

# The de Havilland Aeronautical Technical School Association

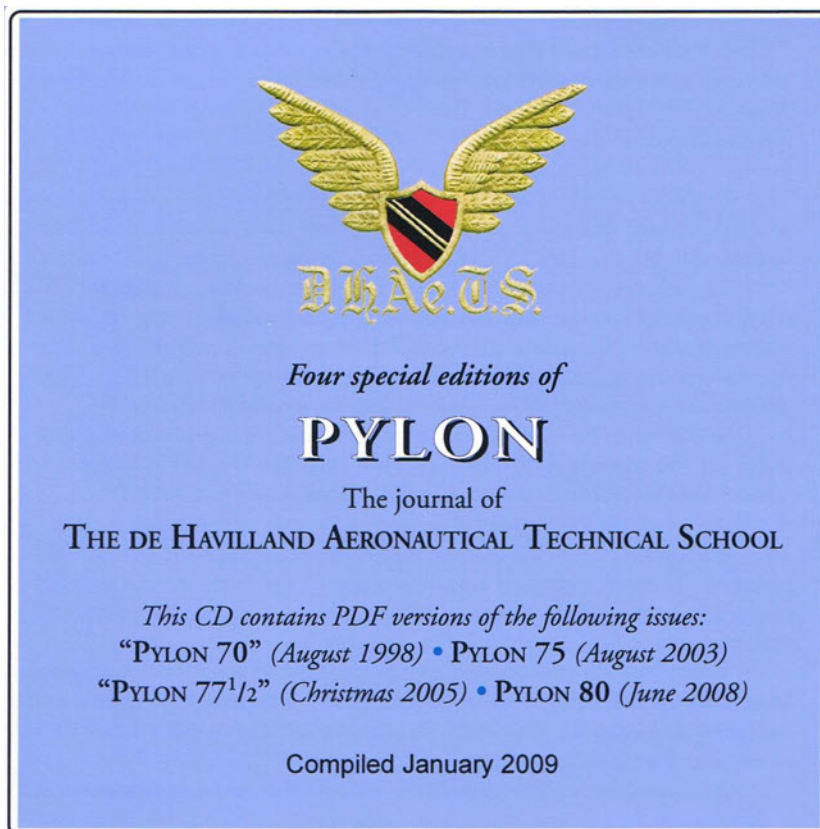
## PYLON on CD

Ken Watkins has compiled a CD containing the last four issues of Pylon. See images of CD case insert below for details and the following pages for the contents of each issue. P70 was 9.35ins tall by 7.35ins wide, much as the originals. The subsequent three issues were A4 size.

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**T**HE FOUR editions of PYLON collected on this CD are special because they span ten years of commemoration of the founding of the **de Havilland Aeronautical Technical School**. PYLON was published through the 1930s, but was suspended on the outbreak of WW2. After the war it was published at intervals until 1954. A revival in the winter of 1963 continued until 1970. After the school combined with the Hawker Siddeley Aviation training schemes in 1965, at least half-a-dozen editions of PYLON were issued, jointly as the journal of the then DHAeTS Old Boys Association and of the HSA schools.

The current revival was in August 1998, arranged to coincide with the reunion to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the school's founding. It was an inspired and painstaking assembly of choice extracts from many previous issues, the earliest being from the very first printed PYLON of July 1933. This resurrection had no special title, but has become known as "PYLON 70".

As the next five years passed, another reunion was planned in August 2003 for the school's 75th birthday. For this, the DHAeTS Association Committee decided that a completely new edition was appropriate: PYLON 75. A willing volunteer was persuaded to take on the task of compiling it.

For a while, it was felt that the next issue would mark the school's 80th birthday. Then an awareness arose that some of the more mature members might not be completely happy to wait that long, so an interim edition was approved, issued for Christmas 2005. This has the nickname "PYLON 77 1/2".

Finally, the 80th anniversary approached, and PYLON 80 was completed in time for the celebratory reunion in June 2008. This turned out to be one of the fattest-ever editions, after which its compiler decided to call it a day. Over to the next PYLON volunteer team!

It is hoped that the PYLON tradition will continue into many future issues.

## PYLON 70

This issue was a compilation of items photographically reproduced from past issues of Pylon, spanning the years from 1933 to 1966. There was no list of contents

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