



BLACKBUSHE AVIATION

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OFF TO VENICE

Join us in May for our cross continent fly-out to the lido. This Wednesday we have our information evening on all things Venice!



SONACAS ENROUTE

Only a few more months before we take delivery of our two brand new Sonaca 2000's! We visited the factory earlier this month and can not wait!



PAPERLESS OPERATIONS

Continuing with our goal to be paperless see what changes we have made with CloudBaseGA and the plans for the coming year!

MEET THE TEAM

When we welcomed in the new year we also welcomed in some new faces (and said goodbye to some old ones). Check out the latest gossip with the team at Blackbushe Aviation





FROM THE EDITOR

William Robson



Trading blue for orange. For myself it has been a busy few months. For those that are not aware, in December I successfully secured a job with EasyJet flying out of Gatwick. My training started in January this year and I passed my A320 LST at the end of February. I have been lucky to secure some time off before continuing my training later this month, but in the meantime I am very thankful to be back where it all began!

It's the people of Blackbushe Aviation and support they give that makes me so happy to be back around and working again at Blueplane. I wanted to thank each and every one of you for being part of the club and making it what it is because it wouldn't be the same without the members we have.

New Year, New Newsletter! There is a lot of exciting news to share with you and we have tried to pack as much into this letter as we can. We hope you will be as excited for what's coming up as we are.

I have tried to create this newsletter to be a bit different and give you as much insight to what's going on at Blueplane as I can. It's been very enjoyable creating this in such a new way and has given me a break from all the ongoing training. This is just the start and we would love to feature more of your stories and photos so please send them to us for the next newsletter. If you enjoy this style of newsletter as much as we do then please let us know! Likewise if you have any comments or additions to this then please get in touch.

Good Luck! I won't be around for the next month or two as I trade uniforms but I wish you all blue skies and tailwinds and look forward to seeing you around the club during the summer flying season!

FROM THE OWNERS

Steve and Alison Morley

Stepping forward. We have had a busy winter with a number of students hitting milestones with first solos, new PPL and multiple CPL's!

Steve has gained his twin rating and passed all the necessary exams to start his IR training with a view to offering this more advanced training at BBA later in the year. We have had a record number of PPLs doing their night and IMC ratings this year too!

Spreading our wings. We are hoping to acquire our own complex aircraft, a TB20 in the near future and are busily making preparations with the ops team for an exciting summer of flying, including the arrival of the new Sonaca aircraft which we are hoping to exhibit at Aero Expo in June.

In November we celebrated 5 years ownership of the Club. As many of you know it's a labour of love and one which we are passionate about but is only possible because of our wonderful customers. Thank you for being so understanding when things go wrong and for your unwavering support of us.

We remain highly committed to our fantastic flying school and we are excited about the coming season's flying.

All good wishes and happy flying.

Steve and Ali





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OUR SHOP

Our shop, both online and in the club, are stocked up with all you needs for flight training. We offer a range of academic books, kneeboards, other flight accessories and clothing. We are also able to order direct from Pooleys so if there is anything you need we can find it. Why not pop in or look online at our latest stock!

2019 Charts available soon

It remains best practice to have a paper chart to hand. Stock will go on sale towards the end of this month. Check back online as we secure yet again the best priced charts.

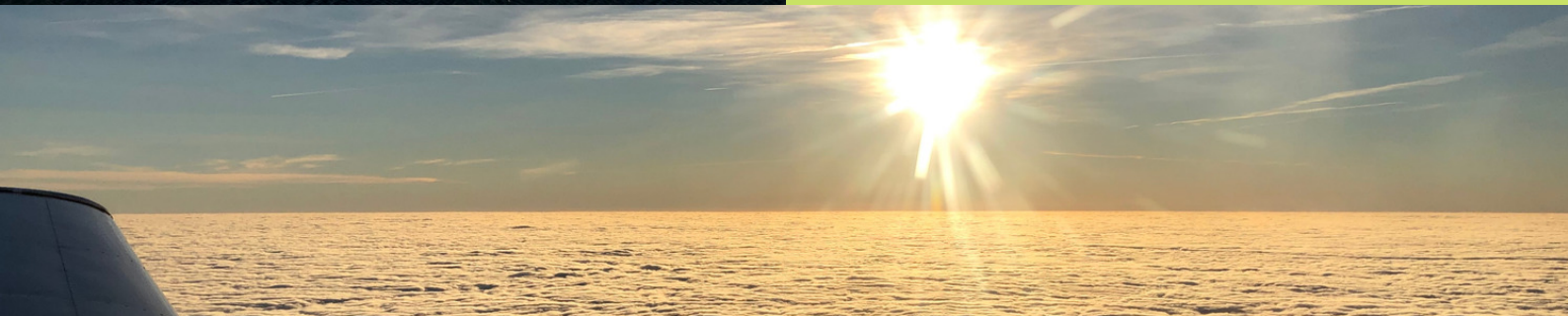
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SAVE THE DATE

Up and coming at Blackbushe Aviation

March 2019

13/03/2019 - Venice Fly Out Information Evening

27/03/2019 - Infringement Awareness Seminar

April 2019

24/04/19 - Summer Flying Season Seminar

TBA - More meetings regarding Venice

May 2019

05/05/19 to 10/05/19 - Venice Fly Out

End of May - (Expected) Delivery of Sonaca)



If you have any ideas for our mid week seminars please get in touch!

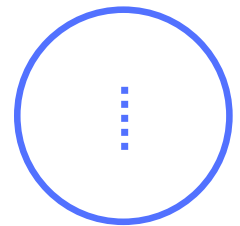
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FOUR TIPS TO START THE FLYING SEASON RIGHT

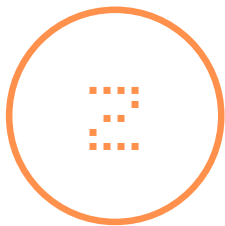
START STEADY!

Its been a while so as you scrape off the rust from those skills, follow the checklist and take it easy! If you would like to fly with an instructor to get you back into it then please give us a call!



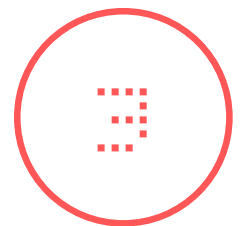
CHECK THE AIRCRAFT

The aircraft might not have moved for a while so give it a thorough walkaround before you go. Be especially careful of birds nests in any crevice, even the engine bay!



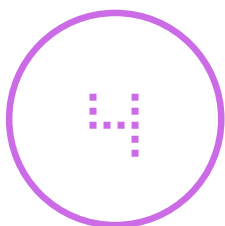
REFRESH THE FACTS

It might not be just the flying skills that have developed rust. Take time to review the facts and whats changed. The skyway code is great to refresh the facts (you can buy it in the club shop!)



FAILURE TO PLAN...

With the number of infringements on the rise make sure you spend adequate time planning your flight. it is all too easy to just go flying. Take the time flying warrants and if you're ever in doubt come and find one of us!



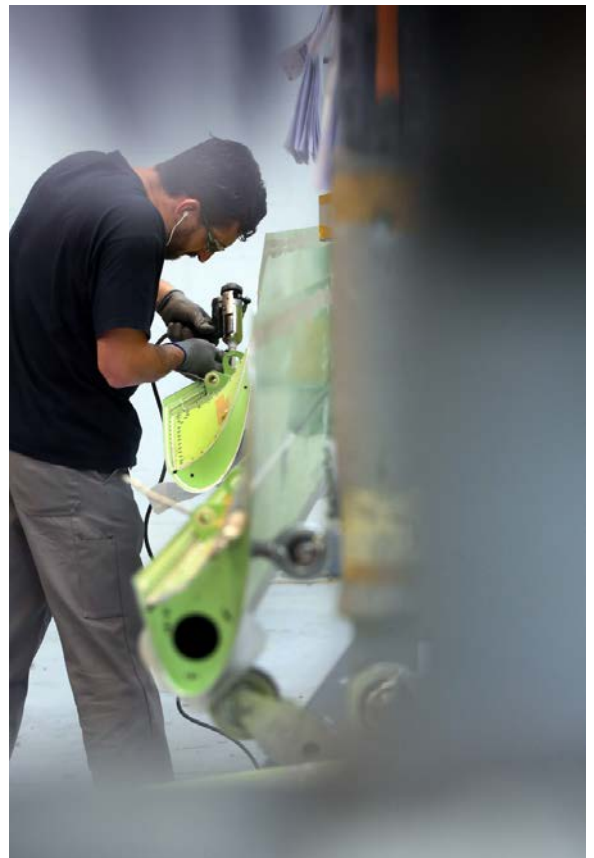


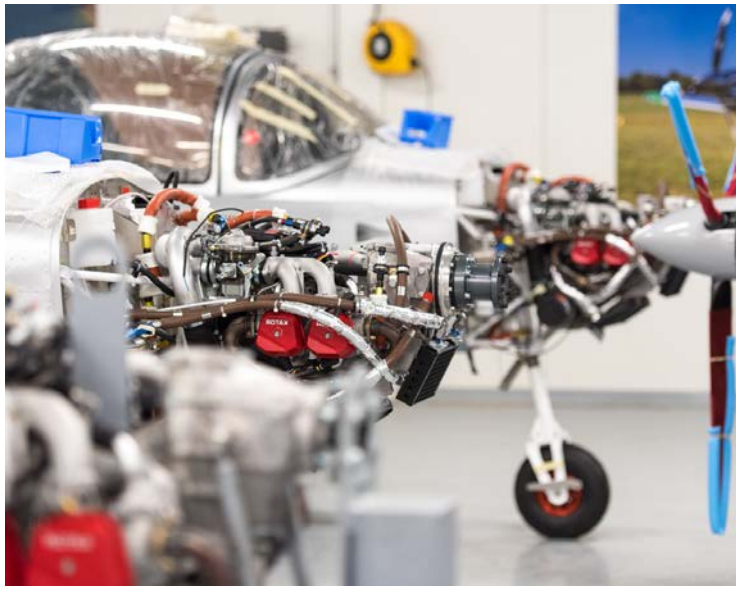
NEW AIRCRAFT EN-ROUTE

Steve Morley

As many of you are aware, we currently have two Sonaca 200's on order. We visited the factory last week and can not be more excited to take delivery of these great handmade aircraft!

Sonaca describe the aircraft as "a low-wing, full metallic aircraft with a maximum take-off weight of 750kg. It exhibits very progressive stall behaviour, which makes it the perfect aircraft for flight schools and safety-conscious pilots. It is perfectly suited to both basic training and long navigation. The power plant is the Rotax 914 turbo engine, offering high performance for high climb rates and cruise speeds. Thanks to the new generation engine and optimized aerodynamic lines, the fuel consumption is very economical." They run on unleaded avgas (UL91) which is coming to Blackbushe so are greener too!





Sonaca 200 Specification

- MTOW = 750kg
- Engine = Rotax 914 (Turbo)
- Stall Speed = 42 kias
- Cruise Speed = 115 ktas
- Range = 750nm

[Click to check out the full specs](#)



The Tour

We also had a tour of the parent company's main factory round the corner in Charleroi Airport. Sonaca are a huge aerospace company making aircraft components such as leading edge slats, fuselage panels etc for major companies such as Airbus and Embraer.

Sonaca also have other factories around the world including Romania, Sri Lanka, China, The US and Brazil.

The expertise, research and skills that go into designing and building these vital components have gone onto the design and build of the Sonaca 200 and I am confident the 200 will be a very successful trainer and tourer.



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Photos courtesy of Sonaca Group



VENICE

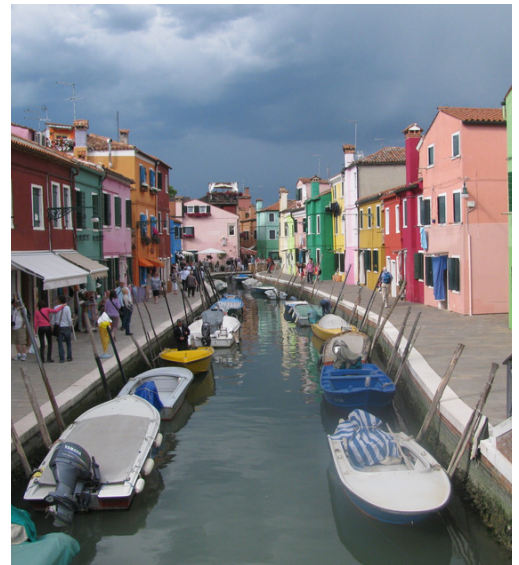
FLY OUT

James Good and Will Robson

Magic. Flying into Venice is a magical experience. The approach down the Lido towards Aeroporto Nicelli offer fabulous views of the city and is the culmination of a tremendous trip through some of Europe's most scenic countryside.

The plan is to leave Blackbushe on the morning of Sunday 5th May to Le Touquet to become intra Schengen. We will have time to have a quick café au lait before continuing down the Saone Valley toward Dijon. Dijon is a combined civil and military airport where we will have the opportunity to refuel the aircraft and ourselves. Heading south from Dijon along the Rhone valley we will encounter some stunning scenery (and nuclear power stations). Arriving in Avignon will conclude our first day of flying.

The following morning sees us depart south overhead Marseille, where we will be 'forced' to fly at low level along the Cote de Azur (passing Nice, Antibes and Cannes). Here we enter Italian airspace and will arrive in Albenga for yet another refuel stop. Leaving Albenga we will fly over the mountains and descend quickly into the Po Valley to avoid flying into the Milan Class A airspace. We will then fly east through the valley until we arrive at the seaside, where we will head north and into Venice.





Venice is situated across 118 islands separated by canals and connected by over 400 bridges! If you have never been this is the perfect opportunity to enhance your flying skills/experience and explore this magical city. We will have three nights to see everything the city has to offer before taking two days to return to Blackbushe, arriving mid-late afternoon on the 10th May.

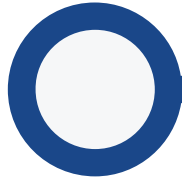
What it offers. The opportunity of flying and navigating throughout Europe will only enhance your raw flying skills and experiences and is highly recommended. We will hire the aircraft to you at a wet rate (reimbursing you for fuel costs en route) and other aviation related expenses are split between the aircraft. All are welcome to join us for the first of the major flyouts we have planned.

Join Us! Wednesday 13th Match James is holding a seminar for interested parties who would like to know more. Please speak to operations if you are interested in attending because we would love to see as many of you as possible!

Photos courtesy of James Good



Personnel Changes



Chad Dodsworth has recently joined the Blackbushe aviation team. You will occasionally see him covering the desk when Kirsty, Hebe and Ali are unavailable.

He is also the backstage guy for all our social media posts and pictures! Make sure you give us a follow on our social media pages to keep up to date with the Chad Meister.



Nick Gribble, a previous instructor at Blackbushe Aviation, with whom some of you may have flown in the past, will be back with us this summer! He has spent the past year exploring Africa! Throughout his adventure he has even managed to keep flying so he will be raring to go once back at Blackbushe with us.

Chris Wilkinson is a frequent flyer at Blackbushe and has joined the Blackbushe aviation team as a qualified CRI. He truly is a brilliant chap and is always happy to help out. He conducts training for club check outs, SEP hour with instructor and differences training. If you haven't met him yet then say hi next time you're in!



As I'm sure many of you are aware, both **Errol** and **William** have managed to secure themselves jobs with commercial airlines. Will has already passed his type rating with easyJet and Errol is due to start later this year with Jet 2. We are sad to see them both leave their full-time position here but don't worry as we are looking forward to welcoming them back on their days off!



Please remember If you want to join the team as a Flight Instructor, or know anyone that might be looking to join the team as a flight instructor, please contact operations so that we can put you in touch with Steve Morley who teaches the Flight Instructors rating and is interested in hiring qualified flight instructors at the moment.



Operations Corner



HEBE'S HOROSCOPES

Pisces

(Feb 19 - March 20)

Show affection to the people and objects you love today, but when you give them that big bear hug, be very careful... especially if it's a C152... they aren't very soft.

Remember - air space is sacred and not to be meddled with

Aries

(March 21 - April 19)

As an Aries, your month of spending time in the air is vast approaching! The recent powers and struggles working against you (perhaps the cosmic forces contolling the weather) are fading away.

Beware of the mighty (wind) sock.

Taurus

(April 20 - May 20)

The organisation bug is going to bite you today and give you one fierce fever to put away the clutter... perhaps sort through your log book for a late aviation spring clean!

Remember - you can always go-around.

Gemini

(May 21 - June 20)

There are some situations in which having money is not going to be of any help to you whatsoever.... However, where flying is concerned - splash the cash!

Remember - Listen to the transcendental voices of Blackbushe FISOs



Progress to Paperless

As most of you are now aware we have started to transition to using the online tech log system through CloudBaseGA. We have created the following guide for you to reference when using the system. It is attached below or you can find a copy next to the computer in the clubhouse.

The plan is to transition to the CloudBaseGA system as they offer more features which will include a new training platform. We are also in the process of trialing this so ask your instructor to show you next time you're in!

As part of this transition period, we ask that you log on and update your contact, licence and medical information on your profile. You should all have an account now, if not then please get in touch with Operations. If you are not sure on the password then please follow the steps to reset by clicking 'Forgot Your Password'.



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We hope you have enjoyed this new and improved version of the Blackbushe Aviation Newsletter and would love to get your feedback. Please tell us what you enjoyed and give us feedback on what you'd like to see next time!

As you can see, there are a lot of things happening over the next few months and we are excited to share the news with you. Hopefully we will see as many of you as possible at our upcoming events



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