

# WARREN FARM RADIO FLYERS

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*A shape from yesteryear, updated and still beautiful. Tom's Astro Hog vintage aerobat.*

## NOVEMBER – AND WE ARE STILL HERE!

### LATEST DEVELOPMENTS

We recently contacted LBE to find out when we would be required to vacate Warren Farm. The reply was ***“It won’t be November is latest news. Possibly December, could be January.”***

So we are still flying (weather permitting), and the runway has been mown again for us. Many thanks to Alan and Jess at Amey for managing this in such atrocious weather.

There has been no further progress on the proposed new flying site.

### CAA RULE CHANGES

The proposed new rules are now significantly better than before. BMFA members will be able to pay the £9 CAA registration fee along with the BMFA subscriptions. Those of you with Email access may have seen the latest updates from the BMFA

The only issue is that members who have yet to gain the BMFA “A” Certificate will need to complete either the online safety questionnaire, or the BMFA Safety Certificate, which can be completed online, by hard copy or via clubs such as WFRF.

We await further information from the BMFA.

### DECEMBER NEWSLETTER

Please note that there will be no December newsletter. Instead, all members will receive a renewal notice by post. Any updates on the status of Warren Farm, the proposed new site or CAA regulations will be circulated by Email or letter.

We will need to await instructions from the BMFA regarding the above mentioned CAA regulations, so the renewal pack may not arrive until late in the month. Please respond ASAP, as there will be a lot more work to carry out this year.

You will be able to pay online, however if you do so please ensure that you email confirmation to both Bob ([wingman\\_1950@talktalk.net](mailto:wingman_1950@talktalk.net)) and Paul ([paultp@gmail.com](mailto:paultp@gmail.com))

## **ANOTHER NEW (OR SHOULD THAT BE OLD) SHAPE IN THE AIR**

**Tom Thomas** appeared at the field recently with another classic from the early days of radio controlled aviation.

**The Astro Hog** was designed in 1957 by Fred Dunn, and a year later was kitted by Berkeley Models Ltd. 3 years later, Berkeley ceased trading, and the model has, since then, been kitted by Sig Mfg Co, one of the great names of American kit manufacturers.

**The Astro Hog** was a massive stride forward in the design of competition aerobatic models. At a time when such models were often unattractive shoulder wing barges, the Astro Hog was a very attractive low-wing design, not unlike full-size aircraft like the Bowers Fly-Baby. The large 71" span wing and lightweight construction resulted in a very low wing loading, giving good low-speed handling.



**Tom** acquired the model from a flyer who had lost his flying field (now where have we heard this before). It was necessary to carry out some updating to improve the control runs.

The model is currently powered by a 0.60 cu. in. two-stroke engine, which hauls the aircraft around at half throttle, but Tom plans to replace this with a 0.90 cu. in. 4 stroke, which will better suit the vintage flying characteristics.

