8.

P.45 Sea Devon at Linton should read XK895 and the Vampire XE857.

P.46 Yeadon movements 14/10 G-ASXU should read G-ASXV (C.K.).

POCKLINGTON

A visit on 1/11 produced nothing, but information received was that Piaggio P.166 'RUJ is a regular visitor and there are two to three visitors per week to R.B.Masseys hangar. (P.A.Jackson).

DISHFORTH.

A visit on 6/11 produced the following new scrap — XP682 Jet Provost H/7 F.T.S., XR542 Gnat T.1 15/4 F.T.S. Flying around was Sea Devon XK895 of the Flying Sea Cadets and under-going overhaul was XS679 Wessex and Canberras WJ611 H and WT566.

(S.Pillow via P.A.Jackson).

R.A.F. FINNINGLEY.

The Shackleton WL754 F/42 Sqn. should be added to the flying display list and the Hunters of 229 O.C.U. missed from P.39 were XF383 14, XF521 19 and XG226 6.

(M.T.Powell and P.A.Jackson).

R.A.F. BINBROOK

No 5 Sqn. until recently based at Geilenkirchen, Germany, equipped with Javelin F.A.W. 9's is to be based here and will be re-equipped with Lightning F.3's (Air Pictorial). The Vampire that visited here on 4/5 was probably an NF3 VG698 (C.K.).

The Pembroke here on 14/6 has serial RM-Z and belongs to 20eme Escadrille. (P.A.J.).

The present residents units are No.85 Sqn. and the D.F.C.S. Until the airfield is reopened No.85 is operating from Marham and the D.F.C.S. from Honington.

D.F.C.S. Hunter F6. XG197 A XG204 B XG209 C XG161 P XF382 R XF512 S XF418 T XF453 V
XG185 still as F/A.F.D.S.

Hunter T7. XL573 T XL593 N XL595 O.

No.85 Sqn. Canberra T.11. WJ610 B WH724 C WH904 D WJ975 E WH714 K.

Canberra T.4. WT485 G WE193 H WJ678.

Meteor F(TT)8. WH301 T WH305 V WK654 X WL106 Y WH364.

Meteor T.7. WF816 ? WL378 W WH223 ?.

(M.W.S. and Southend Aeronews).

LECONFIELD MOVEMENTS

3/10	G-ASWI	Westland S58 Srs.60.	26/10	G-ARYG	Aztec "B". G-ASOH Baron.
7/10	XL621	Hunter T.7. "C"		XN794	Lightning F.2. XM968 T.4.
10/10	K16/OT-CWG	C-47 Belg A.F.	29/10	XL563	Hunter T.7 (1st prod. T.7).
12/10	XM88	Lightning F.1A		XH558	Vulcan B.2.
	WZ459	Vampire T.11 "71" / 1 F.T.S.		XH568	Canberra T.4 "Flook" R.A.E.
	XE932	Vampire T.11 "53" / 1 F.T.S.			Nose probe.
	WF331	Varsity T.1 "331"		XN493	Jet Provost 30/7 F.T.S.
14/10	XM517	Britannia C.1.	2/11	38540	Bell UH-1B U.S.Army.
	G-ATAR	Aztec "C" Also 21/10, 10/11	3/11	XK884	Pembroke. WV741 on 18/11.
		and 29/10.		G-ASKW	Apache 235.
15/10	CP-12, CP-21, CP-32, CP-39, CP-43			G-APUE	Meta-Sokol.
	and CP-44	C-119's of the Belgian A.F.	9/11	XS773	Basset.
		For codes see P.44.		XS790	Andover.
	G-ASMA	Twin Comanche. Also 20 and 21/10.		G-ATBV	Aztec "C"
	TX225	Anson, TX229 and TX154 on 16/10.	10/11	G-ARWF	Cessna 310G
18/10	XM374	Jet Provost 16/2 F.T.S. Also		WJ921	Varsity "F".
	XN597	11/2 F.T.S.	12/11	WV318	Hunter T.7.
	XL391	Vulcan		XN446	Jet Provost 26/7 F.T.S.
	4C831	F-4C Phantom (approaches).		XR651	Jet Provost M/7 F.T.S.
	TX192	Anson. VM394 on 2/11.		G-ARFF	Queen Air 65.
21/10	G-ASNK	Cessna 205.			
	O33295	VC-118. O33251 on 26/10.			
22/10	XE665	Hunter T.8 R.N.			(I.Carling).
25/10	G-APTK	Cessna 310.			

202 Sqn. Whirlwind XJ723 is now coded "F".

The Lightning F.2 XN794 which arrived here in mid-October from 33 M.U. Lyneham was painted all silver and coded "P" on tail on 29/10. Believed for 92 Sqn.

Lightning F.1 XG325 left Warton for Leconfield during the last week in October on a Queen Mary. To 60 M.U. (P.A.Jackson).

DISUSED YORKSHIRE AIRFIELDS

Additions and corrections to page 46.

Sutton-on-Hull is not an airfield, it was a barrage balloon repair station during W.W.2 and was used by the R.A.F. Fire School post-war. Closed in 1958 and moved to Manston. Now home of 152 Sqn. A.T.C. and will soon become a housing estate.

During 1953 Sutton-on-Hull had over one hundred aircraft there including Spitfires, Mosquito's, Lancasters, Dakota's (Kings Flight) and German W.W.2 types — Is it too much to ask for a list ?

Catterick is, of course, in the North Riding of Yorkshire.

Croft is also known as Neasham and Catfoss is spelt with one "t".

Additions to the list are as follows:- Bellasize, Carnaby, Hedon, Hutton Cranswick, Marston Moor, Riccall, Skipton-on-Swale, Snaith (Also known as Pollington), Speeton, Thornaby-on-Tees, Wombledon, Scorton, Kingston-on-Hull, Shelf, Ringstone Edge, Skipsea, Kirby Moorside, Firbock, and Bircotes.

It is hoped to run another, complete list of all airfields with locations in the January issue. (M.W.S., P.A.Jackson, C.K., J.J.Coope, D.Allen and I.Carling).

BLACKBURN BEVERLEY (Adds to P.44).

C/n 1000 was in fact the civil version of the G.A.L.60 Universal Mk.1. Built at Hanworth and taken to Brough for its first flight on 20/6/50. Fitted with C-130 type rear doors.

C/n 1001 was the first G.A.L.65/B.100 Universal Mk.2. Converted to Beverley C.1 after 135 hrs. 55 mins. flying time. First flight was 14/6/53.

C/n 1002 first flew 29/1/55.

C/n 1003 first flew 30/3/55 and used the civil reg. G-AOEK in order to transport 129 tons of oil drilling equipment from Umm Said to Fahud (Arabia), a distance of 365 miles.

With the imminent replacement of the Beverley by the C-130, it is hoped to run a complete list of Beverley's, giving details of each individual machine and the unit that operated it. The Editor would be very pleased to receive info. on this subject.

(P.A.Jackson).

COWICK HALL, SNAITH (Nr. Goolo).

Croda Ltd. have an 800 x 50 foot airstrip here thanks to the efforts of their managing director Mr. F.A.S.Wood. The "Northern News" for 11/11 showed that Cessna 150 G-ASYP landing here. If traffic warrants Croda will buy their own aircraft. The strip was "tried out" during the Spring and was opened in the summer. (P.A.Jackson).

LATE NEWS

A 92 Sqn. Lightning has made a nosewheel-up landing at Leconfield recently, possibly the 15 or 16/11. (P.A.Jackson).

LEEDS/BRADFORD (YEADON) MOVEMENTS.

28/10 G-ASNA Aztec B. Also 2, 6, 11/11. 8/11 XJ324 Sea Devon.
G-ARDE Dove 6. Also 7, 9, 10/12. G-APTY Bonanza.
G-ATDL Cessna 310J. Also 29/10, 3, 4, 5, 8/11. 10/11 G-ASWP Musketeer
10/11 G-ASFF Apache 235
29/10 G-ATAR Aztec C. Also 23/11, 7, 9/12. G-ARFZ Dove 8.
G-ATGO Cessna F172G. Also 24/11. G-AMDD Dove 6.
G-ATAI Dove 8. Also 31/10. G-ASMJ Cessna F172E.
G-ARQJ Airedale. 12/11 G-ARFF Queen Air 65.
30/10 G-APUE Meta-Sokol. G-ARUM Dove 8.
31/10 G-ASNG Dove 5. Also 15/11. G-ARCN President.
2/11 G-ASRN Twin Comanche 14/11 G-ASWL Cessna F172F.
G-ASFG Aztec B. Also 3, 5/11, 2, 6, 10, 23/11 11/12. 24/11 G-ASPC Piaggio P.166B.
G-ASXV Queen Air 80. Also 5/11. G-ASRI Aztec C.
3/11 G-AIYR Dragon Rapido. G-ASTU Queen Air 80.
G-AOHZ J/5P Autocar N/S. 25/11 G-ARGI Auster 6A.
G-ATFG Brantly B2B. Also 23/11, 1/12. 26/11 G-ATEN Twin Comanche.
G-ASNK Beech H.18. Also 3/12. G-ARHX Dove 8.
G-BAU DC-6B. Sterling. Left 5/11. G-ATCX Cessna 182H.
4/11 G-ATBV Aztec C. 30/11 G-ARYG Aztec B Also 7/12.
G-ASNO Baron. Also 7, 10/12. G-ASTH Hiller UH-12C.
G-ARWL Cessna 182. 2/12 G-ASOE Hiller UH-12C.
G-ARLW Cessna 172B. 3/12 G-ARMH Aztec.
G-AOUV Freighter 31. B.U.A.F. Also 10/11. 4/12 G-ASYB Aztec C.
37899 Beaver. U.A.Army N/S. 9/12 G-ASHV Aztec B.
5/11 G-ASKW Apache 235. Also 8/11. D-IEVA Baron.
G-ASYA Commander 56CF. 10/12 G-AMZY Dove 8XC.
G-AMZN Dove 6. G-AJGT Dove 7XC.
G-ASEP Apache 235 N/S.

Credits:- M.Wadie, P.D.Rawnsley, D.Wheatley, J.E.B.

NETHERTHORPE MOVEMENTS

24/10 G-AKFC Ecroupe 415. Fr & To Deckem. 10/11 G-ARVS Cherokee 160. Fr & To Manchester.
30/10 G-ASWO Cessna 210D. Fr & To Blyborough.
6/11 ? Hawk Trainer. Fr & To Leicester. 13/11 G-ARGT Autocrat. Fr & To Doncaster.
(J.Cooper).

TEES-SIDE G-ATGD Britannia of Trans Globe was here 27/10 for two days crew-training.

TRANSPORT TOURING GROUP

This group has organized the following visits in the near future --
Saturday 8th Jan. 1966.

A visit to the works of Hawker-Siddeley Aviation Ltd. Broughton, Chester, and the maintenance works of British Eagle (Liverpool) Ltd. at Speke. The fare is 17/6d and the coach will depart from Yeadon at 0700 hrs. and Leeds at 0730 hrs. returning at 1930 hrs. No doubt arrangements can be made for people to board at Huddersfield.

Next year the usual coaches will be going to the Biggin Hill Air Fair, Coventry Air Races, and the Farnborough Air Show etc. But as well as the latter air tours to the Hannover Air Show, Jersey Air Rally and the Manx Air Derby are being considered. Full details of all these and the Hawker-Siddeley visit can be obtained by writing to —J.A.C.Edwards, 28 Rawdon Road, Horsforth, Leeds. Please enclose S.A.E.

ODDS AND ENDS

Yorkshire Flying Services at Yeadon, have on order two Cessna 150CF's from Westair. Delivery of the first is scheduled for late December.

New resident at Sutton Bank is Skylark 4 BGM 045. Competition No.309.
G-ARRW Avro (H.S.) 748 appeared 15/10 in new B.K.S. colour scheme — red cheat line, white top, new size registration, deep turquoise tail with two red stripes between which is B.K.S.'s white globe. Also turquoise nose.

B.K.S. have for sale their fleets of H.S.748 and Ambassador type aircraft. These are to be replaced by Viscounts and Britannias. This would appear to be a retrograde move as the oldest of the 748's is only two years old, and they have built an excellent reputation for themselves amongst the passengers that actually use the aircraft.

(P.D.Rawnsley, J.E.B., M.W.S.).