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Dear Friends

Our Annual General Meeting has now been held at beautiful Grenchen Airport. Once more many thanks to René, to the Aeroclub of Switzerland for its financial support, to Grenchen Airport for the well-organized event. The minutes of the event will follow as soon as they are composed and will be delivered via E-mail.

The AGM had elections as every year since the posts are for a two year period at the time. One post was reduced and the board now consists of 5 persons. These are:

Antti Kääriäinen, President
Martin Ryff, Vice president
Manfred Kunschitz, Treasurer
Jérémy Henches, Secretary General
René Meier, Technical officer

We heard and saw interesting presentations held by Julian Scarfe and by Nils Rostedt both representing Europe Air Sports (EAS). There are many topics that concern us, short term keypoints are:

- AVAGS 100 LL production will most like continue till 2032 as 3 refineries have applied for an extension for use of Tetra-ethyl lead (TEL), asking for a final approval by the competent authority. The decision is expected in near future.
- We also learned that the Swift 100R fuel is now commercially available in Europe for the first time.

Below you will find a link to an article in German, fortunately Firefox does a good job of translating it into English:

<https://www.fliegermagazin.de/news/ganderkesee-erster-flugplatz-europas-mit-bleifreiem-avgas-swift-100r/>

The presentations held at the AGM will be made available very soon. Now I wish you good flying weather, stay safe and healthy!

Antti

EASA publishes new call for Seconded National Experts

The European Union Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) has launched a new call for qualified candidates interested in a fixed-term employment as Seconded National Experts (SNEs) at its headquarters in Cologne, Germany.



One of the many nice aircraft in Grenchen, here one of 3 Beech Model 18.



Habsburg Castle



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Related domains are: Aerodromes, Air Operations, Air Traffic Management, Aircraft & products, Aircrew & Medical, Cybersecurity, Drones & Air Mobility, Environment, **General Aviation**, International cooperation, Research & Innovation, Rotorcraft & VTOL, Safety Management & Promotion, Third Country Operators.

>>>>End date: 5/5/2025!

For more information please go to

https://www.easa.europa.eu/en/newsroom-and-events/news/easa-publishes-new-call-seconded-national-experts?utm_campaign=d-20250415&utm_term=pro&mtm_source=notifications&mtm_medium=email&utm_content=title&mtm_placement=content&mtm_group=easa_news

New Fuels for General Aviation

The urgency of the topic may be measured by the fact that various articles have been published in the past month. A choice of texts:

Aero Revue of Switzerland, electronic May edition, page 30 and beyond, German language text:

<https://cloud.hoststar.ch/s/gJGn94WaRip2mH9>

Ganderkesee: Erster Flugplatz Europas mit bleifreiem Avgas Swift 100R, 21/3/2025, German language text, as mentioned by our President:

<https://www.fliegermagazin.de/news/ganderkesee-erster-flugplatz-europas-mit-bleifreiem-avgas-swift-100r/>

Flieger Magazin, already published in October 2024, German language text:

<https://www.fliegermagazin.de/news/bleifrei-tanker-easa-lasst-swift-100r-zu/>

Aviation – EU air services rules (revision)

About this initiative, covering commercial aviation, but of interest to our community. A summary:

The current EU air services rules cover areas such as operating requirements, the freedom to provide services and pricing freedom. The initiative will update those rules in light of lessons learnt, including during the COVID-19 pandemic, changing market dynamics and geopolitical and environmental developments.

The aim is to ensure that the EU internal aviation market continues to be consumer-centric, affordable, reliable, socially and environmentally sustainable and globally competitive.

<https://ec.europa.eu/info/law/better-regulation/have-your-say/initiatives/14620-Aviation-EU-air-services-rules-revision-en>

Terms of Reference (ToR), Notices of Proposed Amendments (NPA), Comment Response Documents (CRD), Opinions, Agency Decisions, and Public Consultations published between 1/4/2025 and 30/4/2025. Titles or text parts in



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bold characters means that the texts are at least partially important for our community:
ToR:

28/4/2025 New air mobility (RMT.0731). Our comment: they use “our airspace”, so we have to pay attention! For more information please go to

<https://www.easa.europa.eu/en/document-library/terms-of-reference-and-rulemaking-group-compositions/tor-rmt0731>

11/4/2025 Regular update of the aerodrome rules for the transposition of ICAO SARPs amendments (RMT.0746). This is the “link” to the text:

<https://www.easa.europa.eu/en/document-library/terms-of-reference-and-rulemaking-group-compositions/tor-rmt0746>

Focused Consultation: None.

Public Consultations: None for our community.

Notices of Proposed Amendment: None.

Agency Decisions:

9/4/2025 ED Decision 2025/003/R Turbine-engine endurance and initial maintenance programme testing | **Substantiation of piston-engine time between overhauls or replacements (RMT.0180).** See also CRD 2923-06 below. For the full text please go to

https://www.easa.europa.eu/en/document-library/agency-decisions/ed-decision-2025003r?utm_campaign=d-20250410&utm_term=pro&mtm_source=notifications&mtm_medium=email&utm_content=title&mtm_placement=content&mtm_group=easa_agency_decision

Opinions: None.

Comment Response Documents (CRD):

09/4/2025 CRD 2023-06 Turbine-engine endurance and initial maintenance programme testing, **and substantiation of piston-engine time between overhauls or replacements (RMT.0180).** See also ED Decision 2025/003/R above. For the full text:

file:///C:/Users/Ren%C3%A9%20Meier/Downloads/crd_2023-06.pdf

EU Consultations: (“Have your say”): None of importance for us.

EU Regulations: None.

EU Decisions: None



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EASA Class and Type Ratings and Endorsement List — Aeroplanes, updated 14/4/2025

<https://www.easa.europa.eu/en/document-library/product-certification/typeratings-and-licence-endorsement-lists>



EASA Class and Type Ratings and Endorsement List — Helicopters, updated 14/4/2025

<https://www.easa.europa.eu/en/document-library/product-certification/typeratings-and-licence-endorsement-lists>

Two separate EASA class type rating & Endorsement Lists are published by the Agency, one for Helicopters and one for Aeroplanes. You find the downloads via the “links” published above.

EASA launches new initiatives to prevent mid-air collisions in General Aviation

10/4/2025, from AERO Friedrichshafen, by EASA: «The European airspace is one of the busiest and most complex in the world. As traffic demand continues to rise, it is important that all airspace users are able to be seen while flying and are also able to see each other. The European Union Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) has therefore worked with aviation authorities to launch two new initiatives to increase visibility and operational safety for General Aviation (GA) operators.



One of the key actions of the EASA GA Flightpath 2030+ has been to work with the aviation community to develop affordable solutions to tackle the safety challenge of preventing mid-air collisions, particularly in uncontrolled airspace where aircraft have historically used only visual separation – known as “See and Avoid”. Technological development has reached a stage where low-cost conspicuity devices are within reach of any GA pilot.» For the full text please go to

<https://www.easa.europa.eu/en/newsroom-and-events/press-releases/easa-launches-new-initiatives-prevent-mid-air-collisions-general>

ADS-B versus Privacy

A hot topic, not only for business aircraft operators. Interested? Please go to:

<https://dronelife.com/2025/02/18/aopa-calls-on-faa-to-address-ads-b-privacy-and-enforcement-issues/#:~:text=Pilots%20Push%20Back%20Against%20ADS,would%20only%20improve%20flight%20safety.>

2025 EASA-IATA Positioning, Navigation and Timing (PNT) Resilience Workshop — Beyond containment of GNSS interference. Updated Agenda published for PNT Resilience Workshop, sign up by May 7!

29/4/2025 EASA writes: “As GNSS disruptions become increasingly frequent and complex, the aviation industry must move beyond reactive containment strategies toward comprehensive, forward-looking solutions. “ **This will be addressed in this presence-only event.** The dates:



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22/5/2025 to 23/5/2025

Day 1: 22/5/2025, 09:00 - 18:00 CET (UTC +2)

Day 2: 23/5/2025, 09:00 - 13:30 CET (UTC +2)

For all details please go to

https://www.easa.europa.eu/en/newsroom-and-events/news/updated-agenda-published-pnt-resilience-workshop-sign-may-7?utm_campaign=d-20250430&utm_term=pro&mtm_source=notifications&mtm_medium=email&utm_content=title&mtm_placement=content&mtm_group=easa_news

Murphy's Law COMPLETE, compiled by Arthur Bloch

On page 236 we find Beach's Law: "No two identical parts are alike." Does it also apply to Beech's?

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The 2025 EPFU AGM on tour