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'Experiences whilst flying Concorde'

The history and future of supersonic passenger aircraft

Capt. John Hutchinson

Former Chief Pilot for Concord

Monday, 1st December 2003 **7.30 p.m. - 9.00 p.m.**
The Wolfson Lecture Theatre, Churchill College, Cambridge

Chair: Brian Ford, CSAR Member of Council
Vote of Thanks: to be confirmed (see below)

Capt. Hutchinson writes.....

'I plan to talk about the passing of the supersonic age, a bit of what it was like to fly on Concorde plus a few anecdotes to finish with.'

John will also show a short video of air-to-air footage of Concord, and illustrate his talk with some slides, which point up the technical features that make Concord such an unusual aircraft.

About the speaker:

John Hutchinson spent eight years in the Royal Air Force flying Shackletons and instructing on Jet Provosts. He then spent three years in corporate aviation, flying a variety of light singles and twins.

He joined British Airways as a co-pilot on Boeing 707's and 747's, gaining his command on the VC 10 in 1976.

He joined the Concorde Fleet in 1977 where he spent the next fifteen years until retirement. He was a Concorde Route Check Captain and has much experience as a pilot selector. He was a consultant to the US High Speed Research Programme and sits on many air safety committees.

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He is a Past Master of GAPAN and is a Fellow of the Royal Aeronautical Society and the Royal Institute of Navigation. He has flown over seventy different aircraft types in his career.

Organising Secretary's Notes:

This lecture was the suggestion of Peter Russell-Eggitt, shortly before he retired from the CSAR Council. I gather that John Hutchinson is an excellent and entertaining speaker, and comes highly recommended!

He gives these talks in aid of the Royal National Lifeboat Fund. So I shall be taking a retiring collection in aid of the fund after the lecture! As you may know, we do not pay our lecturers, excellent though they may be, since the CSAR is a thoroughly minimalist society. On this occasion, tho', I think we could dig into our pockets a bit (I am a great supporter of the RNLI myself)

Vote of Thanks

I do not have a VoT for tonight's lecture, but I wonder if **someone from the CSAR membership** would like to do the honours?

I know that one or two of you are aeronauticists, and this would give you the opportunity to spend more time with the lecturer. We dine beforehand, so you get a free (and generally rather good) meal with the speaker (that's the good news) and with Brian Ford, on this occasion (even better news!) and myself (that's the bad news).

If you are interested in proposing the Vote of Thanks, please contact me, either at home over the weekend (01799 525 948) or at Generics on Monday (01223 875 200). We'll need you from 18:00 onwards

Dr Richard Freeman FRSA
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