

WARREN FARM RADIO FLYERS



*Bob's Hawk 70 on finals for a landing - "GET THE B****Y TAIL DOWN!!.*

OCTOBER AT WARREN FARM

FIELD CONDITION & AVAILABILITY

Superb flying conditions have continued throughout much of September. Amey have again mown the runway. Tom and Ken have spent time removing litter and "messages" left for us by the dog walkers.

There is still no news of how much longer we have on site. At a recent Norwood Green Ward Forum, the only comment was that the result of the latest court action is anticipated sometime in the coming month, so we hope to be able to continue flying for at least a few more weeks.

DRONE LEGISLATION

Many thanks to those of you who responded to the recent CAA questionnaire.

Reports in both the BMFA magazine and RCM&E suggest that the activities of responsible clubs such as ours will not be greatly affected at this stage. Most of the restrictions apply only to quadcopter/multirotor drones, which have been the root cause of all of the recent "Airprox" problems.

We await further information on the results of the questionnaire, and how it has been received by the CAA.

NOSTALGIA

In the 1950s, your editor, as a very small boy, enjoyed many trips for a picnic on open land outside Denham Aerodrome. The sight of a low-flying aircraft, later found to be a de-Havilland DH 94 Moth Minor, established in a child's mind what an aeroplane should look like – low wing, tailwheel undercarriage, open cockpits and an inverted engine.

Many years later, the Hawk 70, a simplified semi-scale version of this layout introduced as a Plan Pack by Skyways, stirred old memories Sadly, before your editor could build his own version the company ceased trading, as the proprietors had retired.

When Masons Models reintroduced plans & parts for this design a few years ago, guess who was first in the queue. The model was finished in a Moth Minor colour scheme!

Unfortunately, the move to Rectory park curtailed flying this beauty. As a park full of walkers, footballers, cricketers and children was not really suitable for such a model.

It has now been seen several times in the air at Warren Farm, and hopefully will be seen many more times before we are finally moved on. Youthful memories rekindled!

AND FINALLY

A picture speaks a thousand words, so let the following photos describe a month of super flying and great models during the Indian Summer of September.

The latest in a long line of ornithological models from Guy Lee-Emery is the Brahminy Kite (also known as the Red-Backed Sea-Eagle), a native of Australia and Indonesia.

The model is very realistic in flight, particularly when circling on the glide.

Great to see Guy back at the field with one of his challenging and eye-catching projects very successfully completed.



Paul has been busy with his varied fleet. The Advance (right) is a classic sports-aerobatic model in a style which has been popular for over 40 years. This model updates the theme with electric power, and is a great "Follow-On" trainer for anyone interested in taking the BMFA "B" certificate test, which includes loops (inside and outside) double rolls and a stall turn.



Your editor has been a bit busy too. The warm sunny weather and light winds have been ideal for the latest in a line of Wot-4 models. Bob has now had no less than four versions over the last 30 years, powered by a variety of 2 stroke and 4 stroke engines.

This one has an ASP 46 2 stroke, a budget engine which performs as well as any of the more expensive engines on the market. It starts first flick every time, and with the optional super-quiet silencer is unlikely to disturb the peace.



He has also been busy with his Fiesler Fi 156 Storch, the German STOL aircraft.

The Storch was widely used throughout WW2 as a spotter and communications aircraft, and a captured example was used even used by Field Marshall Montgomery.

Paul's electric model, built from the E*Star Models kit, is of traditional built-up construction, and includes flaps.



Ken's B17 Flying Fortress dips a wing in salute in a fly-past



Bob's Hawk 70 during an aerobatic display



Pre-Flight Briefing



Guy retrieves his Brahminy Kite

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