



## **PRESS RELEASE - RARE BIRD VISITS COUNTY'S AIRPORT**

Air enthusiasts at Gloucestershire Airport were treated to a rare sight, when the Farnborough Aircraft F1 Kestrel prototype aircraft, tail number N352F passed through last weekend.



Aerodynamics Chief Pilot, Martin Courage (left) and Farnborough Aircraft Technical Director, Afandi Darlington prepare for their transatlantic crossing.

Built using state-of-the-art carbon fibre composites, the Kestrel has a maximum cruise speed of 352 knots (hence the tail number), a rate of climb at maximum weight of over 3,100ft per minute along with a range of over 1,500nm. Originally conceived by land speed record breaker Richard Noble, the Kestrel made its first flight at Bend, Oregon in 2006 and since then has been displayed in Europe and the Middle East at various Aerospace exhibitions.

Gloucestershire-based aircraft delivery specialists, Aerodynamics Ltd were ferrying the aircraft to the forthcoming National Business Aviation Association show at Orlando Executive Airport, Florida and stopped overnight at Staverton to refuel, before setting course for Iceland.