

## Dear Members, Volunteers, Supporters and Friends,

I hope you are all enjoying the recent sunshine. Spring is a busy time for AWB as some projects come to an end and new ones begin. There is a lot happening between now and the end of May and we are also planning our biggest UK event of the year in June, it's our National Fly Kids Day on the 20th. We can always do with assistance especially as NFKD is going to be, we hope, the biggest event so far, so, may I ask you please, if you wish to get involved or you are willing to help do get in touch to let us know.

Thank you and best regards, Stan Chairman AWB

#### **AWB** events

## Saturday 18th April at the Brooklands Museum

Youth Education and Support (YES) Conference



#### **The London Marathon**

On Sunday 26th April Anthony Flesche will be running for us in the 2015 Virgin Money London Marathon. We would like to wish him good luck, if you would like to support Anthony's efforts and AWB

please go to his fundraising page at : Anthony Flesch Giving page More information for spectators can be found here:

Spectator information

### Friday 1st May Cranfield University

Students on the MSc Air Traffic Management course will be holding their annual fundraising party and auction for AWB

On 15th/16th May delegates from associated aviation charities in Belgium, Finland, France, Germany, Netherlands and Spain will be joining AWB in London where we will be hosting our annual European meeting at the Hilton at Heathrow's T4.

## **Meet Amy Bear!**

Finally, from **29th-31st May**, AWB will attending AeroExpo at Sywell Airport near Northampton. If you intend to visit the air show you will find us at stand C6. Please do come along and say hello, we will have Amy Bear with us and she's sure to want a selfie!



Amy Bear's Facebook page



## **National Fly Kids Day**

AWB's biggest day of the year in the UK is our National Fly Kids Day. This year the event is being supported by Airbus and on **20th June** flying clubs throughout the country will join together to fly disadvantaged kids at their own airports on the same day and at the same time. So far we have 16 clubs wishing to participate and four clubs have already offered to fly 114 kids. There is still time if your club would like to take part.

The day is a fun event for all and we are looking for volunteers to represent AWB at airports. If you are aged 18 or over and are in any way interested in flying this is a great opportunity to visit a flying club and to meet the pilots. If there is a spare seat on a flight we also ask that volunteers be given the chance to fly but this depends on the circumstances of the day.

Please visit the website to find out how you can help: National Kids Fly Day or email lisa our fundraiser at



# **Toys for Smiles**

The Toys for Smiles project to ship toys to Syrian refugee children in camps in northern Jordan in association with the Scouts and Guides has come to end. Unfortunately we are still waiting on the toys to be distributed in Azraq camp but if that is not possible we may be able to send the load by road transport to the other camp at Zaatari.

Last month discussions took place in London with the UNHCR to begin a new project in Turkey. The country now has the largest concentration of refugees in the world including 1.6M fleeing the fighting in Syria so the need is great. We are hopeful that something will be agreed soon and we can recommence collections and shipments.

## Central African Republic (CAR) aircraft project.

The six month CAR mission flown with our Belgian and Dutch colleagues ended in February. The two Cessna 206 aircraft involved, OOASF and OOSPU were flown on the long five day journey back to Europe last month and are now resting safely in their hangar at Grimbergen Airport northwest of Brussels.

The three organisations are now fundraising for future projects and we hope to launch another mission in early 2016.

As always we are doing our very best to keep you informed through the social media outlets Facebook and Twitter. Please click here to like us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter @AWBsocial Of course if you would like to get involved with social media on our behalf please contact Lisa: Lisa@aviationwithoutborders.org she would be delighted to hear form you.









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