



2021 Newsletter Issue 2 (August)

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How is this for a nice big foamie. This is Ian Bottell's 1.4m Pitts Special. He was after something with presence in the sky as he moves his hangar over to electric models, and this certainly fits the bill. It is made by FMS, and runs on 6s. Thanks for the photo Ian.

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Editorial

Normality. Wandering down to the flying field whenever you like to fly whatever you like with anyone that is there. Other than the precautions we all take now in everyday life anyway, it just feels normal. We have even had a failed attempt at running a fun fly competition, so what could be more normal than that.

What hasn't been normal has been Arrowe Park itself. For quite a while there was a jungle trek through knee high grass to locate our flying strip, apparently to look after the bees for a month (the longest month in history). I am sure the bees were thankful for this, but I think part of all of us couldn't help but think about how much money it was conveniently saving on mowing. To be fair the council eventually made sure there was a mowed route down for us, but as the only short grass area in the park it did make it make our strip a mecca for anyone who could spot it through the long grass. (We even had a boxing club try and use it for a competition.) Word on the grapevine is that it won't be happening next year, so fingers crossed by me at least for a close mown park from now on (sorry bees).

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The Business End

Not much to report over the last few months. We had our return to near normal and have not really needed much contact with the council or BMFA since, with one exception. We apparently now have to have a risk assessment in place so are taking advice on it and will let you know about the completed version as we will all need to be aware of its contents. One change already in place due to this is where we park....but more on that later.

Lever's

The Levers club has not had any of our meetings in now for about two years, but we are going to return on the 6th October. This meeting will have two parts to it:

One part will be the Ivan Mottershaw building competition. So if you have any scratch, kit or plan build models (no ARTF) bring them along to show and tell. Judging is by all members present.

The second part will be a short auction of donated items (including some models) with proceeds going into club funds.

Out In The Park



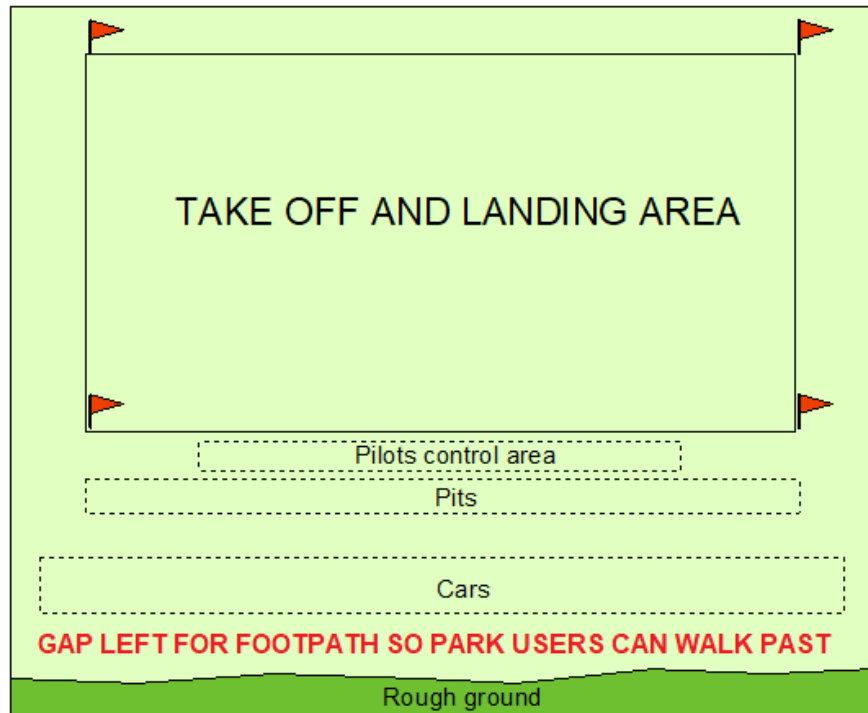
As mentioned already, the bulk of Arrowe Park has been left with knee high grass for most of the year to help the bees, but our strip has been perfectly manicured allowing flying for even models with quite small wheels that normally struggle. The only issue has been for overshoots and dead sticks that just miss the strip and therefore land in the long grass.





The good news is now the whole park has had a haircut and even that issue has vanished. The park has been well used by the club all summer, with members flying most days, although weekends and Wednesdays are still the most popular.

One change that has happened because of the bees is set to stay, and that is where we park. The council cut a path round the perimeter of the park, effectively pushing where we park towards the flightline by a few feet. This meant that walkers in the park effectively had to walk around us rather than wandering between the cars and models. This seems much safer and is a layout we are going to continue with (and will be in the new risk assessment as mentioned earlier).



Undercover

Indoor flying is set to return to Hilbre High school in October. The first Sunday of the month from 10am until noon gives you a guaranteed flying session for £7. It is not limited to WRCFS members, but if not a member proof of insurance needs to be shown. If you have never tried indoor flying we have access to a large sports hall which gives you a sporting chance of not hitting the walls before you are used to it. We fly fixed wing, helicopters and multirotors, but with a weight limit of 200g. There are all sorts of ready to fly and kit models available for a reasonable price, so why not join us.

Fun Fly – 1st attempt

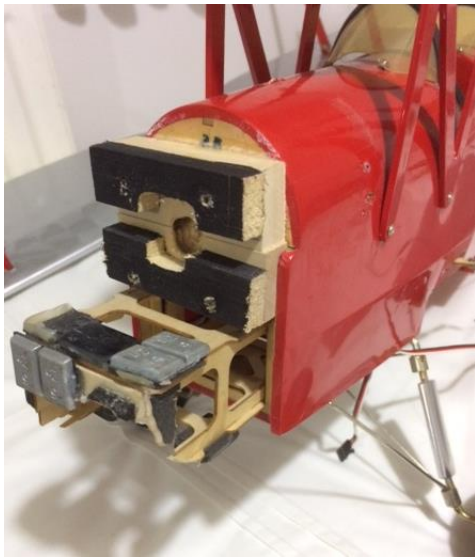


On the 15th August we had our first attempt at running an event since the pandemic started. The intention was to have our annual fun fly and supplement it with a BBQ. A number of us turned up in anticipation of a fun filled day.....and so did the rain.

We just about got to the point where models had had trimming flights, and it started. Everybody hung around for a few hours in the vain hope it would let up, but eventually had to admit defeat. The second attempt at the fun fly will now be in October.



Tiggie Turnaround



When Mark Slade obtained a red Tiger Moth, he knew it had some issues, but they turned out to be a little more involved than he had hoped. He had to re-do the tail wheel assembly and do the closed loop controls again, but more impressive is the work he did to the nose. If you look at the original photo you will see that the general structure is damaged and it requires the usual screw on fibreglass cowl. Mark set about a complete re-think and re-model of the front end, to both give the strength back and give it better than original scale detail.

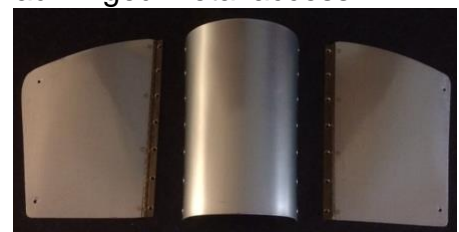
As you can see, he set about making a set of new

parts which assembled into a nose without the

need for the fibreglass cowl, and the shaping is sublime.



Of course the full size Tiggie had hinged metal access panels, so Mark went the whole hog and manufactured three metal panels. Tiny piano hinges allow access through the sides, just like the real thing.



As you can see the final result is more than impressive, and so much better than the original model would have been. I for one am impressed. Thanks for the photos Mark.

Out And About

Although things have been getting back to normal, the bulk of shows and events had been cancelled for the summer season this year, including the NATS (BMFA Nationals). Weston Park ran a scaled down trial event, and although a couple of club members attended I am afraid I have no photo evidence to show you. However, the full Weston Park event is now scheduled for early September and is pretty much the only "local" show of the year. I am hoping to go, and if you have never been to a model air show it is one of the best. I hope to have a report of the show in the next newsletter.



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Future Events

The first Sunday in every month starting in October – Indoor Flying

Hilbre High School, 10am until 12pm. £7 to fly. Free parking.

12th September – Club Flying Comps, including the Alf Withurup Unlimited Scale

The annual flying competitions at Arrowe Park. F3A, Freestyle, Sport, Scale and Novice. Scale is now the unlimited competition based on the Triplet rules.

There will be a BBQ available to use for those who desire (depending on weather...).

6th October – Club meeting -Ivan Mottershaw building trophy and auction

The Lever Club, Greendale Rd, Port Sunlight. 8pm.

10th October - WRCFS Fun Fly

The usual balloon bursting, spinning and similar daft competitions at Arrowe Park.

This is a second attempt to run the aborted event in August.