

The Farnborough Society's Donation to Farnborough College of Technology

In May, members of the Society visited the Farnborough College of Technology to formally present a piece of equipment to the Automotive and Engineering Department in memory of one of our founder members, David Lockspeiser. David, a stalwart of the Planning Group, had been a test pilot and raced motor cars in his youth, so it seemed particularly appropriate to honour him with a donation to the Aeronautic and Automotive Academy.

We saw the Snap-on Borescope being actively used by the students, who all agreed it enhanced their knowledge of the internal workings of an engine. A quick tour of the department showed us students working on aero engines as well as on cars.

We moved on to enjoy a delicious three-course lunch in The Gallery Restaurant, prepared and served by the students on the catering course. The attention to detail was meticulous with the added touches of a small taster starter and finishing up with petit four biscuits with the coffee. The restaurant was taken up almost entirely by our members but it is well worth a visit on an individual basis, but booking is essential by contacting the restaurant direct: Email: gallery@farn-ct.ac.uk Telephone: 01252 407171 Full details are available on their website:

<https://www.farn-ct.ac.uk/LifeatCollege/TheGalleryrestaurant>

Subsequently, the college issued the following press release:

Engineering Department Receives Donation from Local Society

Students and staff at Farnborough College of Technology have gratefully received a 'Snap-On Borescope', used for probing the insides of machinery via video, from members of The Farnborough Society.

A presentation of the new equipment at the college's Aerospace & Automotive Academy also gave members of the Society an opportunity to view the college facilities and talk to teaching staff.

The Society's donation was in memory of founder member David Lockspeiser, who passed away in May 2014. Mr Lockspeiser was a leading test pilot and flew more than 7,000 hours in 100 different aircraft. His engineering skills led him to design and build the 'Lockspeiser LDA-01' aircraft, while his hobby of motor racing took him to rallies across Europe and the UK.

Mr Lockspeiser's career and interests made Farnborough College of Technology a natural recipient for the Society. Barbara Hurst, Secretary of The Farnborough Society said:

"David was passionate about Farnborough. I think he would have been very pleased that our donation will help local young people to find careers in the two areas he loved: aviation and motorsport."

The Borescope will be used by engineering students to inspect the insides of engines and other mechanical components that would otherwise require dismantling. The industry-standard equipment also allows images and video to be recorded or projected live onto a large screen, enabling teaching staff to show students how to diagnose and correct mechanical faults in great detail.

David Lockspeiser's obituary is available online at

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/obituaries/10863225/David-Lockspeiser-obituary.html>

