



Waltham Chase Aeromodellers

Newsletter 21-12-2017

1. Introduction

Seasons Greetings and welcome to the December newsletter with a few notices, Christmas flying hours and the winners of the trophies for 2017.



My Gee Bee Racer takes to the air

2. Message from the Chairman & Christmas Flying

I approached Mark and Tina Gregory and they very kindly agreed for an additional flying morning for Boxing Day 10:00 - 13:00. Please keep an eye on the weather forecast and be in touch with other members who wish to fly on 26th December. We have had a very successful year's flying and hope to see you all again in the New Year. I did make a full Chairman's report at the Annual General Meeting, so I will not add to that.

Wishing you all a very merry and peaceful Christmas and best wishes for a successful and prosperous New Year.

Final Flying Days for 2017 and early 2018:

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| 23.12.17 Saturday - 13:00 - dusk | all types |
| 24.12.17 Sunday - 10:00 - 13:00
dusk electric only | all types 13:00 - dusk electric only |
| 26.12.17 Tuesday - 10:00 – 13:00 | all types |
| 27.12.17 Wednesday - 13:00 – dusk | all types |
| 30.12.17 Saturday - 13:00 - dusk | all types |

31.12.17 Sunday - 10:00 - 13:00 all types

13:00 - dusk electric only

03.01.18 Wednesday 13:00 - dusk all types

06.01.18 Saturday 13:00 - dusk all types

07.01.18 Sunday 10:00 - 13:00 all types - 13:00 - dusk electric only.

Pete Sanders December 2017

3. 2017 AGM

Thanks to all those who attended the AGM or who sent their apologies with a good excuse. I will be issuing the minutes in due course however the Committee for 2018 remains as;

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| Chairman, | Peter Sanders |
| Vice Chairman, | John Holmes |
| Hon Treasurer, | Kevin McGee |
| PRO, | Alan Wallington |
| Events coordinator, | Dave Reynolds |
| Web manager, | Tony Heeley |
| Hon Secretary, | Richard Bristow |
| Membership Secretary, | Alan Wallington |

Jim Hall was unanimously voted in as Club President

4. Renewal 2018

The 2018 membership form has been sent out. Please complete and return promptly. If you do not wish to renew please let me or any committee member know just so we know that you haven't forgotten.

FAQs

- This year forms are to go to Alan Wallington (address on the forms)
- Yes you need to return the form even if you have paid.

- Yes you need to provide a copy of your BMFA confirmation of cover letter if you do your BMFA separately to the Club. (This is a BMFA requirement on us)
- No you cannot fly on or after 1st Jan 2018 until you have renewed your BMFA insurance
- Dead line for club renewal is 31st Jan.
- If you are changing your lead club to WCA there is another form to fill out, please contact me.

5. Trophies!

The worthy winners are...

Category	Winner	Trophy
Most Improved Senior Flyer	Graham Gardner	Spitfire
Sonata Glider Competition Winner	Kevin Howard	Horsa
Sonata Glider second place	John Urwin	Cup
Most Assistance to the Club	Ernie Hampton	Luther Shield
Most Improved Junior Flyer	Alexander	RTP Cup
Power Competition (Sportsman)	Dave Field	George Dillaway Memorial Cup
Power Competition (Masters)	Ed Bunnage	Mary Rose Cup
The Nose Wheel	Richard Bristow	Nose Wheel & engine Trophy
Best home build	Howard Metcalf	Mosquito
Coup d'Hiver	Paul Warren	



Graham Gardner



(Part of) Kevin Howard



John Urwin



Alexander



Ed Bunnage



Richard Bristow

Well done to all, apart from me obviously.

6. Stars in Their Eyes?



Howard Metcalf



Ernie Hampton



7. Power Sportsman and Masters Comps.

Next year we will run the comps a little differently due to the problems of getting everyone together at the same time on a day with good weather. I will set the schedules are set at the start of the year. If

you want to compete simply corner me at the field and fly the schedule. I will keep score. Each pilot may fly up to three times in the year. I compile the scores and keep them secret to be revealed at the next AGM.

8. Mystery Aeroplane - Resolved

Kevin McGhee and Alan Wallington both were able to put me out of my misery (not like that), it's a Curtiss B-2 Condor



I have test flown my (Ex Bill's) Gee Bee racer. It is the Adrian Page model and fitted with an Enya 90 F/S. The test flight went with major drama bar nosing over on landing due to the long grass and soft surface (that's my excuse). Not a scary to fly as it looks.



Kevin went on to point I had miss identified this WW1 biplane. It is an Avro 504K



And over she goes

9. Slow Progress

My Airsail Chipmunk slowly near completion. Will I pull my finger out and finish it over Christmas? Here it is checking the CofG on a re purposed garden swing. The colour scheme is that of WK518 which is operated by the Battle of Britain Memorial Flight.

Thanks to Dave Reynolds for taking the photos.

10. SE5

David Field has acquired and electrified this very nice SE5. It flies very well, just like a vintage biplane should.



Merry Christmas & Happy New Year
Pete Sanders & Richard Bristow 21-12-2017