



Newsletter - September 2018

Welcome to our second Newsletter. There is no set schedule to when we send these out, but we will communicate when we have something of note to share.

One of our key events is our Annual General Meeting, of which there are more details below. I do encourage you to attend if possible, or to send in your proxies for the formal resolutions.

We are also sharing the activities of just a few of our branches below - Air-

Britain is pleased to have a network of branches, not just in the UK but also in France and the Netherlands.

As before, please let me have your views and thoughts and I will ensure that they are shared within our management groups. Feel free to contact me [HERE](#) or post to the [Newsletter](#) thread on the Message Board

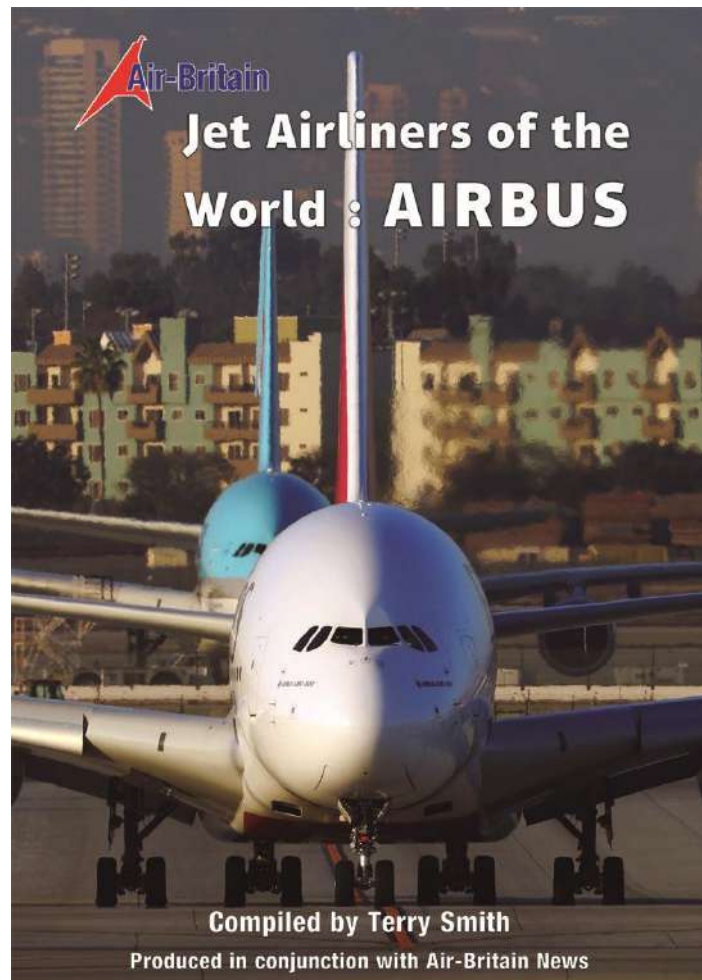
Malcolm Fillmore
Chairman

Our 2017/18 Annual General Meeting will be held at the Marshall Auditorium, IWM Conference Centre at Duxford Aerodrome on Saturday October 6th 2018. All members are welcome to attend and free entry to the museum facilities can be gained, as long as you enter by the Conference Centre entrance at the M11 side of the AirSpace building.

Most members in the UK should have received the latest editions of Aviation World and/or Air-Britain News, which contain full details of the formal element of the meeting, instructions on how to get to the meeting and our annual report and accounts. For those further away who may not have yet received your magazines, a copy of the papers is available on our website [HERE](#)

We have six candidates standing for election as Trustees of The Air-Britain Trust Ltd, for five vacancies. To help you decide on your voting, brief statements from each of the candidates are available on our Message Board [HERE](#). If you have not already registered for the Message Board, you will need to do so to view these statements ([Registration here](#)).

Our latest publication is
Jet Airliners of the World : AIRBUS



With the increase in production of Jet Airliners it is no longer possible to publish all production lists in one volume at the same time. Jet Airliners - Airbus is published as a single volume including both the production listings and Master Index.

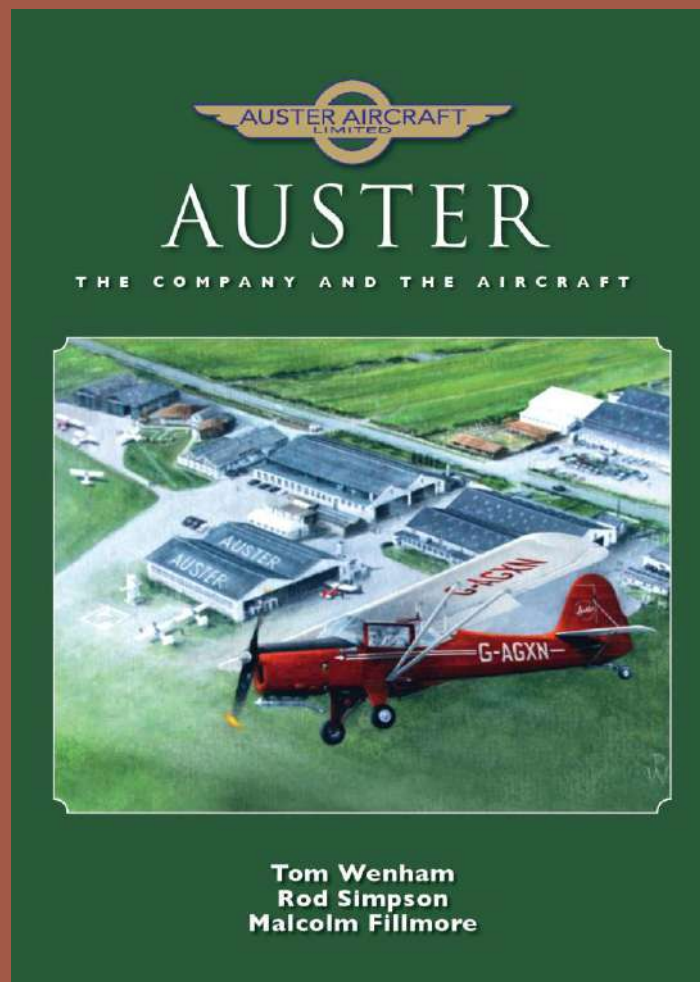
This volume contains complete production lists of all Airbus Jetliners. With the recent acquisition by Airbus of Bombardier's C Series and the rebranding as the Airbus A220-100 and A220-300, these are also included. The book includes almost 12,000 aircraft and space for later additions, full registration/type cross-reference

index totalling over 30,000 entries includes test registrations and current marks highlighted in bold.

Additional volumes covering Boeing and then all remaining types will follow.

Members Price £19.95 or £27.50 for non-members.

Order via our secure [Sales Site](#)



We launched our history of the Auster Company and its Aircraft earlier this year and it was so well received that the initial print run has now sold out. We are currently looking at the possibility of a second print run, taking into account the economics and size of such a run.

If you missed out and want to register your interest in purchasing a copy, then please send your details to Auster Reprint and we will notify you when more news is available.

AIR-BRITAIN TRAVEL

Air-Britain Travel's second trip this year was to Alaska and Seattle, commencing with two days at San Francisco, then one at Seattle before flying to Fairbanks - an airport full of DC-6/C-118's and C-46's all operated by Everts Air Cargo who gave a complete tour of their facility. Other fields visited in the area were Metro Field and Chena Marina.

After 36 hours the group flew to Anchorage and a five night stay overlooking the airport. The big movers here are Fedex and UPS which have separate facilities, while other freight carriers provide a large percentage of the movements. They take advantage of very low fuel costs and being half way between China/Asia and Europe/USA, which means they can carry more cargo by making this refuelling stop. The airport gave Air-Britain Travel a four hour ramp tour. Visits were also made to Wasilla, Palmer and the huge fields at Merrill Field and Lake Hood. The visit was timed to be able to visit the Arctic Thunder Open House at Elmendorf AFB .

Returning to Seattle with rooms high up overlooking the airport, the trip included visits to Everett Paine Field where Boeing conduct factory tours. The Museum of Flight is located at Boeing Field King County Airport while Renton was packed with the latest production models for the Boeing 737. Kenmore Harbour provided almost

40 floatplanes and for the final day the group attended the 50th Arlington Fly-In.



Everts Air Cargo Curtiss C-46A N54514 "Maid In Japan" on the ramp at Fairbanks on June 27th 2018 (Malcolm Fillmore)

Details of the first 2019 trip will appear shortly in our magazines.

Air-Britain has a number of branches and we highlight three of them here.

The Stansted Branch has been active since 1967 and holds monthly meetings, normally on the first Tuesday of the month. The average attendance hovers around 16 or so but often increases to 20 - 30 including guests on a Speaker evening. The branch aims to hold 4 or 5 speaker evenings per year subject to speaker availability. Our membership is drawn from a large geographic area and has a wide breadth of interests covering almost the full spectrum of aviation related matters. This diversity is reflected in the varied content of our Member evenings, choice of visiting speakers, and also the range of subjects in our keenly contested annual photograph

competition and quiz evening.

The branch has an excellent website, and this has been complemented with a branch Facebook page which now has almost 600 members, but the challenge is to get even a small percentage of those Facebook members to attend our meetings. We are a dynamic and innovative branch where a friendly welcome is guaranteed.

We look forward to meeting some of you at our meetings in the future. Further details are on our [website](#) and our Facebook page.



Our second feature branch is the Milton Keynes Aviation Society, who share this with us.

We are a friendly group of enthusiasts who meet each month to hear high quality speakers on a variety of aviation topics. This is our nineteenth year and we have 110 members.

Have a look at our [website](#) to see our Lectures and Visits Programmes. Lecture meetings are on the second Tuesday of the month in Milton Keynes and you are welcome to come along as a visitor for £3 (no charge for MKAS members).

We visit RAF/USAF bases, special events, museums (usually guided tours), manufacturers, etc. as you can see from our Visits Programme. There is generally no charge for members other than an entrance fee or donation to a charity chosen by our host. MKAS Members receive a monthly MKAS Newsletter.

MKAS Membership costs £22 per year (Membership Form on website Archives and Documents page).



The Manchester Branch of the Air-Britain Trust is now in it's 42nd year and continues

to hold monthly meetings on a variety of aviation topics. Our latest meeting is a talk from Robert Fleming, Chief Executive of the Vulcan to the Sky Trust, and previously this year we have had talks on Military subjects and photographic presentations looking back to previous decades, as well as those of trips to various parts of the world. Details of all our meetings can be found on the [website](#) and our Facebook page.

We have always had a dedicated Membership but like many other Branches and organisations we found it was declining due to age and health issues, so in order to ensure the continuation of the Branch a decision was made to change the venue to the Avro Heritage Museum at the old Woodford Aerodrome, and to hold our meetings in the afternoon. We have found that this is a very suitable and appropriate location and we have been able to increase membership towards previous levels with a similar increase in meeting attendance to viable numbers, so we are optimistic about the prospects of the Branch in the future.

MANCHESTER BRANCH

AIR - BRITAIN TRUST



AIR-BRITAIN NEEDS YOU!

Air-Britain relies on a large number of volunteers to keep our organisation running and to provide the services that members have become used to. Highlighting two roles in particular this time

Air-Britain News Commercial Scene is looking to recruit an extra editor to cover Jet Aircraft from Canadair, Dornier, Douglas, Embraer, Fokker and Lockheed plus legacy types such as the BAC 1-11, VC-10, etc., taking 4-5 hours a week. Steve Jakeman, who currently looks after these types, is taking over other work in ABN but he will be on hand to assist and offer advice to our new volunteer editor. If you are interested, in the first instance please contact Sue Bushell or Barrie Towey for full details.

We are looking for someone with marketing experience or enthusiasm to help promote and market our books.

The role includes working within our management teams, particularly the Book Publishing Committee, in the following areas:

- * Identifying and providing details of new publications, etc. to appropriate book reviewers/editors.
- * Reviewing our titles and writing up suitable promotional and advertising copy.
- * Identifying and liaising with commercial outlets and relevant interest groups.
- * Ensuring our website and social media outlets are kept updated.

If you think you can help in all or some of these areas, then please contact our Chairman, Malcolm Fillmore (contact below).

We are also still looking for

- [a Military Editor for Aviation World and also a Deputy Editor to oversee quality and production matters for the magazine.](#)
- [an archivist to manage our digital images collections.](#)

- a person to take overall co-ordination of our photo collections and explore new ways of making Air-Britain's images available to the membership.
- part-time staff and volunteers to help in our Distribution centre in Tonbridge, Kent.
- an E-Bay co-ordinator to increase sales of our second-hand stock

This list is not exhaustive and if you would like to help, we would be pleased to hear from you - please contact either [Rod Simpson](#) or [Malcolm Fillmore](#).

The Air-Britain Second-Hand Sales List

We regularly seek out and recover collections of aviation books and magazines from members. After keeping any that are needed for our archive, all others are available for sale via our extensive second-hand list.

This is updated on a monthly basis and is published on our website [HERE](#).

Stock may be viewed at our Tonbridge distribution centre on most Monday mornings and at other times by prior arrangement. Contact Roger Birchall to arrange a visit.

This newsletter is just one element of Air-Britain's presence on the web.

Most can be accessed from our [Main Website](#) which includes links to

- our secure [Sales site](#), where Air-Britain publications can be ordered
- [ABPIC](#) - Air-Britain's online photo gallery with well over 500,000 images. Open to members and non-members, all images are screened prior to acceptance. A great way of showing and sharing your images. You, the photographer, retain all ownership rights. Members are frequently asked to share their images with others.

- The [Air-Britain Message Board](#) where members can share on a range of subjects and where we will announce new publications and other news of the organisation, often in advance of the printed magazines. A guide on how to register can be found [HERE](#)
- Members Area - containing various files, including registers and listings previously published in Archive and Aeromilitaria only available to members. You can register to access these files [HERE](#).

In addition we have

- [AB-IX](#) - Open to members only, AB-IX is run as part of Yahoogroups. An online discussion forum for aviation research topics only. Members can set their own message preferences (single or daily digest) within Yahoogroups. For more details contact the group owner
- eABN - an electronic version of Air-Britain News, available days before the printed version. Available in single issue or on subscription via [Pocketmags](#).
- The [Air-Britain Facebook](#) page - where we share details of Air-Britain happenings, as well as other selected items related to aviation.