



# Waltham Chase Aeromodellers

Newsletter 11-07-2017

## 1. Introduction

Welcome to the June/July newsletter. A bit shorter this time as we have been outside playing in the sunshine. But there is a great piece from Bill on his visit to the well known *Top Gun* event plus the glider comp. results.

## 2. Message from the Chairman

After some terrific flying weather, recently, we managed to run a most exciting glider competition on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> June and all flying is now in full swing. The flying strip is in tip top condition, thanks to the efforts of the mower crew. We now look forward to our annual themed club barbeque, to be held on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> July. The committee thought it would be fun, as so many members own a glider, to make this the subject of this year's event. What could be more relaxing, than guiding a glider, using any thermals and lift for as long as you like. We will also be holding a one round, fun, Open Glider competition, with the first prize being a nice bottle of Champaign; the runner up a bottle of red wine. All other models, usually flown on Sundays are, of course, most welcome.

We also thought it would be hilarious fun to fly control line models, so if you have such a beast, please bring it along. I have two trainers for beginners and a couple of 1.5cc stunt models. Maximum engine capacity allowed 3.5cc (.20 cu. in.)

The club will supply glasses, soft drinks, salad, condiments, plastic cutlery and paper plates. Please bring food for the barbeque, bread rolls and garden chairs. Any offers of help to set up from 09:00 am on the day, gratefully received.

I look forward to seeing as many of our members as possible for a really fun day.

We have also invited Botley Firebirds to attend, to join in the festivities.

*Pete Sanders July 2017*

## 3. Summer Flying Hours

Just a reminder the flying hours currently are;

Saturday 1300 to 1800 Silent/Electric only

Sunday 1000 to 1300 All models, 1300 to 1600 Silent/Electric only

Tuesday 1600 to dusk, All models

Friday 1400 to dusk, All models

Please do not arrive more than 15mins before flying starts

Please no monster, screaming EDF models in the Silent/elec slots.

## 4. Kevin McGhee Does it Again

Drawing his inspiration from a picture on a greetings card Kevin has produced this delightful own design Tiger Moth.



Kevin writes "Here are some photos of the nearly finished model. Just needs some final detailing and lettering, which I will probably do after test flying. It is to 1/20 scale, from my own CAD design based on a 3-view from the internet. It is for indoor (or very calm outdoor) F/F, which I am currently enthusiastic about.

Many thanks to you all for your concern and good wishes over my eye difficulties. At least the time off has allowed more modelling!"



## 6. Self Indulgence Again

Those with long memories will remember there used to be a junior flyer called Isaac. Well, he has now finished school which means school Prom! These day schools Proms are a big deal and being delivered in a flash car is de rigueur. Isaac opted for a 1920 Garret showman's engine. Here he is riding in the trailer accompanied by a couple of young ladies.

## 5. Self Indulgence

Not flying related, but they were flying. A few have asked about my trip to the Isle of Man TT this year. Here is Dave Johnson (No.1) on the Norton in the Senior race. Dave brought the No.1 Norton home in 7<sup>th</sup>,



## 7. Top Gun

*Bill Straughan*

Whilst on hols in the USA I was lucky enough to spend a day the premier model show 'Top Gun' run by Frank Torino. This event is held at Paradise Field which is located on the south side of Lakeland Municipal Airport, it runs for 5 days always finishing on the first Sunday in May.

I arrived about 10.30 and could see an array of tents and people wandering about. Parked up and headed for the flight line. There was a very long concrete runway (nice), a large hardstanding approx. 100M x 50M which acted as the pit area with three judges seated equal distance apart, all had spotters, all judging one model at a time. No quarter given here. There was a large static judging area with 5 judges, all models where placed on a high table so the judges appeared to be at ground level. This was truly a top of the range event.

Back from the flight was a long long row of very large tents which acted as pits. These were fully accessible and the pilots, mechanics, pit crew etc were great to talk to. The huge

and his team mate Josh Brookes (No16) finished 6<sup>th</sup>.



An incredible result for Norton. If prizes were handed out for best noise the V4 powered machines would have come joint first.

Lockheed Star Fighter had a pilot. A mechanic (the builder) and the spotter who used a speed camera to report the speeds to the pilot. It had to fly in excess of 100mph in straight and level flight and 130 mph in the turns, do ask about the down side of a loop!!!

The tents where group together, WW1, WW2, cold war and civil. The models were just beyond the normal modellers skill level, when I studied them I could not work out how they did most of it. The trade stands were thin on the ground but it was mid-week.

The flying of the bi planes was hampered by a cross wind, this did not bother the jet jockeys, their flying was beyond stunning.

*Plane crazy*

*Bill*



*Star Fighter. – It will look better when they put they wings on. Oh, they have.*



*Even the Yanks love Hunters*



*You've got to love an SR71*



*Grumman Bearcat*



*If you look carefully you will just see a B2 Stealth Bomber*



*Another Brit. Hawker Tempest V*



*Sorry, don't know. Can anyone tell me what it is? It's not a Vickers Vimy*

## 8. Glider Comp Scores April & June 2017

I didn't attend the glider competition held on 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2017. There were three competitors: John Urwin, Kevin

Howard and Graham Essery. All the flights in the first two rounds were sub five minutes, with John Urwin taking maximum points from both, with Kevin Howard breathing down his neck on 880 and 834 points. John's model was unfortunately damaged and he was unable to score in round three. The winner was Kevin Howard on maximum 1,000 points with a good long flight of 8 minutes and 11 seconds. Kevin, therefore, took the competition with 2714 points, with John as runner up on 2,000 points for the first two rounds. Graham, who is a glider novice took a creditable 1,779 points for his first attempt.

The competition held on 18<sup>th</sup> June 2017 was very much better attended with five entering: Richard Wright, Kevin McGhee, Kevin Howard, John Urwin and Paul Warren. John was flying a small glider, which he could not fly too high, recording relatively short flights, to keep his hand in. It proved to be a perfect day for gliding, with hot dry weather and a light breeze, with plenty of lift. Round one was a very closely fought affair, with all flyers recording flights of well over 9 minutes, landing points making the winner, Richard Wright by the narrowest of margins. Kevin Mc Ghee had some trouble on judging his landing, due to his recent eye troubles. Round two was equally hard fought, with three entrants recording over 9 minutes, with Paul Warren on a fantastic 9 minutes 58 seconds and 60 landing points, taking first position on 1,000 points. Paul, like his dad, is highly competitive and broke his model on landing, scrambling to get down on time and to get landing points. He was unable to continue. The final round found the lift had deserted us and the times were all sub 8 minutes, but still highly entertaining, with Kevin McGhee taking maximum 1,000 points and having re-found his sight judgement, scored a fabulous 80 landing points, however, Kevin Howard and John Urwin scored maximum 100 landing points. The top three glider guiders were very close in final scores, with Kevin Howard, again the winner, over all three rounds on 2,772 points. A terrific morning's flying and very enjoyable to watch; very well done to all who took part and the time keepers, for their help.

*Pete Sanders.*

*Results over the page*

WCA Glider Competition League

Round 1

Date

23 April 2017

Name	SLOT 1					SLOT 2					SLOT 3					Overall	
	Min	Sec	Ldg	Total	Points /1000	Min	Sec	Ldg	Total	Points /1000	Min	Sec	Ldg	Total	Points /1000	Round Total	Pos'n
J. Urwin	4	41	70	351	1000	4	55	0	295	1000	0	00	0	0	0	2000	2
K.Howard	4	19	50	309	880	3	26	40	246	834	8	11	0	491	1000	2714	1
Graham	2	04	20	144	410	4	06	40	286	969	2	56	20	196	399	1779	3

WCA Glider Competition League

Round 2

Date

18 June 2017

Name	SLOT 1					SLOT 2					SLOT 3					Overall	
	Min	Sec	Ldg	Total	Points /1000	Min	Sec	Ldg	Total	Points /1000	Min	Sec	Ldg	Total	Points /1000	Round Total	Pos'n
R. Wright	9	50	70	660	1000	9	53	50	643	977	5	53	80	433	782	2759	2
K. McGhee	9	59	0	599	908	6	19	20	399	606	7	54	80	554	1000	2514	3
K. Howard	9	40	60	640	970	9	45	5	590	897	6	42	100	502	906	2772	1
J. Urwin	3	53	0	233	353	2	35	0	155	236	3	33	100	313	565	1154	5
P. Warren	9	57	60	657	995	9	58	60	658	1000	0	00	0	0	0	1995	4

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