



# TEESSIDE

## AVIATION

## NEWS

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With deep regrets, I am having to give up the typing and editing of the magazine. My reasons are two-fold- altered family circumstances which leave me with even less free time, and the reducing support from members. I had hoped for volunteers for jobs last month, when people rejoined, and I suppose someone could turn up even yet. However, this seems unlikely, so I am returning subscribed monies with this issue. My thanks and apologies to those members who have helped and been loyal over the years, most of them also taking interest and even pride in their local airport and history.

I hope someone/two/three/n will resurrect the Society, just as John Perrin, Albert Abbott and I did in 1973, when T.A.A.S.'died'. This coming April sees the 25 th Anniversary of our Airport, which should touch some remote chord in the "Cleveland" psyche, and even stimulate into activity.

In the meantime, Brian Hunter will continue to collate the movements and plans to produce some sort of record of them, promising no more than that. If you are interested in getting a copy, write to him and tell him so. I wish him luck.

Also, George Waddington is organising coaches from Northallerton to Mildenhall and other airshows, as in previous years. He can be contacted at 17 Manor Green, Romanby, Northallerton (N.71263).

### Leeming, 5.1.89

R.Bowater.

11 Sq. Tornados: ZE785/DA, ZE787/DB, ZE788/DC, ZE790/DE, ZE791/DF, ZE792/DG, ZE764/DH, ZE /DI, ZE808/DJ, ZE786/DT, ZE793/DZ.

23 Sq. ZE812/EA, ZE810/EN, ZE831/EW, ZE809/EZ. Plus GR.1 MM55000/I-42.

Bulldogs XK631/14 & XK516/C. Hawk XK292. Jet Provost KW287/P, Dominie XS738/U, Canberra WP515/CD. Two Lakenheath F-111s overshoot, as did Hercules XV305, XV212 & XV209 which then returned northwards.

(Alf Alderson noted ZE858FK of the third squadron on 24th January. It had a large question mark on the fin, perhaps to bedevil spotters?)

### Year's-end trip

R.Bowater.

As usual, our first visit was to Felixkirk, where we found a friendly aircraft fitter, who let us view the front hangar. We saw Tailwind G-BDAP, Cessna 152's BAUV, BHSA & BILR, a Davis small V-tail- the first on the British register BPFL, ce150 BABH, PA-32 BOTV ex N36039 c/n 7885153, PA-34T BOSD ex N33086 c/n 7570085, Ce 152 BOGC ex N5346M c/n 84550, all from Jersey.

Then on to Bagby, with G-BOBO Ce172 ex C-GSMF c/n 70299, Ce150 AVMD, AVGV, Pup AXUA, MS.880 AYYK, Robin BBPW & Jodel BDWX. On through York to Pocklington, where there was only one new resident, a tandem Falke G-WOLD, also G-FUZZ PA-18, G-BGMV Falke and a PA-25. At Humberside there was Bristow latest, a Bell 412 G-SPBA, like a 212 with 4 rotor blades. Other helicopters were Dauphins G-BLUP, BLUO, on skids: BGKM & BGNM, Bell 212 BJJP, PA-28 OKEN and Citation 2 F-GFJL.

An appeal for help has been received and I hope members will be able to help:  
Exhibition: "Biggles and Early Flying in Langbaurgh" 27th May - 16th July 1989.

'Kirkleathan Old Hall Museum, local history museum for Langbaurgh on Tees Borough, County Cleveland, is organising the above exhibition and I should be grateful if you could alert your readers to the following plea for help:

Marske, a small seaside village in Langbaurgh was a training airfield for fighter pilots during the First World War and Captain W.E. Johns, author of the Biggles stories an instructor there. "Biggles Learns to Fly", although set at Settling, Norfolk, is based very much on Johns' experiences at Marske and we are wanting to mount an exhibition around this fact.

The Museum is looking for any information about Capt.W.E.Johns, his time at Marske, Marske airfield and how it operated, photographs and memorabilia, Biggles souvenirs, World War One flying equipment and personal memories.

Any help would be gratefully received and you can get in touch by contacting: Phil Philo, Curator, Kirkleathan Old Hall Museum, Kirkleathan, Redcar, Cleveland, TS10 5NW (Tel. 0642-479500)' Many thanks in anticipation.

(ICI and Zetland Estates are to sell the 34.8 acres of the old RNAS station site at Marske, where about 230 houses will be built.)

#### Movements Continued:

Air UK UKA600/1 Stavanger AL 7(601),8(600). DO 8(601),9,12-16,19,20(600). GW 27(601),28-30. MY 5,6,7(600). UR 1. VS 20(601),21-23,27(600). No flights on 26th.  
UKA 801 Norwich-Aberdeen: AL 5,7,19,21,23. DO 1,8. GW 15,22. MW 2. MY 14,16. UR 12. VS 6,7,9,13,20. NB. On the 14th the flight originated at Teesside, the aircraft (MY) positioning in from LBA as UKA801P. No flights were operated after the 23rd.  
UKA806 Aberdeen-Norwich. AL 9,20. DO 21. GW 23. MW 1. MY 8,13,15. MZ 22 $\frac{1}{2}$  TB 6. VS 2,5,12,14,16,19. NB. MY went u/s on the 8th after arrival from Aberdeen and remained at Teesside until the 12th, positioning out to Norwich as UKA021 at 14.01.  
UKA832/3 Amsterdam DO 10,11,17,18. GW 31. UR 2,3. VS 24. No flight on 25th.

Local/Resident News The main news here concerns the delivery of Hughes 269C N9599F to the T.A.C. Subsequent outings after the 12th were to Blyth on the 17th, Great Broughton on the 24th and Barnard Castle/Piercebridge on the 31st. The departure is noted of Tobago TB.10 G-SOMA to NCL sometime during November. Also of interest is the new identity of ex-Casair Titans WTVB and BLTH, which have become 5Y-EAB and 5Y-EAD respectively. Only one movement was recorded for Be300 OCHD, to Blackbushe on the 9th, returning ten days later.

Crew Training 5) G-BNYA SD.330 F/T NCL 1506/1507. Call-sign GIL900T/Gill Aviation  
 6 GJCB HS125-800B F/T EMA 1111/1414 'CB' J.C.Bamford  
 J.Provost F/T Linton 1745 o/s LON90 RAF 1 FTS  
 J.P. F/T Linton 1814/1825 LON91 " "  
 8 Harrier F/T Church Fenton 0855 o/s WJP10 " Wittering  
 Tornado F/T Leeming 1305 o/s HG22  
 Dominic T.1 F/T Finningley 1320 o/s FYY41 RAF 6 FTS  
 Dominic T.1 F/T Finningley 1337 o/s FYY44 " "  
 9 KS731 Dominic T.1 F/T Finningley 1057/1110 FYY34 " "  
 KS711 Dominic T.1 F/T Finningley 1254 o/s FYY51 " "  
 XW791 HS125 CC.1 F/T Northolt 1508/1519 RRR730 " 32 Sqdn.  
 12 BMD F B.737-2E7 F.NCL 1325. Local 1326/1503,1511/1522,1630/1848 DAN22T Dan-Air  
 13 J.P. F/T Linton 0847 o/s LON55 RAF 1 FTS  
 Dominic T.1 F/T Finningley 1413 o/s FYY47 " 6 FTS  
 14 BMD F B.737-2E7 F/T NCL 1116/1753, L.-1156, 1204/12,1221/1300,1311/1415,1648-.DAN22T  
 Tornado F/T Cottesmore 1830 o/s TVB26  
 15 Dominic T.1 F/T Finningley 1441 o/s FYY46 RAF 6 FTS  
 XS737 Dominic T.1 F/T Finningley 1518 o/s FYY48 " "  
 16 Dominic T.1 F/T Finningley 0906 o/s FYY51 " "  
 20 XS710 Dominic T.1 F/T Finningley 1035 o/s FYY42 " "  
 BDAE BAC111-518 F/T LGW 1255/2047, L.1420/1609,1619/35,1811/1927,1935/50. DAN31/33T  
 BNNI B.727-276 F/T LGW 1556/2018 21/12. L.1624/1806 DAN 10T, DAN11T Dan-Air  
 21 BNNI B.727 DAN10T 0802/1035,1035/50,1141/1310,1323/37,DAN11T1528/1710,1731/1901.  
 BSHL HS125-600P F/T Luton 1441/2027 'HI' McAlpine. Local 1441/1519, 1536/1621,  
 1644/1651. 1754/1933.

Carlisle & the disaster of Pan Am N739PA

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B.Hunter/I.McMaster.

On the night that disaster befell Pan Am 747-121 N739PA 'Clipper Maid of the Seas' Carlisle Airport opened to receive executive and rescue aircraft & the following is a radio log listing some of them arriving.

21st December

23.30 G-ROWN Beech 200  
23.35 G-OAVX Beech 200  
23.40 G-JETE Ce500  
23.41 G-TOMI HS125-600B  
23.45 'GAMA500' -  
23.50 'Oscar 31' Chinook

22nd December

00.10 'Thurston 1257'  
00.15 'FBN 01'  
09.25 G-ROWN Beech 200  
09.50 'G-NG' Helicopter  
10.20 'Niteway 501' -  
10.30 G-JETI HS125-800B(1)  
10.30 'Lynton 05' Helicopter  
11.30 G-BLIZ PA-46  
11.50 N4752 B.727-235(2)

22nd December

12.30 G-BPFC Mooney 20  
12.45 RRR7728  
13.15 'MXR114' Ce421  
14.00 'Grosvenor 1A'  
14.05 'RRR5944' Hercules  
14.10 'G-MZ' -  
15.55 'AVT622' -  
17.00 G-ROWN Beech 200  
17.05 'Nugget 12' PA-31 (3)

(1) From LHR with ABC news team. (2): Pan Am president + USAmbassador.  
(3): to take 'black boxes' to Farnborough.

Teesside Residents (\* new)

R.Bowater.

Hangar 1: Beech 200 G-OCHD. PA-31 G-BCAT. PA-31 G-ODMN\*(not definite)

New building near CAA fire station P-51D 472028, looking more like an aeroplane!

Hangar 3: Teesside Aero Club: G-LBRC\* PA-28 Arrow 4. N9599F\* Hughes 269. AYIO PA-28-140  
BGWN, BNGR PA-38's.

Cleveland Flying School: Ce172 AZZV. Ce152's BJYD, TEES. Ce150's AZLY, BDSL.

Other flying groups: PA-28's TSGJ\*, BDWY. PA-34 BANK.

Private: Robin BBCW. TB.20 JDEE. TB.10 SONA (sold?). Airedale ASWB (winter).

Departures: Pup AXSD. Ce172 AZUM? Pitts BETI NCL. Rallye AYYX Bagby + 6 Casair.

Edinburgh 2.2.89

R.D.Humble.

SD.360 BLGB, BMAR. BAC 111 AWYS + 1. B.737-200 BJCU. B.737-400 OBMF. ATP ULST.  
Bae146 CGJH. HS748 BGMN. F-27 SOFS. SD.330 BJUK. B.757 BIKK, BIKR, BIKW. HS125 AXDM.  
B.737-300 OBMC. Gulfstream 1 BMPA. 3 N90005. Arrow AZDE. Super Courier BGLX. PN.68 BFBU  
Bell 206 BHYW. Ce 152's BMTU, BNYL. Chipmunk WK585, WP860, WP967. RN Sea King.  
Jaguars XX745/03 + 1. Jet Provosts XW418/126, XW360/129.

Bits Catterick (RAF fire school) moved out in November, & no aircraft remain.

The Princess Royal will open a new hostel & stable block at Redcar Racecourse on 1/8, and be at Whitby on 29th June.

The M1 737 crash pilot, Kevin Hunt, was well known to CFS members, and had until recently been a BMA DC-9 pilot on the TIA-LHR run.

The CAA will start tests of the SAVE water-sprinkler system on a 707 fuselage at Cardington soon, & hope to have a prototype system by 1992.

On 13/12, a DC-9 pilot with 96 pab claimed 3 JPs came within 200 ft of him over the Catterick area at 12,500 Ft at around 10 am. The RAF claimed the Linton jets were 500 ft above & 5 mls away.

On 28/12 an F-111 had engine trouble & flew over South Bank trailing smoke as it made for Leeming at low level.

On 9/11 a 737 going to LHR had birds ingested on take-off from Teesside with 60 pax. It landed & the flight was delayed 2 hrs until 4 pm. About 20 birds were found on the runway. On 15/11 the early LHR flight was cancelled due to fog at LHR.

On 4?/1 a 77 yrs-old French pilot, a retired aircraft dealer, successfully landed his recently-repaired Ce150 (F-BSIY) in a field in Kent, diverting from Arras-Le Touquet because of low cloud. A Sea King was scrambled from Manston & while making a low pass, the down-draught turned the Cessna into its back, causing extensive damage.

On 9/1, a Bristow S-76 travelling to Humberside from a rig & then on to St.Yarmouth an hour later had a a Tornado near-miss (100 ft) on each leg of its journey.

Brigadier George Kennedy (ex Gordon Highlanders) has taken command of 24 Airmobile Brigade at Catterick Garrison.

A store manager who delayed a BA Gatwick departure by nearly 4 hours with a bomb hoax, because he thought his girl friend would miss it got 12 months jail.

Credits Teesside Airport Administration, B.T.Hunter, R.Bowater, R.D.Humble,

D.E.Thompson, A.Alderson, Evening Gazette, Air Pictorial, Flight, Daily Telegraph.

No. 608 (North Riding) Squadron, R.Aux.A.F. 1930-1957

D.E.Thompson.

Post-war aircraft losses (All are Cat.E write-offs, no records held for 1946).

1947: none  
 1948: 16th Sept. Mosquito T.3 VA876 belly-landed after engines cut, near Thornaby  
 1949: none  
 1950: 25th March Spitfire F.22 PK653 hit radio mast & crashed near Dishforth.  
 3rd Sept. Vampire F.3 VF318 Undershot on landing at Linton-on-Ouse.  
 3rd Sept. Vampire F.3 VF320 hit boundary fence on approach to Thornaby.  
 1951: 9th Sept. Vampire F.3 VT863 dived into ground during turn near Hutton Rudby,  
 pilot killed, practising for B.of B. Display.  
 1952: 8th Sept. Vampire FB.5 VX932 caught in jet efflux & hit ground/runway on take-off  
 at Takali, Malta.  
 12th Sept. Vampire FB.5 VV526 stalled after take-off & dived in, pilot killed, at  
 El. Aouina, Tunisia.  
 1953: none  
 1954: 21st Feb. Vampire FB.5 WA404 engine cut, crashed after abortive ejection, pilot  
 killed, 3 miles from Thornaby.  
 20th Feb. Vampire FB.5 VV691 undercarriage jammed, belly-landed at Thornaby.  
 27th March Vampire FB.5 VZ155 collided with VZ838, belly-landed on return, Ouston.  
 1955: none  
 1956: 24th March Vampire FB.5 VZ227 engine cut on take-off, landed in field at Acklam.  
 1957: none

Squadron disbanded Downham Market (Norfolk)	24.3.45
Reformed as light bomber squadron	10.5.46
R.Aux.A.F. & Squadron disbanded	10.3.57

Equipment

D.H.Mosquito T.3, NF.30	1946-August 1948	Glöster Meteor T.7	April 1950- 1957
Airspeed-Oxford T.1	1946- 1950	D.H.Vampire F.3	May 1950- 1952
V-S. Spitfire F.22	August 1948- 1951	" FB.5	June 1952- 1957
N.American Harvard T.2b	1948-1950	" FB.9	1956-1956 One a/c only.

Thornaby-on-Tees Cemetery, Acklam Road, Thornaby.

The War Graves (Plot 0), adjacent to Acklam Road contains 84 graves, but another 31 W.W.II graves are scattered in other parts. There are also 37 graves from the 1914-1918 war, which are also scattered, but mainly at the older west end. Air Force burials are: British 38, Canadian 13, Australian 4, New Zealanders 5, German 27, plus one unknown, a total of 87.

Air Force graves not in the War Graves plot are:

Private E.Graham 144195 (A44)		27.10.1919
Pilot-Officer D.H.Robertson New Zealand (A21)	220 Sqdn. Hudson N7290	8.11.1939
Flying Officer T.M.Parker	220 Sqdn. Hudson N7294	11. 2.1940
Sergeant D.R.Holbeche (A26) pilot	} 220 Sqdn. Hudson	11. 6.1940
Sergeant E.Morgan pilot		11. 6.1940
Aircraftsman 1 W.C.Irvine (A19) wireless operator	} P5127, crashed 03.29 1 ml. from Thornaby	11. 6.1940
Sergeant J.R.Butterworth air gunner		11. 6.1940
Aircraftsman 2 F.J.Hough (A21)		22. 7.1942
Flying Officer T.Howell (A34) observer/air bomber RAF(VR)	150 Sqdn.	20.11.1942
Leading Aircraftsman H.Wright (A24)	RAF(VR)	26.10.1943
Warrant Officer G.Y.Cockburn (A46)		22.11.1943
Sergeant H.Askey (A31)	(not an aircraft accident)	8.10.1950
Sergeant G.W.Kelly (A28) 6 F.T.S. Harvard 2b FX428	crashed Thornaby B.of B.	15. 9.1951
Squadron Leader J.Lomas DFC, AFC & bar (A34) Meteor NF.14 WM258	crashed Eston in low cloud. 264 Sqdn. Nav. also killed	13. 6.1953
Aircraftsman 1 J.E.Godfrey (A19)	(not an aircraft accident)	17. 9.1953

All these graves are marked by the simple white Commonwealth War Graves Commission headstone bearing the deceased's details and the Royal Air Force crest, as well as a small dedication.

Gate Guards No doubt this list will be partly out of date, but should be mainly correct. Only RAF stations, and not necessarily visible to the public, some could even be in storage!

Abingdon (Oxon)	FK624 Spitfire F.22	Locking (Avon)	WH840 Canberra T.4
Akrotiri (Cyprus)	XS929 Lightning F.6		XM708 Gnat T.1
	XD184 Whirlwind HAR.10		WL360 Meteor T.7
Bassingbourn	WJ821 Canberra PR.7	Lossiemouth (Moray)	XK532 Buccaneer S.1
Benson (Oxon)	PM651 Spitfire 19		XG882 Gannet T.5
Bentley Priory (Msx)	XG290 Hunter F.6		WL738 Shackleton MR.2
	XM173 Lightning F.1A	Lyneham (Wilts)	XK699 Comet 2C
	TB252 Spitfire 16	Manston (Kent)	WE168 Canberra PR.3
Biggin Hill (Kent)	LF738 Hurricane 2C		LF751 Hurricane 2D
	SL674 Spitfire 16		XH764 Javelin FAW.9
Binbrook (Lincs)	XI748 Lightning F.3		TB752 Spitfire F.16
	FK664 Spitfire F.22	Marham (Norfolk)	XH673 Victor K.2
Doulner (N'rthbrld)	KP745 Lightning F.3	Neatishead (")	WK654 Meteor F.8
Bracknell (Berks)	XG196 Hunter F.6A	Newton (Notts)	WT694 Hunter F.1
Brawdy (Dyfed)	KE624 Hunter FGA.9	N.Luffenham (Leics)	WS776 Meteor NF.14
Bruggen (J.Gerny)	KW563 Jaguar S	Northolt (Msx)	TB476 Spitfire 16
Carlisle (Cumbria)	WT660 Hunter F.1	Odiham (Hants)	KR453 Whirlwind HAR.10
	WS792 Meteor NF.14	Quedgeley (Glos)	WF784 Meteor T.7
Church Fenton (Y)	BM597 Spitfire Vb	Scampton (Lincs)	KR571 Gnat T.1
Chivenor (Devon)	XP509 Hunter F.6		KE920 Vampire T.11
	XD186 Whirlwind HAR.10	Sealand (Ches)	TD248 Spitfire 16
Coltishall (N'flk)	XM172 Lightning F.1A	Shawbury (Salop)	XG540 Sycamore HR.14
	SL542 Spitfire 16e		LA226 Spitfire F.21
Coningsby (Lincs)	WZ549 Vampire T.11		XD382 Vampire T.11
Cosford (Wolver'n)	XD613 Vampire T.11	Stafford (Staffs)	KA801 Javelin FAW.2
Cottesmore (Leics)	WH791 Canberra PR.7	Stanbridge (Beds)	WF190 Hunter F.5
Cranwell (Lincs)	WJ637 Canberra B.2	Stannmore Park (Msx)	KA553 Javelin FAW.1
	G-9-436 Hunter F.51	Swinderby (Lincs)	WT520 Canberra PR.7
	XD542 Vampire T.11		XG329 Lightning F.1
Digby (Lincs)	WH166 Meteor T.7		XD506 Vampire T.11
Ely (Cambs)	WS774 Meteor NF.14	Syerston (Notts)	WZ791 Grasshopper TX.1
Finningley (S.Yorks)	WL168 Meteor F.8		KE799 Cadet TX.3
	XJ380 Sycamore HAR.14		KN185 Sedbergh TX.1
	XJ729 Whirlwind HAR.10	Turnhouse (W.Loath.)	RW393 Spitfire 16
Gatow (W.Germany)	TG503 Hastings T.5	Uxbridge (Msx)	RW382 Spitfire 16
Gutersloh (")	XW917 Harrier GR.3	Valley (Gwynedd)	KR534 Gnat T.1
Halton (Bucks)	XP527 Hunter F.6		KE874 Vampire T.11
Henlow (Beds.)	WT612 Hunter F.1		XP361 Whirlwind HAR.10
Hereford	XG252 Hunter FGA.9	Waddington (Lincs)	XL189 Victor K.2
Honington (Suffolk)	XK526 Buccaneer S.2		XM607 Vulcan B.2
Innsworth (Glos.)	XH903 Javelin FAW.9	Wattisham (Suffolk)	XM192 Lightning F.1A
	VW453 Meteor T.7		EP120 Spitfire Vb
Kemble (Glos.)	WH364 Meteor F.8	Watton (Norfolk)	WS807 Meteor NF.14
Laarbruch (W.Germ.)	XM264 Canberra B(I).8	West Drayton (Bucks)	XN769 Lightning F.2
	KE606 Hunter F.6A	West Raynham (Norf)	XH980 Javelin FAW.8
Lawford Heath (?)	WT651 Hunter F.1	Wittering (Cambs)	XV779 Harrier GR.3
Leeming (N.Yorks)	XAG34 Javelin FAW.2		LA255 Spitfire F.21
	WS788 Meteor NF.14	Woodvale (Lancs)	WA591 Meteor T.7
Louchars (Fife)	XM144 Lightning F.1	Wroughton (Wilts)	WJ676 Canberra B.2
	LA198 Spitfire F.21	Wyton (Cambs)	WT305 Canberra B.6 mod.
Linton-on-Ouse (NY)	XP545 Provost T.1		XH170 Canberra PR.9

The Imperial War Museum is restoring the only known Sea Hurricane in existence. The aircraft is owned by the Shuttleworth Trust, was converted to the Sea version in 1941, stationed at Yeovilton for 9 months & then given to Loughborough College in 1943 for engineering training.

From the menu at Graf Zeppelin restaurant at Frankfurt Airport: "Retzungenfilet mit Limonenbutter"- Fillet of witch with butter!

Teesside Movements Review- December 1988

B.T.Hunter.

Most Decembers are rather quiet in movements, and this one was no exception, with far fewer and little to get excited about. Biz-jets supplied some joy, with no fewer than four American-registered Gulfstream movements using three different aircraft and all three marks. The German Falcon 50, D-BFFB, seems set to become a regular too, with another couple of visits.

Military movements, while still few, are at least an improvement on last month, and include a rare stop-over by a Canberra on the 19th. A topping flight from Germany gave us our first VC-10 in quite a long time.

A charter flight on behalf of B.P. was the reason for the BUSY BEE F.27 LN-AKB, night-stopping on the 22nd and this was a first visit by this aircraft.

Helicopters showed some interest, with an Army Agusta on the 8th, the Hughes 269 on the 12th and the BOND Super Puma, also on the 12th, which called for fuel, 'went tec' and stayed for 24 hours!

FLIGHT REFUELLING's Ce441 G-FRAX kept popping in and out with spares and engineers for the Dorniers, and Middlesbrough F.C. used the based AIR UK F.27 to go to Norwich for a first-division match on the last day of the month. The aircraft changed at Norwich, as will be noted in the log. In keeping with the rest, diversions were also low key, with just three from Leeds and one light aircraft returning to Teesside when the weather down south looked bad. Crew training was fairly active with even some of the military identified at last and DAN-AIR bringing 111, 727 and 737 aircraft.

BRITISH MIDLAND news mainly concerns the greater use of DC.9-30's now that the Irish 737-208 has returned to its owners. To this end more -32's have been acquired, PKBD and 'BE' being new, and BMW again being leased from ADRIA, this time for 18 months. Details of first visits, etc, are given in the schedules notes.

NB The crash of the 737-400 G-OBME near East Midlands, together with the grounding of sister aircraft G-OBMF has meant that more planes will have to be leased in- already TEA 737-2M8 OO-TEL is known to be in service. Delivery of another 737 in the 300/400 series, the fifth of an order for 6, was due on 10th January.

Visitors- December 1988

Day	Reg.	Type	From	ATL	To	ATD	Other info.
1	G-BPCZ	Bell 206	York	1018	Hartlepool	1043	
Th	EAGL	Ce421			Sturgate	1107	Div.in
	BALZ	Bell 212	Aberdeen	1319	Redhill	1345	
	BSHL	HS125-600B	F/T Luton	1610		0927	2/12
	ORCL	Ce421	Amsterdam	1918	Edinburgh	0911	4/12 Oracle Corpn.
2	MAFI	Do.228-200			Hurn	0925	Watchdog 93
	N272JS	Gulfstream 3	Nice/Cote d'Azur	1241	Manchester	1540	AVJET
	ORCE	Ce550	Fairoaks	1921	Cranfield	1430	3/12
3	BMAK	DC.9-32	LHR	0957	LBA	1016	BMA332/412
Sa	PKBE	DC.9-32	EMA	1023	LHR	1056	BMA9651/333
	GEIL	HS125-800B	NCL	1218	Luton	1440	Heron
4	F-GFJL	Ce550	NCL	0937	Le Bourget	1035	UAI
Su	AKNS	Pup 2.	F/T Gamston	1139		1348	
	OE-GPD	Ce550	F/T Salzburg	1540		1735	6/12 Mercedes-Benz
	D-BFFB	Falcon 50	F/T Baden-Baden	1549		1624	
	BMAK	DC.9-32	F/T LHR	1844		2040	LBA div.BMA410/9
5	WOSP	Bell 206B	Edinburgh	1229	Liverpool	0843	6/12 Glencagles
M	BCBW	Ce182P	F/T NCL	1322		1459	
	OMAF	Do,228-200	F/T Bournemouth	1728		0926	8/12 WDG 93
6	BKTW	Ce404	F/T Glasgow	0953		1604	PSS343/2
Tu	COMM	PA-23	F/T EMA	1323		1549	Commair Avn.
	BGIG	PA-38-112	F/T Carlisle	1254		1331	Scotia Safari
	BONL	Bell 206	F/T NCL	1405		1424	Dollar DASO7
7	BONL	Bell 206	F/T NCL	0909		1129	
W	PLEE	Ce182	F/T NCL	1501		1700	Para. drop
8	OY-BHY	Mu.2	F/T Billung	0839		1611	Fyn Air Taxi
Th	ZE413	Agusta 109	F/T Hereford	1055		1306	NGU9C
	AVSE	PA-28	F/T LBA	1220		1329	
	BIFZ	Pn.63C	F/T Henstridge	1224		1747	Abbey Hill

8	OMAF Do.228	F/T Bournemouth	1346			1229 9/12 WDG93
	BFYC PA-32RT-300	F/T Gamston	1508			1607
	D-BFFB Falcon 50	F/T Baden-Baden	1529			1650
	F-BVJK PA-23	F/T Calais	1640		0618	9/12 Air Cote d'Opale
	AZRH PA-28	F/T NCL	1723			1828
	BNXB BN-2A	Bournemouth	1744	Inverness		1841 Air Atlantic
9	FRAX Ce441	F/T Bournemouth	1015			1159
F	XR803 VC-10	Gutersloh	1525	Brize Norton		1638 RRR2835
	F-BVJK PA-23	F/T Calais	2141		0838	10/12
10	BMUZ PA-28	F/T NCL	1055			1217
Sa	SNOB Be36	F/T Biggin Hill	1144			1311
	AZRH PA-28	F/T NCL	1158			1232
	BGGO Ce F152	F/T EMA	1908			1944 E.M.F/S
11	ORCE Ce550	LBA	1303	Fairoaks		1805
	OLAF Be C90	Biggin Hill	1445	Ronaldsway		1517 Island Avn.
	F-GERS Be200	Deauville	1709	LHR	1832	14/12
	BEJL S.61N	Beccles	1804	Aberdeen		1825 BIH
	N167A Gulf.2	Edinburgh	1848	Liverpool	1429	14/12 Exec.Fleet Corpn.
	N16NK Gulf.2B	Teterborough N.J.	2101	Le Bourget		2128 Universal Avn.
12	OY-AUS Pa-31	F/T Alborg	0910			1723
M	BFPC Ce F152	NCL	1208	LBA		1307
	WOSP Bell 206B	Liverpool	1323	Edinburgh	0912	13/12
	MAFI Do.228	Bournemouth	1620	Humberside	1104	15/12 WDG93
	W9599F Hughes 269C	Barton	1540			Delivery for Teesside Aero. Club
	PUMH AS.332L	Britannia platform	1756	Aberdeen	1834	13/12 BND96Q
13	BBBM Bell 206B	Seaham	0628	Cambridge		0938 Daily Express
Tu	F-BVJK PA-23	Calais	0908	Le Touquet		0955
	PLAS Ga-7 Cougar	Gamston	1826	Biggin Hill	1101	14/12 CAA lighting check
	N16NK Gulfstream 2B	Le Bourget	1828	Luton	1507	14/12
14	BFGG Ce FRA150M	Perth	1126	Edinburgh		1252 Airwork
W	BBEY PA-23	Glasgow	1448	Inverness		1511
	FRAX Ce441	F/T Bournemouth	1676			1751
	OLAF Be C90	F/T Ronaldsway	1707			1749 Island Avn.
15	RICK Be55	F/T Inverness	1302		0932	16/12
Th	OANC PA-28	F/T NCL	1347			1419
	ODAM AA-5	F/T Denham	1527		1037	16/12
	BATX PA-23	Edinburgh	1919	Dundee		1938 Tayside Avn.
	ROWN Be200	Gatwick	2348	Glasgow	0007	16/12 Medivac
16	SWFT Be200	F/T Plymouth	0918			1508 SWF721
F	BFGG Ce FRA150M	Perth	1116	Edinburgh		1245 Airwork
	BEIA Ce FRA150M	Perth	1124	Edinburgh		1247 Airwork
	BPFC Mocney 20C	F/T Shobdon	1657			1718 Cashfield Ltd.
	TRAF SA.365N	Darlington	1851	Hayes		1912
17	OANC PA-28	F/T NCL	1029			1108
18	OANC PA-28	F/T NCL	1149			1225
Su	TAMY Ce421B	F/T Halfpenny Green	1518			1530 Abergail Ltd.
	EI-BEL SD.360	F/T Dublin	2010			2218 LBA div.EIN368/9
19	FRAX Ce441	F/T Bristol/Lulsgate	1116			1638
M	WOSP Bell 206B	Edinburgh	1244	Liverpool	0910	20/12
	WH902 Banberra T.17	F/T Wyton	1535			1749 PFY87/Tasman 50
	OMAF Do.228	F/T Bournemouth	1701		0917	22/12 WDG 93
	COWE Be90	Biggin Hill	2023	Coventry	0951	20/12
20	DOFY Bell 206B	F/T Middlesbrough	1127			1149
u	OKAT AS.350B	F/T Scarborough	1309			1349 Lynton Avn.
	BLLU Ce421C	Jersey	1337	Fairoaks	1644	21/12
	BFPC PA-32RT-300	F/T Gamston	1358			1519
	AVXI HS748-2A	Stansted	1219	NCL		1329 CAA Caln.
21	BLKY Be58	F/T Leavesden	0919			1638 Kebble
W	EMCJ PA-31	Northolt	1725	Fairoaks		1756
22	BCWM A-Bell 206B	Cambridge	0957	Edinburgh		1011 DAS25 Dollar
Th	BONL Bell 206	F/T NCL	1024			1100 DAS 32 Dollar

22	AVSE PA-28	F/T LBA	1208	1314
	BCWM A-Bell 206B	Edinburgh	1355	1407 Dollar DAS25
	LN-AKB F.27-200	F/T Stavanger	1535	1721 23/12 BBE5143/4
23	PKBM DC.9-32	F/T LHR	1300	1351 LBA div. BBA414/5
F	BBXU Be24R	F/T Coventry	2047	1446 27/12
24	BAJN AA-5	F/T Sherburn	1312	1336
25	Su AIRPORT CLOSED			
26	Only flights were BMA scheduled ones.			
27	BFYC PA-32RT-300	F/T Gamston	1445	1528
Tu	TYME RC.690C	Badminton	1531	Fairoaks 1601
28	BNDY Ce425	NCL	0928	Southond 1157 Northair Avn.
W	BIXT Ce182R	Humberside	1346	Stapleford 1410
	NBDD Robin DR.400	F/T Sherburn	1359	1510
	AZRH PA-28	F/T NCL	1434	1456
	AZJN Robin DR.300	F/T Monewden	1554	(10 ml NE Ipswich) 1239 29/12
29	BFLN Ce150M	F/T Sherburn	1045	1127
Th	BMUZ PA-28	NCL	1246	Carlisle 1344
	AZRH PA-28	F/T NCL	1322	1401
	CJHI Bell 206B	Alnwick	1323	Ipswich 1016 1/1
	AZJN Robin DR.300	TD (TIA)	1407	Monewden 1321 31/12 Div.back WK
	BAWX PA-28	F/T LBA	1508	1556
	TYME RC.690B	Fairoaks	1705	Lynham 1752
	BMUZ PA-28	F/T NCL	1726	1819
30	BAWK PA-28	F/T NCL	1056	1150
W	OANC PA-28	F/T NCL	1358	1433
	FLYV T.67M-200	F/T Kirkbymoorside	1454	1606 Firefly Promotns.
	BHYB S.76A	Beccles	1634	Aberdeen 1709 BIH
31	BLGW F.27-200	Humberside	1122	Norwich 1240 UKA333/108
Sa	BCDN F.27-200	Norwich	1845	UKA109

### Scheduled Services

British Midland BMA331-340 LHR: DC.9-32's are now operating many of the weekday flights as well as some of the weekend ones when necessary. A Boeing 737-300 (G-OBML) was also used on one occasion, with 114 pax arriving on 332. This was also the day (13th) when 331 had problems on the ground and when it got airborne -with a trio of Jet Provosts. That was G-PKBD. First visits by newly-delivered DC.9-32's were PKBE on the 3rd and PKBD on the 11th. The details:

BMA3: 2 (340), 3 (331,4,7,8), 4 (331-4,7-9). IMAG: 1 (331-3), 20 (332-40), 21 (331-9).  
 BMA4: 9 (340), 10 (331-4,7,8), 11 (331-4,7-9), 16 (340), 17 (331-4,7,8), 18 (331-4,7-9), 21 (340), 22 (331-340), 23 (331-9).  
 BMA1: 23 (340), 24 (331-4,7,8), 26 (331-7, 40), 27 (331-7,40), 28-31 all.  
 BMA2: 3 (332). BMA3: 1 (334-40), 2 (331-9), 8 (340), 9 (331-9).  
 PKBD: 11 (340), 12 (331-40), 13 (331,4-40), 14/15 all, 16 (331-9), 18 (340), 19 (331-40) 20 (331). PKBE: 3 (333). PKBM: 4 (340), 5-7 all, 8 (331-9). OBMA 13 (332-3).  
 NB: 338 & 339 were cancelled on the 26th & 27th.

Dan-Air DAN810,819 Amsterdam. Three 146's made appearances during the month but one flight was operated by B.737-2E7 G-BMDF due to 'HT being sick! This was DAN810 on the morning of the 13th, the 737 being involved with crew training the day before & night-stopped, so operated the flight direct from Teccside at 10.04. 146 details:  
 HH 1 (810), HT 2,5-9,12,13 (819), 14-16,30. MN 1 (819), 19-23,29. No flights 26-28th.

Jersey European JER107-110 Belfast The schedule for the 1st was cancelled due to an aircraft shortage (!) and that on the 2nd was flown by HS748 G-BEKG. No flights were operated on the 26th (Monday), flying the 27th instead. Apart from the 748 F.27-G-JLAB.

Air Kilroe 10A-10J Manchester (Ringway) All flights were done by G-OAKL except 10G-J, which were flown by OAKM. Five return flights operated each weekday except the 22nd (10A-10H) and the 23rd (10E-H only), with no flights after the 23rd. (Completed p.2)

AIRPORT TRAFFIC FIGURES for 1988 just released show a total of 332,223 passengers - 4 5% over 1987 & the highest so far. LHR route was 175,488 & Aberdeen 21,760.



The British Register- Additions :

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AFZK Luscombe GA 1042 N25118  
 AGMI Luscombe GA 1569 N28827 Bluegale Ltd.  
 AGPK DH82A Tiger Moth 86566 N657DH  
 AHEC Luscombe GA 3428 N72001  
 AHNH Taylorcraft BC12D 7204 N43545 Bluegale  
 AKUH Luscombe GE 644 N1917K  
 AKUI Luscombe GE.2464 N45937  
 AKUK Luscombe GA 5793 N11668  
 BOLG Bellanca 7KCA B 517-75 N8706V Aerotug  
 BOPB Boeing 767-204ER 24239 Britannia  
 BOUY Bell 206B 1376  
 BOVC Everett Gyroplane 14  
 BOVJ Piper 34-220T 34-8333058 Skylen  
 BOWC Cessna 150J 70458 N60626  
 BOWR Boeing 737-308 23401 00-ILF Orion  
 POZL Piper 28-161 2816075 N9149Q  
 BOXR GA-7 59-N772GA Campbell Distribution  
 BOYN Boeing 737-383 23788 EC-ECQ Air Europe  
 BOZA Boeing 737-3L9 23718 OY-MMN Br. Airways  
 BRAG Bellanca 8KCA B 569-79 Aerojet Ltd.  
 BRAP Robinson 22 Beta 866 Stag El. Design  
 BPBW Cameron O-105 1841  
 BPBZ Thunder Ax7-77 1258  
 BPCG Colt AS-80 1300  
 BPCV Montgomerie Bensen MBR PFA G/01-1088  
 BPCX Piper 28-236 8211004 Visual Phantom L.  
 BPDH HS748-2A 1756 Scottish European A/W  
 BPDE Colt 56A 1296  
 BPDF Cameron V-77  
 BPDG Cameron V-77 1839  
 BPDH Robinson 22 Beva 860  
 BPEI Cameron A-210  
 BPEJ Walker FH Mini Coupe 275 N13877  
 BPEK SNS-7 Hyperbipe 242 N85BL  
 BPEL Embraer 110P1 110391 Artac Aerochartrg  
 BPEM CASA 1-131-E3B 369 E30369  
 BPEN Piper 28R-201T 7737124  
 BPEO Piper 28R-201T 7703112  
 BPEP A.S. 355F1 5134 D-HOCH European Helis  
 BPEQ Schweizer 269C S1327 CSE Avn.  
 BPER DHC-7-102 33 N235sL Brymon Avn.  
 BPEU Westland Bell 47G-3B-1 WLN 48 OY-HCO  
 BPEV Piper 28-151 7415172 C-FEYM  
 BPEW Cessna 150K 71707 N6207G  
 BPEX Cessna 152 83775 CF-EYM  
 BPEY HS748-2B 1806  
 BPER Piper 38-112 82A0036 N91465  
 BPEU Piper 38-112 81A0064 N25728  
 BPEU Slingsby T67M-200 2069  
 BPEV Slingsby T67M-200 2075  
 BPEW Robinson 22 Beta 888  
 BPEX Boeing A75N1 75-589 N65D Dega-Applied  
 BPEY Bell 412 33041 XC-MAZ Autair Helic's  
 BPEZ Colt 77A 1324  
 BPFB Colt 77A 1334  
 BPFH Mooney 20C 1243 N3606H  
 BPFJ Jodel D112 312 F-PHJT  
 BPFK Lightning T.5 95012 XS452 Ruani Inv  
 BPFM Cameron DP-70 1831  
 BPFN Socata TB.20 866  
 LPFH Piper 28-161 811620 N83723  
 BPFJ Cameron Club 90 1834  
 BPFK Bensen BOM SJB-1  
 BPFM Davis DA-2 51 N72RJ  
 BPFN Aeronca 74C Champion 475 N1193E  
 BPFN Shorts SD.360 SH.3747  
 BPFN Shorts SD.360 SH.3748  
 BPFN Shorts SD.360 SH.3749  
 BPFN Shorts SD.360 SH.3750  
 BPFN Shorts SD.360 SH.3751  
 BPFN Cameron N-77 1430  
 BPFU HS748-2A 1757 Scottish European A/W  
 BPFV Air Command 532 Elite 433  
 BPFW Colt 21A Cloudhopper 1348  
 BPFY PBV-5A 64017 C-FHNH Aces High  
 BPFZ Cessna 152 85741 N94594  
 BPGA Mooney 20J 3076  
 BPGH Cessna 150J 69722 N51042  
 BPGI Cessna U206C 1013 N29017  
 BPGJ Thunder Ax7-77 1355  
 BPGK Thunder Ax6-66 993  
 BPGH Acrosport 2 422 N12JE  
 BPGI Colt 69A 1332  
 BPGJ Colt 31A 1333  
 BPGK Piper 28-180 7405245 OY-TOC  
 BPGM Cessna 152 849-32 N5300P  
 BPGN Cameron Tractor 90 1846  
 BPGR HS125-800B 258115  
 BPGS HS125-800B 258118  
 BPGT Colt AS-80 1248  
 BPGU Piper 28-181 8490025 N4330B  
 BPGV Robinson 22 Beta 887  
 BPGX Socata TB.9 884 Martin Ltd.  
 BPGZ Cessna 150G 64912 N3612J  
 BPHB Piper 18-161 16069 CSE Avn.  
 BPHG Pierre Robin DR400/180 1887  
 BPHI Piper 38-112 79A0002  
 BPHJ Cameron V-77 1881  
 BPHK Beesley MW7 PFA171-11389  
 BPHL Bell 206B 2533 N327WM R & M Int.  
 BPHM Cadet 3 Motor Glider PFA42-10771  
 BPHN HS748-2B 1807  
 BPHO Schweizer 269C S1331 N75065  
 BPHP Cameron A-105 1864  
 BPHQ Piper 34-200T 7570303 Videovision  
 BPHR MS.893E 12376 F-BVAN  
 BPHS Cessna T303 306  
 BPHU Beech 58 TH.1531 N3089G Astra Avn.Ltd.  
 BPHV Boeing 737-3L9 24220 OY-MMP BA  
 BPHW Air Command 532 Elite PFA/04-1104  
 BPHX Piper 34-220T 8333060 PH-TCT Sunspot I.  
 BPHY Piper 28R-201T 7703112 GT Avn.  
 BPHZ Piper 44-180 7995052 N21439  
 BPIA Cameron N-90 1851  
 BPIB Piper 28R-201T 7703401 N47570  
 BPIC MS.893E 13086 EI-BHD  
 BPID Grumman G-44 1218 N3103Q Suffolk L.A.M.  
 BPIE Cessna 550 601 Elliotts Brick  
 BPIF Boeing 737-35B 24237 Berlin European UK  
 BPIG Hughes 369D 900785D N54808 Fed.Avn.

Additions (continued)

FENI Robinson 22 Beta 884  
 FESL Piper 28R-201T 7803178 Fire Eng.Svs.  
 FWPW Piper 28-236 2811018 N9145L  
 GCNZ Cessna 150M 75933 G-GCNZ  
 GLAW Cameron N-90 1808  
 GSAM HS125-800B 258133 LSM Holdings  
 GZDO Cessna 172N 71826 G-GZDO Fincroft Avn.  
 HFCL Reins Cessna 152 1663 Horizon F/C  
 HINT Cameron N-90 1845  
 IBLW Bae Jetstream 3109 838  
 IBLX Bae Jetstream 3109 839  
 ISMO Robinson 22 Beta 870  
 JERY Agusta-Bell 206B 8441 Heliwork Svs.  
 JUDE CEA DR400/180 1869 Aeromarine Ltd.  
 JUNG CASA 1-131-E3B 1123 E3B-143 Sp.Mil.  
 JVAJ Piper PA-31T1 8104053 N23ES  
 KFOX Kitfox 298  
 KILY Robinson 22 Alpha 483 N8561M  
 LEES Glaser-Dirks DG-400 4-238  
 LEIS Bell 206L-1 45360  
 LEOS Pierre Robin DR400/120 1884 Aeromarine  
 MAMA Cessna 550 288  
 MFHL Robinson R22 Beta 885 MFH Ltd.  
 MOGY Robinson R22 Beta 899 Reachmain Ltd.  
 MONL Boeing 737-3Y0 24255 Monarch A/L  
 MONM Boeing 737-3Y0 24256 Monarch A/L  
 MONN Boeing 737-33A 24029 Monarch A/L  
 MONP Boeing 737-33A 24028 Monarch A/L  
 NAZO Piper PA-31 31-776 SE-INR  
 NEEP Bell 206B 2142 N777FW Dollar A/S  
 OALAL Piper 38-112 78A0623 N4471E  
 OAKZ Beech C90A LJ-1170 N3085Y Barratt  
 OAWY Cessna 340A 743 N2671F  
 OBME Boeing 737-4Y0 23867 BMA  
 OBMF Boeing 737-4Y0 23868 BMA

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OIBM Rockwell Commander 114 14295  
 OIOI EH.101 50008(P+8)  
 OLIE Robinson 22 Beta 824 Optionbuild  
 OMDH Hughes 369E 293E Southernair  
 OMRG Hoffman 3C Dimona 36132 MRG Systems  
 ONEA Beech 200 BB-400 N3035C N.Exec.Avn.  
 ORME Bell 206B 3000 N5733X Dollar A/Svs  
 PIEL PIEL Cp.301A 218  
 PIKN Extra EA230 8 N230JA  
 PKBE MDD DC-9-32 47523 HB-IDP BMA  
 POAV SA.365N1 6309 renin.& Oriental St.Nav.  
 POSN HS125-800B 258120 P&O Containers  
 RAVY Cessna 500 109 N44SA  
 RIOO Beech 200 BB-1244 N251DL Belaire Fact.  
 RITA Cessna 340A 461 N6282N  
 ROVI Falco 8L Srs2 117 I-ROVI  
 ROYY Robinson 22 Beta 886 Tudor Motorcycles  
 SEGO Robinson 22 Beta 871  
 SEPT Cameron N-105 1880  
 SHCC Agusta-Bell 206B 1172 N280C Starline H.  
 SHST Colt 180A 1329  
 SIXX Colt 77A 1327  
 SMCI Bell 206B 3763 N3183H  
 SNOB Beech A36 E-987  
 SONY Aero Commander 200D 358 Gen.Airline  
 SPBA Bell 412 33172 N32072 Bristow  
 TCMP Robinson 22 Beta 890  
 UKHP Bae146-300 E3123 Air UK  
 UKLA Boeing 737-4Y0 23865 Air-Uk Leisure  
 UKSC Bae146-300 E3125 Air UK  
 USSY Piper 28-181 8290011 N8439R  
 VLAD Yakolev Yak-50 1502 D-LIVR R.Goode  
 VPII Evans VP-2 PFA63-10262  
 WILLI Piper 32R-301 8613004 N9128N

Cancellations

ACUU AGBN AJPZ Viscount AOYS, ARJW ARWC ARWH Viscount AZNC, ARZF ATMB AWJA AXYA AYMN  
 BAC \*\*\* AYUW, Tristar BBAE, BENE BENS BEVH BGHC BHD, BHON BHRE 737 BHVI, BICO BIEL BIFW  
 BIEV BIFU BIGB BIHC BIIC BIH BIHW BINJ BINV BINW BIPG BIRW BKDY Jetstream BKKY, BLCK  
 BN-2 BLDW, BLGY BLXC BWVI BNAT 737 BNKW, BOGE 757 BOHC, BOJC 146 BOKZ, BONJ Jetstream  
 BOOR, 360 BOWG & BOWH, BPCH BPDI BPFY GASA HOPP KAFC 737 MONG, ONAD WSJE XUSA.

Restorations

Tiger Moth ANNB, Piper 22-108 ARKK, CEA DR400/160 BAZC, Cessna F150M BEIG, Shorts  
 SD.330 BHHU, Bell 212 BIGB, Boeing 737-3S3 BNXP, SA315B Lama BOEO, Cutlass CD/Supreme  
 440 MMRD, Pegasus XL-R MTKF, Boeing 757-28A 000D.

Note that this list is October/November 1988, so includes some of the winter leaseings of holiday charter aircraft. I think there are mistakes as well!

On 22.11.88, ex-Wing Commander 'Taffy' Holden, 62, a retired RAF engineer sat in a Lightning by invitation and recalled an accident in 1966 at RAF Lynehan. He was making engine and taxiing trials when he pushed the throttle too far open and engaged reheat. He had to swerve to avoid a tanker, then narrowly missed a Comet which had just taken off before realising that not much runway remained & there was a village ahead. The Lightning had neither radio nor canopy, and the ejector seat was locked in for ground servicing. Having had to take off, he thus had to land it, and managed on his fourth attempt, downwind to minimise danger to houses, and with no parachute brake.

Mr. David Kirke of the Dangerous Sports Club flew his £15,000 prop-driven flying saucer 100 ft up above London's Dockland on 15.11.88, in a trial run before a Sahara flight sometime in 1989. It had to be tethered to meet CAA regulations.