

Wirral Radio Control Flying Society

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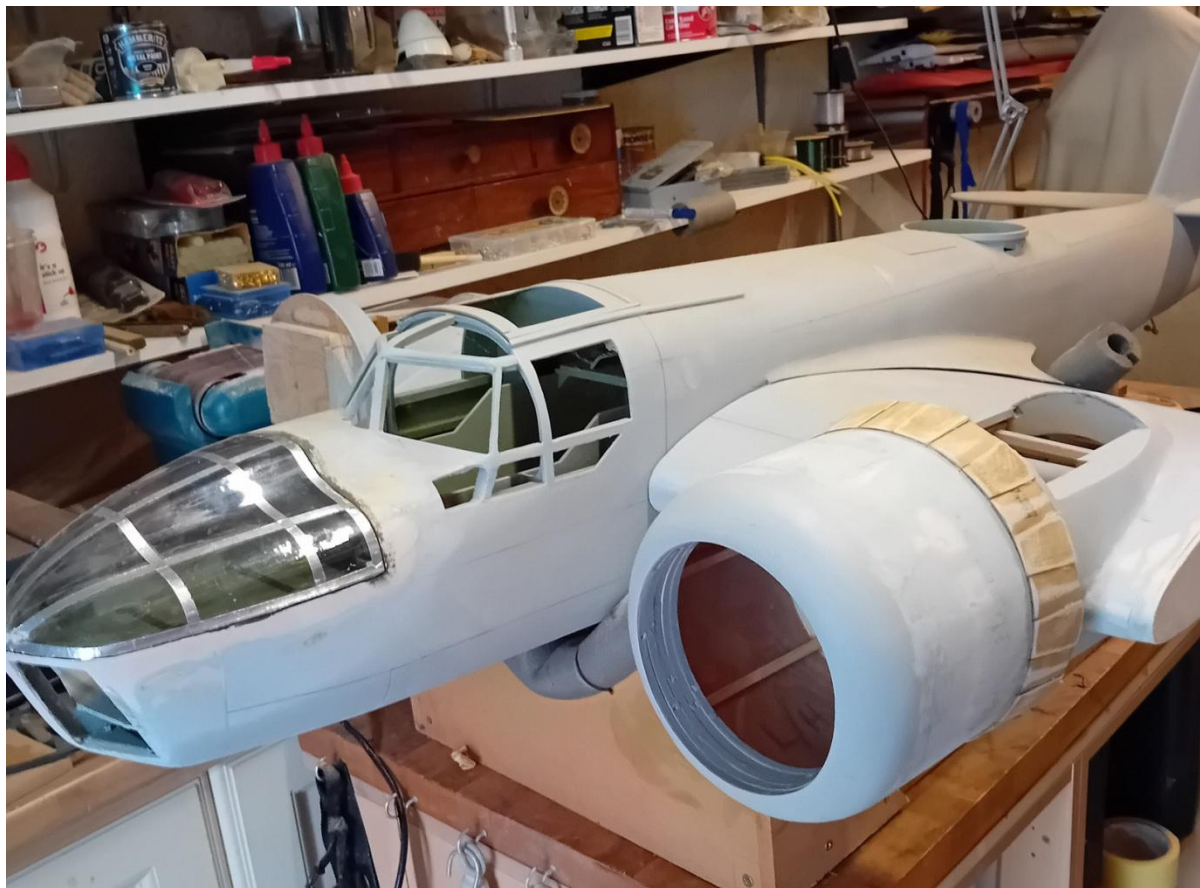


Photo:- My 96" Bristol Blenheim MK1V – Will it fly this year?

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 wrcfscommittee@outlook.com email mark 'Newsletter' and it will find its way to me for inclusion in a future issue.

Committee News

Reminder- It was agreed that membership for 2024 would be set at £45 for senior members which would be discounted by £5 if renewal was made prior to 31st Jan 2024. This time has now lapsed and renewal is now at the full £45. Payments can be made by bacs or direct to Andy but any questions relating to renewal then please contact the committee at wrcfscommitte@outlook.com asap.

Membership to WRCFS BMFA and CAA renewals must be in place before you fly. This is a legal requirement for your own safety and a requirement of our insurance and licence. NB CAA Operator Codes need to be displayed or readily accessible to be viewed on all your models. Again this is a legal requirement so don't forget.

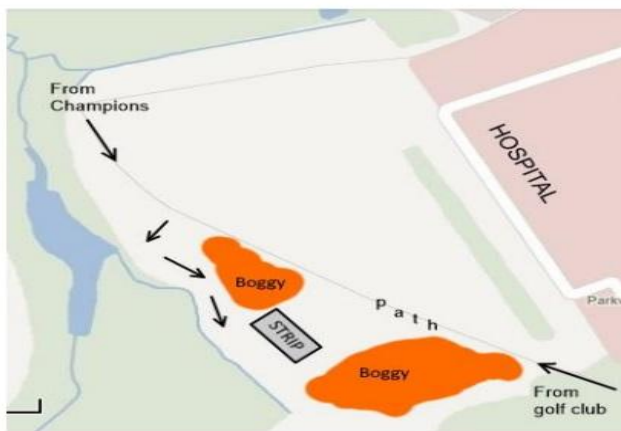
Club Meetings

Our last meeting was on Thursday 21st March at the Lever Club and although a somewhat thinner attendance than we would like to see, the faithful stalwarts made the effort to attend and a few points, largely the fly-ins and club cups were discussed. Following the feedback on our social media it was agreed that we would review the proposal to end the current comps and instead go with what seemed to be the membership feeling that the comps should go ahead so with that in mind we have set out to try and build a program over the coming months as detailed later in this newsletter.

Please watch out on watts app for confirmation of future club meetings

At the Field

Be aware that the field continues to be boggy so please be sensible and use common sense when unsure as to the ground stability.



Clearly at this time of year we need to be conscious of weather conditions and monitor the park regarding driving onto site and stick to the guidelines when the site gets waterlogged.

Editors Column

Rain, rain, rain and more rain, that's been the story of 2024 so far. Those that have ventured to the strip will know just how water logged the area has been and we really are in desperate need of a week or two of dry weather to allow the site to firm up a little.

With so little opportunity to fly then at least we have more building time and those of that persuasion will no doubt have taken advantage. For my part I have found some time to get a design ready for testing, built a new slightly larger wing for my 'Terrysaur' faux dinosaur glider for those days when the wind is not so strong and finally got round to my Bristol Blenheim Mk1V which is challenging to be one of the longest projects in modelling history. There is now light at the end of the tunnel but such a project inevitably always has plenty more tasks at hand even when detailing starts. I still have glazing issues to resolve, finalise the retract installation and a host of bits and pieces one step at a time its getting there if I can just keep the focus and motivation going.

I also have a Seagull Steen Skybolt to start for this season and another new design that I have just had a laser cut set of parts produced for a new design which is a Vultee Valiant which is a 1940's American trainer rather like a Harvard in many ways and will update on this in due course.

I have also made a start covering Dave Burton's CD Design Sopwith Pup that I purchased at his model auction a few years back. I had not realised Dave had started a build blog on the RCM&E modelling web site. This has been really useful insight into the build and online members seem to appreciate that the model will now be finished and completed in his name.

I think these projects help keep the motivation going, especially when we can't get flying due to the lousy weather we have had for the past four or five months it seems.

Got something interesting on the go? Drop me a line for inclusion in a future issue.

Club Comps & Fly-Ins

Following our last meeting, the consensus is to see a return to club events and competitions for 2024 flying season. The suggestions that met with the most approval, be it in person or by social media etc

1/ Scale event D-Day Memorial Sat 8th June

The date for this has been fixed on the D-Day memorial event. In theory scale models will be in attendance, so it fits perfectly, also we can have the Alf Witherup trophy presented to mark the occasion. This will not be a sole Warbird event so any scale model will be welcome to enter.

The proposal for judging would be as follows:

Open to any model that is a representation of a real full size aircraft

The pilot must be the current owner but not necessarily the builder

The model will not be statically judged so no fidelity of scale or documentation is required to substantiate shape, colour scheme or extensive detailing.

Models should have a suitable sized scale pilot figure.

Model will be judged in flight only and should be flown in the manner of the original

A minimum of two flights will be required to score. (pending numbers and weather)

Model flights will be judged by two none competing members selected or volunteered and should be suitably qualified with varied aviation knowledge.

The judge's decision is based upon solely their interpretation and is final and not subject to review.

2/ Fun Fly

A date is yet to be confirmed so keep your eyes on whats app. The BBQ will make an appearance again and we will outline more details re format nearer time, any suggestions welcome. If necessary we can even organise fun comps on the day but successful events in the past have been:

Spot landing – closest to defined spot at touch-down model must be flown in and not hovered which would be considered a disqualification.

Balloon Bursting – as the title suggest balloons pinned to the landing strip and propeller will burst on impact, either timed or a number of landing passes allowed.

Both of these can be entered by virtually any model without having significant advantage, low cost to implement and can be organised largely on the day.

3/ Freestyle Aerobatic Cup – date to be confirmed

Best or most entertaining flight which must include aerobatic manoeuvres either consistent with the model flown i.e. for scale types then should be of a display that might be envisioned at an air show. For F3A types then more precision aerobatics and more extreme manoeuvres in the case of a fun fly or 3D type. Flying a fast turbine jet up and down the strip does not qualify!

4/ WRCFS Concourse Model Cup

A new event to be awarded at the AGM and open to all members inclusive of committee members and aims to promote skill, inventiveness and artistic merit in the construction or finishing of a flying model of any type shape or form. The competition will be open to own designs, kit builds, and even artf's that have been modified or improved in some manner from the original i.e. new colour scheme or paint finish. All work must have been completed by the current owner. Entry by photo submission (various angles please) including some model details and labelled as 'I Want to Win a Trophy Comp' or similar please. Other photos and details will be collected throughout the year by the committee at the field. All submitted photos to be on view for judging at the AGM and will be by member vote.

Events Elsewhere



No electric just Nitro planes any type, great site and should be fun event if you choose to go.



Great site, sometimes a few to many 3D if I'm honest but always enjoyable

June 9 10:00 - 16:30

[BMFA NW Area Scale Fly-in - Blackpool](#)

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Our 3rd Annual Area Scale Fly-in. This time we are heading to the Fylde coast, courtesy of Blackpool and Fylde RCMS

June 14-16th Weston Park Model Show

Biggest and one of the best in the UK!

Support our local Model Shops

Whilst Internet is great we are very much in a use it or lose it scenario with our local model shops so go on, give them a chance even if it's just a tube of glue before it's too late.

Steve Webb Models – 80 Church Street, Frodsham. Tel 01928 735 225

Kit Stop – 20 Oxton Road, Birkenhead . Tel 0151 647 9067

The Wirral Model Shop – 62 Victoria Parade, New Brighton. Tel 0151 639 0045

If you would like to submit something for inclusion then just send articles photos or even just notes and I can kick into shape to our committee email at wrcfcommittee@outlook.com

Lindsay