

Wirral Radio Control Flying Society

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Photo:- Mike Smith's Spitfire

I aim to get down to the field on a regular basis so don't be shy of the camera if you see it pointing in your direction. In addition if you have anything interesting you would like to contribute then please forward to our wrcfsccommittee@outlook.com email mark 'Newsletter' and it will find its way to me for inclusion in a future issue.

Committee News

Not anything to report at this time of year, just make sure you have paid your subs before you fly.

The club has invested in a new BBQ which was present at our 'At Field' meeting in June.

Something to report then please use the email above.

Field and Workshop Gossip

Well having had some great weather across June since our 'at the field' meeting which was a great success and our decision to hold a fly in, the weather gods decided enough was enough and having had to cancel twice we are now waiting on a more settled period before trying again. Whilst there has no doubt been some flying during the week for those free to do so the weekends have so far been pretty lousy with rain and wind making reports on field or workshop gossip pretty hard to come by. On the occasions I have been able to get down I have to say attendance seemed rather low, never more than four of us and always seems to be the same folks.

For my part i have had some fun playing with a new model, this being a Multiplex Acromaster Pro. This model has been around for a couple of years and was traditionally rather expensive compared to some of the alternate 'foamie' 3D machines but in recent times the price has become more

competitive as other prices have risen and I finally thought, what the heck, get yourself one. I can honestly say I have not regretted the decision. The quality of the kit is typically Multiplex and could be put together in very short time if you wished and results in a very smart looking model. It even comes with pre installed metal and carbonite geared Hitec servo's and suitably powerful motor and esc. You do need to invest in so 35c 3 cell Lipos as a minimum. I went for 50C 2200 3cell and picked these up from Steve Webb Models at around £25 each so not too bad.

I gave the chaps at the field a real treat for the test flight, proving that even the most experienced can do stupid things and having checked everything thoroughly promptly attempted to take off with the ailerons reversed. Fortunately the roll rate was so high that the model landed inverted with just a scuff to the canopy and much embarrassment to the pilot.

Subsequent flights have shown the model to be an absolute thoroughbred with a performance limited only by the pilot at the controls. It is easily capable of every manoeuvre in the book and presents how poor my 3D skills have become with great ease which I think is to its credit as it was bought to focus on getting back up to scratch in this discipline and it was certainly the right choice.

I noted after the initial flights that I had not adjusted any trims nor the CG position and had done nothing more than increased the exponential just to dampen the control throws a little and minimise a need for dual rates which is my personal preference.



Caught mid Hover – note the 'pillcock' scuff on the blue canopy

Club Meeting at the Field

The offer of free food at our club night meeting at the field in early June certainly brought a few people out and a big thanks to all whom participated, went to the effort of bringing down the newly acquired BBQ and not least just turning up. On the night it was great to see John Challinor back, joining on the night. Plenty of banter across the evening and a good mix of flying despite blustery conditions brought a smile to everyone's faces and was a great reminder how the club camaraderie is so important and can enhance the experience of club membership.



It was a refreshingly good turn out! The burgers weren't bad either!



Rogues Gallery - John Challinor returns, together with Billy Bennett at the club night.

Keep me posted on what you are up to for future inclusion

Cheers for now

Lindsay