

# Wirral Radio Control Flying Society

## Newsletter No4 2024



***Photo:- 24 Years Old and still going strong My Flair 1/3<sup>rd</sup> Scale Stearman***

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

### **Committee News**

Not really much news over the last few months, much continued debate over the club comps and an attempt run the Alf Witherup scale day but more of that later. We have our secretary Paul Devlin not so well at the moment, so we are all wishing him a speedy recovery. Club meetings have been sparse we know, they have been tried at the field, I think with very mixed results, but now we are entering autumn we should see the Lever Club being utilised before too long, leading up to the AGM in December. It has been another tough year particularly with membership numbers still low although we have picked up a few 'newbies' so please keep your eyes open and be ready to assist if needed down at the field. To all whom have participated and assisted to keep things moving forward a huge thank you, keep it up.

### **Editors Report**

Notable by my absence, yes, to many things going on, all contributing and aligning such that when I am free the weather is lousy and here we are in mid-September. None the less my resolve is unbroken and the months ahead will be full of glorious sunshine and calm winds. With the limited intel that only newsletter editors are entitled to, I am completely in the dark as to whom has been down the field and flying what up to this stage, short of the occasional social media comments.

In my own workshop I have made more progress with both my Bristol Blenheim and ex Dave Burton Sopwith Pup. No real priority here but focussing on the Sopwith Pup and starting the covering using Diatex heat shrink fabric from Steve Webb Models. The material is proving to be quite easy to work with so far for the flying surfaces, and I have set about getting all the fiddly bits covered first that I really hate doing such as elevators, ailerons, fin, and rudder.

Unfortunately, there seems to be quite a few detail parts missing from the box of bits so I guess things will slow up a little as I try to work out how things were supposed to fit and create new bits or alternate solutions, but the result should be a pretty accurate scale model.

Dave had fitted an RCV 58 four stroke motor, not one I am familiar with, alas both silencer and needle valve assembly are also missing so will need to be sourced or alternate motor fitted which will be a pain if necessary. Weston UK used to be dealers for RCV so will give them a try over the coming months and hopefully parts can be tracked down. Looking at reviews the engine seems to fall into a love it or hate it category but so often this is down to operator so I would like to give it a chance as I believe Dave would have not chosen unwisely and would be nice to keep it to his original arrangement if possible.

### Events at the field



We had hoped to run the annual Alf Witherup Scale Event on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September, but alas the weather gods saw differently and with a forecast of heavy rain all day, we unilaterally decided to bring the date forward to the Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> which turned out to be overcast but dry with calm winds. The inevitable consequence of a late date change meant we had a limited number of scale models turning up and as such we suggested the judges could not judge themselves and the competition as such was shelved and just enjoyed the day as a fun day with BBQ not to mention the very kindly home-made sausage rolls from Nick. In total about a dozen members turned up to enjoy the usual banter and good flying conditions even though the grass was a tad long for models with really small wheels.

In truth it was just nice to get out and have a fun day, for my part I took the opportunity to fly my Seagull Sportscruiser which must be about eight years old or more now. It had not flown for about a year or so and once the engine cleared the oil residue it ran as sweet as anything, and the only issues were a loss of the nose wheel on the second flight resulting in a more abrupt halt on landing! No damage done and now fixed and in better shape than it was originally. It's a great shame they discontinued this model as it really does have a pretty viceless performance.



Paul 'Let's see how many models can fit in a car' Rice, our chairman had a larger Seagull Lancair, a good-looking model sporting a larger 35cc engine and reports that the model is now a delight to fly and certainly has presence in the air. Paul also managed to squeeze the BBQ and gas bottle together with a table and plethora of tools and other stuff proving that Citroen do indeed make a Tardis.



Billy Bennett had his electric converted Extra and was delighted to complete his first full flight so was absolutely delighted to be back again despite his health issues.

Gray Hawke had several models plucked from his camper van that kept us going with cups of tea almost on demand. His T40 engine needed a few stern words, and the threat of replacing with electric prompting it to immediately jump to life and never missed a beat thereafter. Big Wendy, put in plenty of flights throughout the afternoon.



Other participants included John Lewis, Mike Smith, Nick for the sausage rolls, and Andy for doing an ace job cooking the burgers and was nice to see Dave Buckingham drop by for a while. I think that is it for participants, which was a shame considering it takes effort to put these events on but those that did show up had a great time.

On a more positive note we did have a youngster 11years old turn up with his father and older brother, mad keen on anything aviation and brought with him a small foam P40 indoor size model. He was delighted to see the model test flown then surprised most of us by promptly flying a few circuits himself. Ok these are gyro assisted but he demonstrated some skill considering his age and limited self taught instruction. Now keen to become a member and went away a very happy kid!

That's all for this issue, the final issue for this year will be pre AGM. Linds

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