

UK Royal Aero Club CIEA Report 2008

- 1. The British Modellers are very active in education, with a full programme of outreach plays a comprehensive teachers guide. They are holding a University/Schools Electric Egg Lift Challenge 2008.**
- 2. The Popular Flying Association has renamed and re branded, to better fit into the planned European framework set out by EASA, the new name is The Light Aircraft Association (LAA). LAA has a dedicated Youth and Education Support Group.**
- 3. Late in 2007 LAA (then PFA), succeeded in forming an education charity now named the LAA Education Trust (LAAET), aimed at supporting aviation, science and engineering education for all age groups, being a charity this must be made available to all. A training facility is planned at the LAA HQ in Turweston near Brackley in England and several Build a Plane projects are planned, to follow on from the YES groups 2 projects, themselves an idea generated from Sweden, this is true cross pollination of ideas. Scout aviation camps were held across UK in 2007 and a full programme is planned for 2008. A National Young aviators day was held in 2007, this is again planned for 2008 taking place on 10/11 May 2008 across the country, aimed at flying young people who would not normally get access to aviation. A new outreach starting on 30th May, is to teach aviation badges to Beavers, this being the 6 to 8 year group is a simple lesson, they only need to talk to a pilot to attain the badge. The LAA Education group will be present at RIAT (Royal International Air Tattoo) for [TRI@RIAT](#) and at Farnborough 2008, with the two Build a Plane projects, our Education roadshow and 6 pedal planes.**
- 4. A small education conference was held in March at the Brooklands museum, Gliders (BGA), Modellers (BMFA), Microlights (BMAA) and light aircraft (LAA) were represented. I plan to hold a national conference in October and hope all Royal Aero Club groups will attend At Bicester near Oxford, to share education programmes and cross pollinate ideas.**
- 5. The British Gliding Association (BGA), has many localised Cadet Schemes, where gliding clubs subsidise the training and flying of their junior members, they have a programme of training the next generation of competition pilots, in conjunction with training of current top national junior pilots. There is a top of the range simulator, which attends conferences and exhibitions, clubs are also encouraged to take the simulator and a glider to local shows and Shopping Malls, a rigged glider and a simulator really attract public attention.**

**Regards
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