



What is The British Aviation Preservation Council?

The BAPC, formed in 1967, is the national body for the preservation of aviation related items. It is a voluntary staffed body which undertakes a representation, co-ordination and enabling role. BAPC membership includes national, local authority, independent and service museums, private collections, voluntary groups and other organisations involved in the advancement of aviation preservation in Britain. A number of overseas aircraft preservation organisations have affiliated membership.

The activities of the BAPC include:

- Quarterly Council Meetings hosted by member organisations
- *Maintaining the BAPC Logbook which contains contact information, advice etc.*
- Organizing a Parts Finder (Wants and Disposals) system
- *Maintaining The National Aviation Heritage Register*
- Maintaining the 'BAPC Register of Anonymous' Aircraft
- *Developing and implementing a National Aviation Heritage Strategy*
- Organizing "Stopping the Rot" conferences and seminars dealing with preservation issues
- *Providing contact information for access to specialist help.*
- Publications about Britain's National Aviation Heritage and how to preserve it
- *Providing free and low cost training courses for member organisation's volunteer staff.*

1. Council Meetings

Quarterly Council Meetings have been held in locations throughout the United Kingdom, from National Museums to small independent collections. At these gatherings the business of the Council is undertaken as part of a formal meeting. This is started by the host organisation making a presentation about its history, aims and objectives. Opportunity is provided to discuss individual projects informally, seek advice and parts. Each member organisation is invited to submit a written progress report for inclusion in a newsletter, BAPC Matters, which is circulated to all member organisations.

2. BAPC Logbook

Logbook has been created to provide member organisations with a thorough view of the organisation, work and scope of the Council as well as providing material that will help members to further network and maximize their membership. Logbook will be regularly updated and added to.

3. Part Finder Service

Advice is available regarding possible sources of spare parts and technical publications. Wants, Sales and Disposals lists are circulated with the quarterly Council Meeting Minutes.

4. The National Aviation Heritage Register

This includes all airframes held by organisations that are open to the public on a regular basis. These are 'graded' according to agreed criteria. Work is underway to expand the Register to include aero-engines and rocketry.

5. BAPC Register of 'Anonymous' Aircraft

This was started in the 1980s to identify and record the many aircraft which were never allocated an official military or civil identity. These include hang gliders; such as Percy Pilcher's 1896 Hawk; RAF 'plastic replicas', film replicas, German and Japanese aircraft and homebuilt aircraft.

5. The National Aviation Heritage Strategy

In 1996 the BAPC began working with other interested parties to produce a national strategy for the preservation of aviation heritage by identifying priorities for preservation, seeking additional resources and promoting improved conservation and training standards. A programme has begun with five key targets:

- Protecting aviation items, archives and sites
- Ensuring the availability of skilled manpower.
- Raising standards of education, interpretation and customer service.
- Improving the effectiveness of restoration and conservation.
- Raising the profile of Britain's Aviation Heritage.

In 1997 **BAPC** marked its 30th Anniversary by staging the first **National Aviation Heritage Week** (NAHW) which involved over seventy BAPC Member Organisations throughout the United Kingdom.

6. Stopping the Rot

A series of seminars and conferences have been organized to discuss aviation preservation issues and provide practical advice. All conference papers are published and provided free of charge to all **BAPC** Member Organisations. Additional copies, and copies of past papers, are available from the Secretary at a modest price.

7. Specialist Help

BAPC has appointed a number of **Specialists** who have particular knowledge of certain aircraft and engines types and may be able to advise you about the availability of spare parts, technical manuals and specialist knowledge. Other **BAPC Specialists** will be able to advise you about non-aviation related subjects such as insurance. Most of this advice is available for the cost of a telephone call. Contact details for **BAPC Specialists** can be found in the **BAPC Logbook** or from the Secretary.

8. The Aviation Heritage Training

A **BAPC** initiative to help improve the skills and abilities of volunteers working in the aviation sector at Member Organisations. Free or low cost training sessions are available to Members at their own premises where possible. Training sessions available include health and safety awareness, airframe repairs and preservation. This service to your staff and volunteers is unique in the museums sector.

9. Publications:

- Ahead Together : seminar papers
- Stopping the Rot 1 : seminar papers (7 papers available as re-prints)
- Stopping the Rot 2 : seminar papers
- Stopping the Rot 3/4 : seminar papers
- Stopping the Rot 5 : seminar papers
- Stopping the Rot 6 : seminar papers
- Stopping the Rot 2003 : seminar papers
- Wants, Disposals and Sales listings : distributed quarterly
- Quarterly Newsletter – BAPC Matters
- National Aviation Heritage Register : Airframes Held in Museums and Collections in the UK
- Register of Historic Aero Engines
- Register of 'Anonymous' Aircraft
- Logbook : BAPC Members' Manual

All available from the Secretary – ask for details.

Types of membership

Member

This category is open to organizations based in the United Kingdom which are involved in the active preservation of aviation heritage.

All applicants for membership will be elected as Provisional Members for a probationary period of 12 months from date of acceptance. Acceptance is granted by vote of Council.

During the probationary period, a representative should attend at least one quarterly meeting and make a formal presentation about the history, aims and objectives of their organization. Failure to do so will mean that a new application must be made. A written draft of this presentation should be sent to the Secretary one month before the presentation and may be circulated to member organizations for comment. Applicants may receive requests for additional information.

Upgrading from Provisional Member to Full Member status is granted by vote of Council. A membership certificate will be presented.

Affiliate

Affiliate membership is open to organizations and invited individuals based in the United Kingdom, or elsewhere, who wish to support the work of the Council.

Individuals seeking Affiliate Membership should apply in writing to the Membership Secretary.

All applicants for membership will be elected as Provisional Affiliate Members for a probationary period of 12 months from date of acceptance. Acceptance is granted by vote of Council.

During the probationary period, a representative should attend at least one quarterly meeting and make a formal presentation about the history, aims and objectives of their organization. A written draft of this presentation should be sent to the Secretary one month before the presentation and may be circulated to member organizations for comment. In some cases, for example overseas applicants, a written draft alone may be accepted. Applicants may receive requests for additional information.

Upgrading from Provisional Affiliate to Full Affiliate Member status is granted by vote of Council. A membership certificate will be presented.

Subscriptions

Membership subscriptions are due from the time when Provisional Membership is offered, and on January 1 each year following.

How to Apply

Complete and post the Membership Application Form to the Secretary

This information will be stored on a data base and can be made available to the BAPC Membership. The BAPC does not share these details with other organisations.

MAKE SURE THAT YOU ALWAYS KEEP YOUR CONTACT DETAILS UP TO DATE !



**BRITISH AVIATION PRESERVATION COUNCIL
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM**

PLEASE COMPLETE THIS FORM AND POST IT TO :
The Secretary : Brian Dixon
19 Acton Place, High Heaton, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE7 7RL

Museum or Group details

Name The name of your museum or group _____	
Address Leave blank if none _____ _____ _____	
Post Code _____	
Telephone No _____	Fax No _____
Email address _____	Web site _____

Contact details

The person nominated as your contact

Name _____	
Address Usually home address _____ _____ _____	
Post Code _____	
Telephone No _____	Fax No _____
Email address _____	

Organisation Details:
Are You:

Museum	If yes	Registered with MGC Museum & Galleries Commission	Area Museum Service
Y N		Y N	Y N
Private Collection Enthusiast Group	Y N Y N	Aircraft Operator	Y N Restoration Group i.e. Working on a single project

What do you collect and/or restore

Airframes	Engines	Avionics	Uniforms	Medals	Equipment
Y N	Y N	Y N	Y N	Y N	Y N
Photos	Film	Archives	Ephemera	Paper Records	Other
Y N	Y N	Y N	Y N	Y N	Y N

Are you open to the Public If yes, opening Times
Y N

Are you open to Researchers If yes, Contact Details
Y N

Please forward copies of any of the following which you may have available

- **Mission Statement**
- **Constitution**
- **Collecting Policy Document**
- **Business Plan**
- **Annual Report**

Failure to forward supporting documentation may delay the processing of your application.

Members/Affiliate Subscriptions

Membership subscription for 2017	£35.00
Additional mailing subscription (if required)	£10.00

Notes:

1. Payable in sterling to "British Aviation Preservation Council"
2. Overseas members please pay by INTERNATIONAL MONEY ORDER OR STERLING CHEQUE drawn on a UK bank – otherwise please add the equivalent of £3.00 to cover commission payments.
3. Additional mailings are available to other members of your organisation if required. Please supply address details on a separate sheet of paper.