

Wirral Radio Control Flying Society

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Photo:- Lindsay Todd & Paul Rice – Sports Cruisers in mirror formation at Ashbourne

Photo by late great Alex Whittacker

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

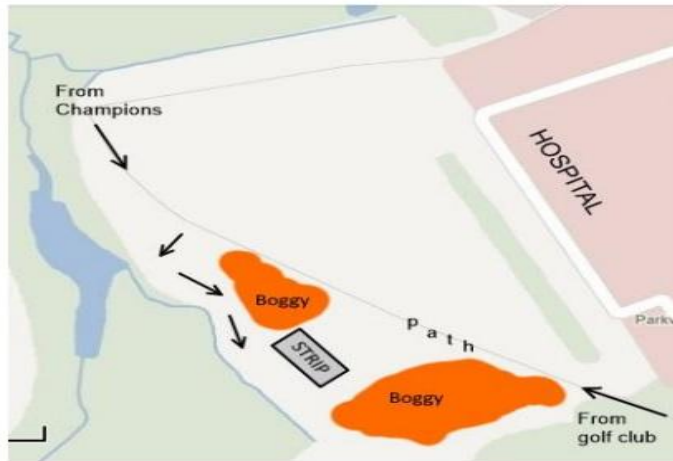
Following our AGM back on 12th December (see notes below) there are a couple of key points for 2025 as follows.

It was agreed that membership for 2025 would remain at £40 if renewed before 31st Jan 25, after this an additional £5 will apply. This is to aid admin and act as an incentive for early payment so don't moan if you are late and miss the opportunity. After 31st Jan club fees will be the full £45. Payments can be made by bacs; any issues then please contact the committee at wrcfscommitte@outlook.com ASAP.

Membership to WRCFS BMFA and CAA renewals must be in place before you fly after 31st Dec; this is a legal requirement for your own safety and a requirement of our insurance and licence. Please make sure your membership renewals are in place as we might well ask for proof. NB CAA Operator

Codes need to be displayed or readily accessible to be viewed on all your models and that you have your Flyer ID with you at all times at the field. Again this is a legal requirement so don't forget.

Be aware that the field at this time of year is subject to soggy, boggy ground 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

Notes from the AGM

Andy McNulty has agreed to carry on as Treasurer despite re locating to Spain. Paul Devlin has stepped down from Secretary and we are joined by Sam Evans whom kindly stepped up to support.

The traditional Club Cup Competitions did not occur this year and as a result the related trophies remain with previous winners. We will be looking into the various competitions with a view to possibly revising formats to re introducing a revised program during 2025.

So, for 2025 your committee is as follows: -

Paul Rice – Chairman
Sam Evans- Secretary
Andy McNulty – Treasurer
Lindsay Todd – Newsletter Editor
Mike Smith – Safety Officer
Gray Hawk – Executive Member

2024 has been another year of poor weather so I do feel very strongly about the need for regular club meetings and that this social gathering is so important to the future of WRCFS. We have all seen the perils of social media and whilst it does have its plus points you just can't run a club that way, it needs to be inclusive, and it needs participation and for that we need to provide the opportunity for a 'get together'. I keep being told 'nobody will come' please prove them wrong.

I think we were all saddened by the closure of Steve Webb Models. Whilst I would not normally comment on a business I feel Steve Webb Models over the years have offered huge support to our club right up to the end. From donations, special offers and discounts not to mention the individual support and even sponsorships to some members over the years it was very sad news. It just goes to show how tough trade is and the importance of supporting local businesses in such a niche hobby as ours.

I am not a fan of online purchasing so will now have to look further afield and bulk buy I guess.

The start of the year has seen a particularly cold snap with snow and ice and the inevitable thaw to follow, maybe this means we'll get a baking hot summer?

Whilst so early in the year there is little to report we can look forward and consider how as a club we might move things forward. The key thing of course is to get out flying but whilst the weather keeps us at home it might be time to consider a clear out or acquisition of a new project. The loss of local model shops does not help but many of us use the internet anyway but personally I miss physically looking at something before I pass over hard earned cash. To this effect I think I will be visiting one or two of the swap meets to seek out some solace. I was talking a couple of years back to the organisers of the Wrexham Club Swap Meet and it seemed they had really benefitted from the event both through financial gains and public relations and potential memberships. As a club we have always done these things in a very insular way when undertaken. Perhaps it is time to broaden our scope and host something similar beyond the confines of WRCFS members.



In the workshop the ex Dave Burton CD Models Sopwith Pup is slowly making progress. Hate covering but slowly getting through the parts. Still not decided if the original engine that Dave fitted will actually be used as opinion seems pretty poor on these RCV motors and with some of the parts actually missing, exhaust, needle assembly the cost of replacements has me questioning the viability for something with such a reputation. The last thing this model needs is an unreliable power plant!

Lots of parts in the kit unfortunately missing so it is going to be slow progress as I work out how things should go together and appropriate solutions to missing elements. I also have to figure out radio installation as currently there is zero access to pretty much everything once the forward decking is in place. Even the fuel tank is boxed in place and requires significant surgery to remove. So often these things are not considered in kit designs and I think this is a case in point.

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 wrcfscommittee@outlook.com

Lindsay