

Clear Dope

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Hi Happy February,

I am writing this on Friday 3rd February, a beautiful clear day but very cold.

I have little content for this month's Clear Dope. The first event of the year for me will be at the Fleet Air Arm Museum, RNAS Yeovilton, Yeovil, Somerset where the BMFA Sponsor a flying display.

This is a bi-annual event for all types of modelling. I have been going to this event for the past six years or so helping airside with the display and I must say I have always enjoyed the event. A good day out for all, even better if the weather is set fair.

I was thinking that we hear very little from the growing band of those of you who fly at Porthole Farm these days. All the reporting of events taking place within our club seem to be at Thorney Island and the club nights at Fishbourne. I rarely go to Porthole as it is a round trip of over forty miles and when I do go nobody seems to be there. (Sods Law rules ok).

Anyway I was wondering if one of those of you frequent Porthole flyers could do me a report on the day to day happenings that go on down on the farm with some pictures, I would be pleased.

We see little or nothing of Porthole so just to remind you it, if you click on the link below you will see a video I made with the help of Mick Blundell on cold windy day in April 2009.

The camera lens is pointing down at about 30 degrees and can be swivelled remotely to 90 degrees down but for most of this video it is looking ahead, as you can see it was extremely windy, hence the rock and roll, I wonder if a giro would help?

Ken

http://www.youtube.com/v/3sDm1k3cZJ4&rel=0&hl=en_US&feature=player_embedded&version=3

The Committee and Members of CADMAC would like to welcome the following new members to our club

David Arthur, Graham Cryer, Doug Murray, Philip Bowley and Adam Geoff

We all hope they enjoy our company and wish them all success with this fascinating and enjoyable hobby.

Retro Fly In - Sleaf Airfield Shropshire
By Thorney Rep. Derek Honeysett



Derek holding his Capricorn

On reading the Radio Controlled Models & Electronics early in 2011, I saw details of an event to be held in August that caught my eye. There was to be a Retro Fly-In for models of the sixties, seventies and eighties, - right up my street as those of you that fly with me at Thorney will know, as most of my models are from the seventies and eighties.

Over the next few months I had in my mind that I would repaint my original Crescent Bullet, make the journey to Shropshire and take as many models as I could fit in my Vectra.

On the day of the event I picked up my brother-in-law at 0530, the car packed with my Capricorn, Jupiter and Bullet and we set off on the three and half hour trip to Sleaf Airfield.

On arrival at the airfield the flight line was like going back in time with all sorts of retro models present, Tornados and Bullets well represented as they are now being re-kitted by PB Models.

There were too many models to mention but some which caught my eye included: an MK Arrow, Chevron, an original Dave Hardaker Lightning, Joe Birdi Dirty Birdi, Jim Davis Dolphin, Joker, Chilli Bean, Pulsar Bipe, all pattern or sports models of the era.

I did also spot a few modern ARTF versions of classic retro style models which is evidence of the growing popularity of this type of model.

On setting up my models I was approached by a familiar face RCME columnist Alex Whittaker who, after spotting my Capricorn, then spent the next few

minutes reminiscing about the Capricorn and its designer Mike Birch. Mike Birch flew Capricorns to great success in national aerobatic competitions during the seventies.

During the day I flew both the Capricorn and Bullet although I declined to fly the Jupiter due to the rough surface of the remains of the world war two runway and not wanting to tear the retracts out of the wing on landing. This may seem strange after driving all that way but both the Jupiter and Capricorn are today extremely rare and there were no other examples present at this event.

Although it was a long way to go, not getting home until 10pm that night we had a great day talking to fellow retro model followers and watching these classic designs eat up the sky.

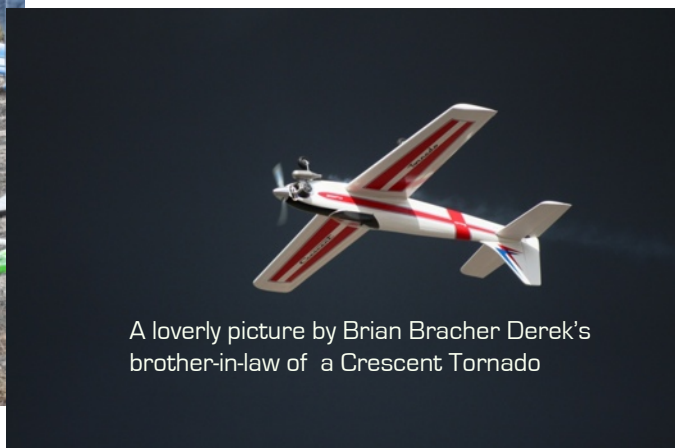
Some of you may have seen Alex Whittaker's report of this event in the December RCME where he went into greater detail of the event and the models taking part.

Just recently John Riall brought down to Thorney a refurbished Blue Angel 20 this model in its 60 size version

was a world class



Now then Chaps straighten up and fly right, Derek giving his planes a pep talk



A lovely picture by Brian Bracher Derek's brother-in-law of a Crescent Tornado

aerobatic model.

Stuart Whittle has been seen flying a Power Planes International Custom Cruiser and Ray Beadle, a vintage Veron Cherokee.

These sightings could signal a revival of retro models on our flight lines and I have heard that PB models are intending to re-introduce the Chevron alongside their existing new versions Bullet, Tornado, and Sundancer.

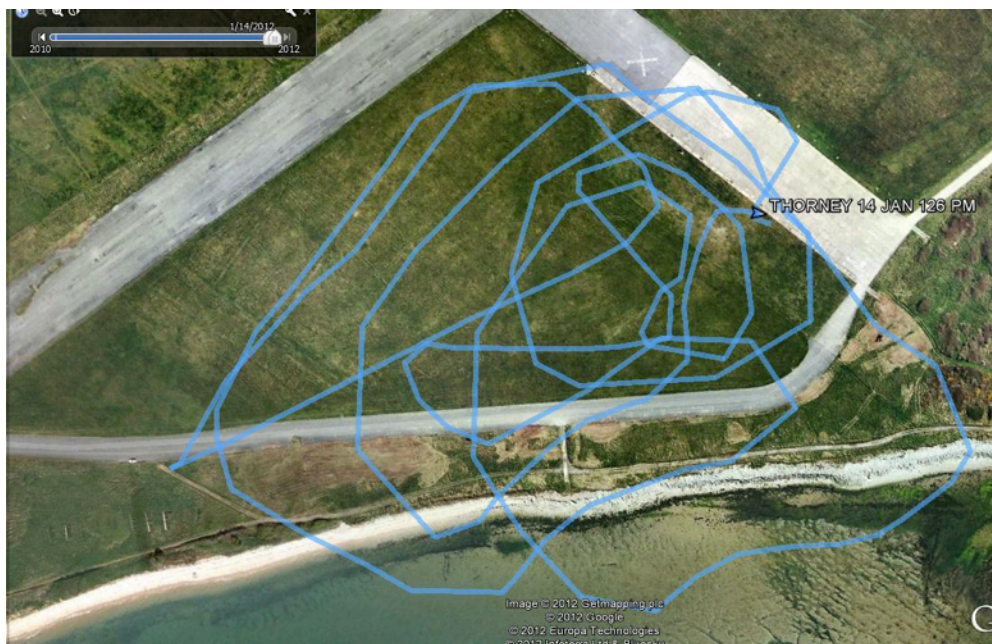
Watch this space for my next retro model, a Leicester Models BAE Hawk which should be ready in the spring. *Derek*

The Wonders of Modern Technology

By Toni Reynaud

On the 14th January this year I was at Thorney island. It was cold and cloudy, but light wind from the east. I decided to try to map the limits of our flying area using a walkers Garmin GPS strapped into the Hercules. I launched into wind and immediately turned left to fly over the grass area. I tried to fly along the east/west runway parallel to the horses fence, then turned right at the far limit when the plane was quite small to see. I then tried to fly back along the peri track, and back north along the main runway. After that it was a general fly around for a few minutes, including venturing out over the harbour area. Maximum height attained shows as 62 metres, 203 feet, and the speed varied between 26kph, 15mph and 72 kph, 45 mph. The resulting track is shown in the picture and graph below which shows elevation/speed/time. It's an interesting picture. I wasn't anywhere near the horses fence out by the eastern limit, but it was easy to see when I was out over the harbour.

Toni



Robert Horton, David Etherton, Arthur Horton & Robert's boys

Five Intrepid Souls Brave the winter Snow

The annual indoor flying meeting at the Crawley K2 centre was held on the 5th February and five brave souls from CADMAC ignored the snowy weather and had a great day of fun flying"

Thorney island access – the following has been received from Defence Estates and should be noted.

Dear Tony

The Chain of Command has decided that, in future, all personnel, civilian or military, will have an annual expiry date on their vehicle pass that coincides with the expiry of their vehicle road tax.

I would appreciate it if you could circulate this direction to all of your club members and arrange for them to contact me in the New Year to arrange an appointment for a new pass to be issued.

In this connection, and, subject to other commitments, I will be available for pass renewal during the hours 0915-1215 & 1400-1600, Monday to Thursday. Providing the applicant has already undergone the initial Basic Check procedure, I will require one form of photo ID, CADMAC membership card and the tax disc to complete my documentation.

Kind regards

Stephanie

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A REMINDER OF FLYING TIMES AT THORNEY

Saturdays and Sundays Only

10.30 Electric only (No Ducted Fans), 11.30 for Electric and IC.

No flying after 18:00 hours

Thorney may be closed for access and flying from time to time as per notices posted Clear Dope and on the web site www.cadmac.co.uk

Please also note that members can bring guests to Thorney and Porthole however if they fly they **MUST** fill in a guest flying form and they can only fly on three occasions in a year if they are not BMFA members . This is a condition of the BMFA insurance

Club Nights 2012

Date	Club Night/Event	What's On
7 th February	Committee meeting	
9 th February	Club Night	Chairmans Chat speaker to be confirmed
6 th March	Committee meeting	
8 th March	Club Night	Auction
3 rd April	Committee meeting	
12 th April	Club Night	Andy Sephton talk on indoor flying within the BMFA
1 st May	Committee meeting	
10 th May	Club Night	Chairmans Chat
10 th June	BMFA Event	In Planning stage possible Electric Fly-in
12 th June	Committee meeting	
14 th June	Club Night	Light Flight and Control Line
3 rd July	Committee meeting	
12 th July	Club Night	Light Flight and Control Line
7 th August	Committee meeting	
9 th August	Club Night	Light Flight and Control Line
4 th September	Committee meeting	
13 th September	Club Night	Steve Prideaux will give a talk about flying his very fast Bandit
2 nd October	Committee meeting	
11 th October	Club Night	Balsa Brain Quiz Night
6 th November	Committee meeting	
8 th November	Club Night	AGM
4 th December	Committee meeting	
13 th December	Club Night	Subscription Collection

Competition Calendar & Other Events 2012



Date and Day	Time	Event	Venue
Saturday 11th February		RNAS Yeovilton	RNAS Yeovilton museum model day
Saturday 10 th March	12.00	Climb and Glide I/C	Thorney Island
Sunday 25th March		Romsey Auction	Mount Batton School
Saturday 14 th April	12.00	Bomb Drop	Thorney Island
Saturday 12 th May	12.00	Scramble I/C only	Thorney Island
Saturday 19th May		Blackbushe Model Show	Blackbushe Airfield
Saturday 10 th June		Possible Electric fly-in	
Saturday 16 th June	12.00	Pattern	Thorney Island
Saturday/Sunday 23rd & 24th June		Wings & Wheels	North Weald Airfield, Essex
Saturday 14 th July	12.00	Slope	Trundle Hill
Sunday 15 th July	11.30	BBQ & Scramble Electric only	Porthole Farm
Saturday/ Sunday 4th/5th August		Woodvale Scale	Woodvale, Nr Southport
Saturday 11 th August	11.00	Open Glider	Thorney Island
Sunday 12th August		Pagham on Parade	Pagham
Saturday 18 th August	11.00	Open Glider	Thorney Island
Sat/Sun/Monday 25-27th August		BMFA Nationals	Barkston Heath, Nr Grantham
Saturday 1 st September	11.00	Open Glider	Thorney Island
Saturday/ Sunday 15/16th Sept		Hop Farm	Kent
Saturday 22 nd September	12.00	Loops, Rolls & Spins	Thorney Island
Saturday 13 th October	12.00	Scale	Thorney Island
Sunday 11 th November	12.00	Open Glider fun day	Thorney Island

Urgent Note to All Users of Porthole Farm

It is imperative that the last person leaving the field **CLOSE** and **LOCK** the gate irrespective of other people/ vehicles still being there (i.e. Dog trainers) as the land owner has **INSISTED** that this be carried and is a fundamental clause in the use of the field.

The chain must go through the second bar and the numbers on the lock must be scrambled. There should be no exceptions to this mandatory action. KK