

7 April 2015

Spring Edition

AGM The Annual General Meeting of the UK Chapter was held in the Royal Air Force Club, London, on Thursday 19 March 2015. Twenty five members attended. The Minutes are available on the Chapter website. Chapter member Air Marshal Philip Sturley CB MBE gave a presentation after the meeting which was highly entertaining, deeply intellectual and insightful and very thought-provoking. He started by recalling the days when he was the first EWI on the Jaguar force, touched on the distraction of an audio RWR with no volume control when flying at 400 kts at 100 feet (Harrier Force – it did have an on/off switch), went on to cover the Defence Lines of Development in terms of current and future EW and concluded by looking at the prospects of the 2015 Strategic Defence & Security Review. The members present gave him a rapturous reception and he was presented with a copy of the AOC's 50th Anniversary book. BZ Phil!

Chapter History Evening May 2015 Another item for your 2015 diaries: the 2015 History evening is scheduled for Wednesday 20 May 2015 in the RAF Club. More details are contained in a flyer at the end of this newsletter. Special thanks to our Treasurer John Stubbington and Dr Phil Judkins, Chairman Defence Electronics History Society, for making the arrangements. Those of you who have attended past History Evenings will know just how excellent they are. Senior staff from the Imperial War Museum attended the 2014 evening and expressed their delight with the proceedings and their intent to secure copies of the briefs for posterity. The event will follow the usual format; it will be free to attend and there will be a light buffet. If you are interested put the date in your diary; feel free to bring prospective new members. Everything is in place – we just need you to come and join in. Please contact John Stubbington: john.Stubbington@btinternet.com or by phone: 01420 562722 so we can inform the club of numbers and provide a list for security. Usual RAF Club dress rules apply.

If EW history is your thing, or you want to present a great gift to a colleague, we now have a limited number of AOC 50th Anniversary Books for sale. Originally costing \$60, the copies we have can be had for only £15 (plus P&P) and we will have copies at all Chapter events for sale – until the stock is gone. Please contact John Stubbington, our Treasurer, via the website if you are interested in purchasing a copy – or buy one at the History Evening.

AOC Conferences The AOC EW Stockholm programme is now complete with an outstanding line up of speakers and topics – check out www.crows.org for more information and come and join us – the UK Chapter will be manning a stand and chairing several sessions. Further afield, I have lobbied the US side of the AOC to hold more events that are open to everyone, rather than simply making them US Only. The good news is that the local Atlanta Chapter is planning to host an International and FMS EW Symposium during the week of 8 June 2015. The draft agenda looks very good and more information will be available on the AOC US website in the coming weeks. It apparently includes an optional visit to an Atlanta Braves baseball game, so if that doesn't put you off and if FMS interests you, be sure to keep an eye out for this event. They will be looking for speakers and delegates.

EW 104 – Book Review Artech House has once again offered a copy of a new EW book for review by a qualified Chapter member. It is "EW104", subtitled EW Against a New Generation of Threats, by David L. Adamy, an old friend of the Chapter. If you would like the copy and are prepared to provide a review for publishing please contact me through the Chapter website – first come, first served.

Visits At the AGM we discussed whether the Chapter has the balance right on visits in terms of the number and content. We decided to ask you, the members. If you have any views please use the website to contact us. Should we, for example, have more visits? Should they be technical, such as a visit to a company, military with visits to a unit, or social, such as a visit to Bletchley Park? Equally please suggest specific places to visit – or offer a visit to the Chapter.

Chapter Website – EW Jobs The new "EW Job Vacancies" page, accessed from the News tab, has already proven to be successful for the initial user, MASS, with at least 2 vacancies already filled from it and other Companies are now beginning to use it, with CGI now signed up. If you are interested in seeing what EW jobs are available please check out the new page. ¹ If you are seeking highly qualified UK EW personnel

to work with you then this is the most focused and inexpensive means of finding them. Please contact Chris Howe if you are interested. (chris.howe@systematic.com).

Awards The Board has decided to collate a list of all UK winners of AOC international awards. It is a work in progress and we need your help. You can find more about AOC awards at: <http://crows.org/COMMUNITY/AWARDS.HTML> - **the 2015 deadline is 1 May** so please consider nominating someone now – the UK BOD stand-ready to assist.

New Article I am delighted that John “Jacey” Wise MBE has found the time to write another article, this time on Air Defence Concerns, which is attached to this newsletter.

Finally That’s all folks! I’ve listed a few dates below, where you might consider joining us and the wider AOC community in 2015. Remember, the UK Chapter is all about you, so please stay engaged and let the Board know what you want. Feedback is always welcome.



John Clifford OBE
UK Chapter President

SOME DATES FOR YOUR 2015 DIARY

Chapter History Evening, RAF Club, Wednesday 20 May 2015

AOC EW Europe, Stockholm 26 – 28 May 2015, Stockholm, Waterfront Congress Centre,
www.stockholmwaterfront.com

AOC webpage: <http://crows.org/event/192-aoc-conferences/2015/05/26/8-electronic-warfare-europe-2015.html>

EW Europe Webpage: <http://www.eweurope.com/>

Visit to RN Type 45 Destroyer, Portsmouth TBD 2015

AOC EW Latin America – 16 April - One day AOC EW Symposium and 3 Day Exhibition Pavilion during LAAD Brasil 14-17 April 2015

AOC 52nd Symposium 1 - 3 December 2015, New Venue Marriott Marquis DC and Convention Center, Washington, DC

UK Chapter Christmas Dinner, RAF Club, 11 Dec 2015 Awards Dinner, Black-tie preferred.

Check out our website at www.ukaoc.org



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Chapter History Evening – Millennium Suite

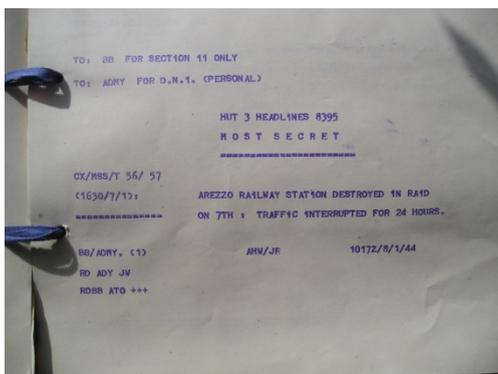
Royal Air Force Club, 128 Piccadilly, London W1J 7PY

Wednesday 20 May 2015

The UK Chapter history evenings began in October 2011 and have been a great success, so we've planned another one for 2015, and will meet at 18:00.

At this year's event, **Dr Phil Judkins, Chairman of the Defence Electronics History Society** will speak from 1830 about "**The Quiet Man, at War**" Having spoken at the AOC History evening of 2013 on '*Breakout - the Channel Dash*', and in 2014 on '*The Luck of the Devil: WW2 German Air Defence*', Dr Phil addresses a Land topic in 2015. He will brief about Sir John Cockcroft's development of 3 successive lines of ground-based Air Defence against the manned bomber, the V-1 cruise missile and the V-2 ballistic missile in a paper first presented at Cambridge University last year.

Wing Commander John Stubbington, UK Chapter Treasurer will then talk about **Bletchley Park Hut 3 Headlines** which is an introduction to the direct dissemination of ENIGMA Headlines to the Prime Minister, from May 1941 and then daily throughout WW2; and the immediate use of this Intelligence. This material has been buried in Bletchley Archives for decades and has now been connected with The National Archives HW 1-series. This series contains the original cover notes and the actual documents passed to Churchill using the code name BOMIFACE complete with annotations and minuting.



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