

WARREN FARM RADIO FLYERS

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Paul's home-brewed twin on final approach..

JUNE AT WARREN FARM

FIELD CONDITION & AVAILABILITY

Last month, the grass had been mown, however the weird weather resulted in a rapid and unforeseen growth. As this was only realised very late, the contractors were unable to get a mower on site before the May Day bank holiday, however those with hand launch models were still able to get some flying in.

Prior to the latest long weekend, it was noticed that the grass had again put on a growth spurt. This time, AMEY pulled out all the stops, and were able to do a super mowing job on the Friday. Flying was great considering the weather conditions, particularly on Bank Holiday Monday. Many thanks to John Carpenter and the team for helping us to have such a great weekend.

GDPA

We have had a good response to the recent GDPA email. Most of our members have signed up for emails, and we will be in touch with the remainder, who may have been on holiday.

A number of non-members have also requested to remain on the mailing list, including some from Ealing Council and several lapsed members.

NORWOOD GREEN VILLAGE DAY – SATURDAY 14TH JULY

We will need a number of models available for a static display at the Norwood Green Village Day. We will need to set up between 10am & 11am, and the event closes at around 5pm. There are refreshments & toilets on site (and a beer tent). You are welcome to leave your models and collect them later if you need to go off.

Models of all types are welcome, but with the emphasis on larger and home-built stuff rather than small foamies, as we need to show the full extent of our activities in the hope that this will help us to secure a new site if/when we are forced to leave Warren Farm.

NEW SHAPES AT WARREN FARM

The combination of improved weather and a close mown runway has encouraged an outbreak of new models at the field.

Paul Notley recently appeared with a Precedent Fun-Fly, powered by an ancient OS40 four stroke. This is a traditional build kit, with an open structure wing & fuselage, albeit with laser cut components in place of the older, and less accurate, die-cutting method.

The white & orange colour scheme stands out well in the air. Kits are available from SLEC UK.



In a totally different vein, Ken Stanbury arrived on site on Bank Holiday Monday sporting an Avios Grand Tundra. This is a semi-scale version of the bush aircraft flown in inhospitable areas of the world, as featured in the TV series *“Flying Wild Alaska”*. The oversize Tundra Tyres, as featured on the full size aircraft, should enable Ken's model to continue flying whilst everyone else is waiting for the mower to arrive.

Flaps are fitted to enable short take-offs and landings, but the real “Party Piece” is a reversing function on the speed controller. This is intended to enable the model to remain stationary on water when the optional floats are fitted, but Ken amazed everyone by taxiing up to the flight line, turning away and then reversing into his parking spot. **SHOW OFF!!!**



Photos courtesy of Tom Thomas

The model is available in 2 sizes and various colour schemes from HobbyKing, and their website includes a link to YouTube footage of the models in action.

Finally, Ted Davis has been busy with the SkySurfer. This model seems at home in any conditions, and as a hand-launch motor/glider is not fussy about the condition of the runway. Ted has even landed it intentionally (he says) in the long grass surrounding the runway.

As the model is fitted with a miniature video camera in the nose, the next trick is some air-to-air filming if it is possible to get the Skysurfer flying in formation with something suitable (e.g. any model able to dodge out of the way a bit sharpish if they get too close for comfort).



A smooth landing approach to longish grass, prior to the visit from the mower.

The camera is protected by a plastic dome on the nose. Ted has had to cover parts of the camera with matt black card, as the lens tends to pick up the bright metal reflected in the plastic dome.