

WARREN FARM RADIO FLYERS **WFRF**



Another new shape in the air – Ken Stanbury's HobbyKing Flycat.

OCTOBER – WE'VE NOT GONE YET!

LATEST DEVELOPMENTS

We are still flying at Warren Farm, and there are reports that our departure may be delayed again, possibly until early November.

The only progress on our proposed new site is that the estate manager has at last acknowledged receipt of our proposal.

CAA RULE CHANGES

Those of you with Email access may have seen the latest update from the BMFA.

In short, the new DRES scheme, which was expected to be rolled out on 1st October, has been put back, and will not be rolled out until 14th October at the earliest. The advice from the BMFA is "Business as usual", and members should not rush into taking the test or registering until the BMFA have issued further guidance.

The BMFA is awaiting further information from the Secretary of State for Transport, the Department for Transport and/or the CAA.

In short, ***"Don't Panic"***.

DOUBLE TROUBLE – NOW SORTED

The problem with failed motor mounts on Paul's twin motor, twin-boom sports model (reported last month) have been solved by the new mounts supplied by 4-Max.

The new Electric Ducted Fan (EDF), also supplied by 4-Max has also been very successful. The fan now accelerates the model across the grass at a fair old lick, although not enough to take off. In the air, it is now possible to stop the propeller motors, and fly around happily on the EDF alone. How about 2 EDFs next, Paul?

ANOTHER NEW SHAPE IN THE SKY

Ken Stanbury has been at it – again!

The HobbyKing Flycat, with a 41in/1025mm wingspan, is powered by a 70mm dia 12 blade electric ducted fan, with a 6 cell 3300 mAh LiPo battery. Flights of 3 minutes are achieved if full power is used, however reducing power still gives a great performance with flights of 4 – 5 minutes within reach.

Ken reports that it "is very stable, and flies like a trainer", apart from the difficulty of hand launching. Ken is planning a drop-off "Dolly" undercarriage to simplify take-offs.