

# Symposium

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[PropDesigner.co.uk](http://PropDesigner.co.uk) is pleased to announce an on-line symposium on human powered flight on it's site between Monday 2nd July to Friday 13th July 2012 to coincide with the start of the Lasham event in England by the Royal Aeronautical Society Human Powered Aircraft Group on 14th July.

You are invited to submit papers for the symposium.

You are welcome to join the discussions and question and answer sessions at any point during this period. After that it is not guaranteed that you will get answers although the question forums will be left open for reading and posting.

## Schedule

The papers will be published on the PropDesigner web site at the start of the symposium at <http://symposium.propdesigner.co.uk> where they can be downloaded and read. The forum site will also be updated with a forum for the symposium with a sub forum for each paper and the author(s) will have a chance to answer any questions submitted over the 2 weeks of the on-line symposium at their convenience.

It is hoped that there will also discussion between the authors and visitors on other aspects of human powered flight that they may be knowledgeable about.

The symposium forum will be left after the symposium has finished for others to read but any submitted questions are not guaranteed to be answered by the authors.

## Submitting a paper

[Propdesigner.co.uk](http://Propdesigner.co.uk) is asking for papers to be submitted. They should either be unpublished elsewhere either on the internet or other medium (paper) or include a permission to publish if they have been published elsewhere.

It would be appreciated if the subject and a brief outline of any papers you wish to submit was submitted to [symposium@propdesigner.co.uk](mailto:symposium@propdesigner.co.uk) before March 5<sup>th</sup> which will then be placed in an area of the web site only accessible by authors to minimize the chance of multiple papers on the same or similar subjects. You

will not be limited by this either by not submitting an outline or changing the subject of your paper, it is just to aid the organization of the symposium.

Finished papers need initially be submitted before April 2<sup>nd</sup> so they can be scrutinized by the expert panel and changes, if any, can be made. They will then be prepared for publication. Papers can be accepted in a range of formats but the preferred final format is PDF with HTML as a second choice. Any video can either be directly submitted to the site or published on Youtube but don't forget to supply links either inside your paper or separately.

File formats for initial submissions are:-

Word (DOC, DOCX)  
Open Office (ODT)  
Text (TXT)  
PDF  
HTML

The language for the forums and the papers is English (British and/or American). Help will be available on English if required.

The expert panel will be checking for:-

- *Accuracy of any calculations and formulas.* If using well-known formulas, the right formula is being used and the calculations are accurate enough that any conclusions based on them are valid.
- *Clarity of writing.* Checking that your standard of English is reasonable and the meaning is obvious.
- *Conforming with the known laws of physics.* No anti-gravity generators this year. No zero drag aerofoils. No use of perpetual motion machines.
- *References.* Checked where possible.

Allowances will be made for a person or people submitting the paper where, for instance, their first language is not English or they are not used to producing academic papers and so first time writers are welcome.

The authors will also be expected to answer reasonable questions on their paper at the on-line forum at some point during the symposium but because of other commitments of the authors this may not be possible on every day that the symposium is running.

Copyright remains the author's but submitting a paper means the author(s) agree to the paper being available on the [propdesigner.co.uk](http://propdesigner.co.uk) web site for a minimum of a year. This does not exclude publishing it elsewhere in that time.

#### Deadlines for papers

Date	Deadline
March 5 <sup>th</sup> 2012	Submitting initial title and outline.
April 2 <sup>nd</sup> 2012	Submitting for scrutiny.
July 2 <sup>nd</sup> 2012	Papers available at the start of the symposium
July 13 <sup>th</sup> 2012	Authors required to answer questions on their paper.