

Clear Dope

February 2022



Chichester and District Model Aero Club: Committee 2022

Chairman: Tony Chant: chairman@cadmac.co.uk

Hon Secretary & Treasurer: Tim Kerss: secretary@cadmac.co.uk

Thorney Rep Vice Chairman and Safety Officer: Derek Honeysett: thorneyrep@cadmac.co.uk

Deputy Thorney rep: Jeremy Stuttard: thorneyrep-2@cadmac.co.uk

Portshole Farm Rep.and Safety Officer: Ken Smith: portholerep@cadmac.co.uk

Deputy Portshole rep: George Gilchrist: portholerep2@cadmac.co.uk

Slope Rep and Safety officer Trundle Hill: Nick Gates: sloperrep@cadmac.co.uk

Webmaster: David Hayward: webmaster@cadmac.co.uk

Junior Rep. & Junior Members Protection Co-ordinator: Alex Webb: juniorrep@cadmac.co.uk

BMFA Rep & CD editor: Ken Knox: editor@cadmac.co.uk

Membership Secretary, Jeff Cosford: member@cadmac.co.uk

Social Rep: Jordan Perry: socialrep@cadmac.co.uk

Competitions' Secretary: Ray Shivjee: compsec@cadmac.co.uk



Please send more articles for CD
Happy Flying and be aware of others

CAA Registration - Updating Membermojo, by Jeff Cosford.

Only 68 of you out of a membership 126 have the correct number entered onto the club database.

The correct number looks like this: GBR-OP-L2DHLBW92HJS. Many still show the format OP-KX****3, which is the pre-2021 number.

To find out your number, go to <https://register-drones.caa.co.uk/my-registration> Or contact the CAA office: Email drone.registration@caa.co.uk, or telephone 0330 022 9930.

Once you have it, enter in to your record at: <https://membermojo.co.uk/cadmac>

Or let me know what it is and I will do it for you.

Updating other details.

If you change your email address, car, postal address or phone number etc, here is where you can update your club database record: <https://membermojo.co.uk/cadmac> or let me know and I will do it for you.



Martinique, Border MAC's flying site which is near Bordon, where some of CADMAC are members. All of Border club's sites are on MOD property and have similar constraints as we do.

Alex's Ramblings – January 2022

AEROMODELLING IS a hobby that finds both vogue and disdain in popular culture, in equal measures. This I believe is in part due to the clichéd image of aero modellers and its depiction through the various forms of media channels and the coverage of the hobby.

I can certainly remember my first experience of the hobby, this being a Friday afternoon showing of the 1977 Children's Film Foundation film "Sky Pirates" starring the late Bill Maynard and a host of child actors. I sat there enthralled as Uncle Charlie (Bill Maynard) and the children both flew 'radio control planes' and, tried to thwart a diamond smuggling ring with model Spitfires armed with firing pub darts to bring down a large scale model containing a diamond over the countryside skies (for those interested – Middle Wallop Flying Club was used extensively as a location). My mind buzzed and sparked at the time with child ferocity – *little planes that fly and you get them to go where you want them to go...*

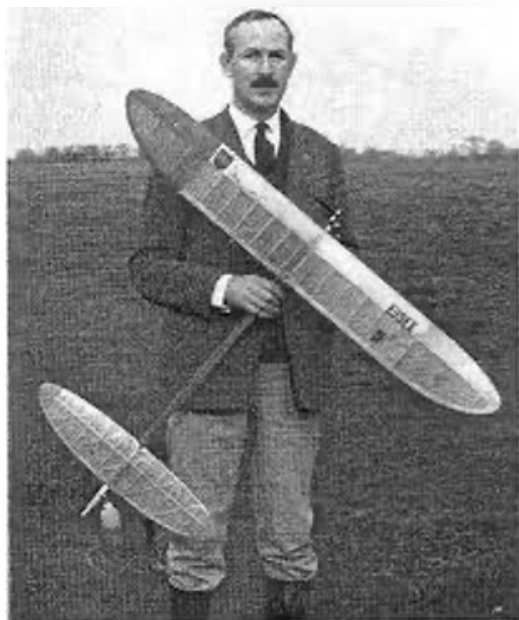


Sky Pirates (1977) – Uncle Charlie (Bill Maynard) cranks up his Spitfire

Time moved on and so did I, trips to the long gone Beatties of London in Kingston Upon Thames to pick the yearly birthday gift presented me with a variety of bright and exciting flying planes, which I wanted but never seemed to get...

Moving on around 40 years, the appearance of two large Drones at Gatwick airport in 2018 and the resultant hoo-ha this provoked due to disruption both locally and nationally caused much misunderstanding, suspicion and the practical vilification of aero modellers – *who were these scoundrels causing Thomas Cook not to fly people to their yearly bucket and spade holiday – the cads!* Drones are the *enfant terrible* of the model flying world it seems and, many tales and urban legends exist about these flying machines including the man in Bullitt County, Kentucky, USA who blew apart a drone hovering over his property with a shotgun for the simple reason that he felt it was an invasion of his privacy. The drone was unavailable for comment at the time.

However, back to aeromodelling and its image and disciples. My first experience of a 'club' came from afar, sitting in my Father's Fiat 127 Sport waiting for him and my Mother to buy a sack of potatoes at a Farm shop sometime in the 1980's. I could see a small group of men, clustered in a soggy field. Models buzzed above them like angry birds and I watched intently and suddenly realised that a) all the men were old to me and b) where were the women? The men wore army coats, wellingtons, pork pie hats and looked like they had no one to take care of them when they got home. I imagined they smelled of pipe tobacco and the oil my father used on his push lawnmower.



Plus-fours, tie, waistcoat and sports jacket – practical dress for flying

Public perceptions of sports and hobbies are sometimes aided or discouraged, by recognisable public figures and celebrities who are visibly involved in them. We know that Bing Crosby, Sean Connery, Terry Wogan and Donald Trump were and are happiest on the golf course hitting their Slazenger No 5. Nevertheless, who takes up the sword when it comes to aeromodelling and flying?

The world of music can respond with a killer blow here with the UK's very own David Robert Jones aka David Bowie to begin. The Thin White Duke was very much a keen aero modeller and indulged his passion for the hobby throughout his life when not creating a series of personas and what many consider some of the finest popular music ever created.



David Bowie – in free flight

Not to be outdone, the USA's King himself (Elvis) was a keen modeller in his early days with a penchant for ARTF kits and Cox engines along with the Big O (Roy Orbison) who allegedly whilst on tour pulled a trailer with a P51 Mustang model ready for instant deployment when he came across a suitable field. Rock n Roll indeed...



Roy Orbison – builder and flyer to the end

Whilst such luminaries as Bowie, Presley and Roy lend Aeromodelling a 'sexiness' that perhaps was non-existent initially is debatable. From talking to friends and associates not in any way involved in the hobby, I found most associated it with harmless retired men. The comparison here I believe is model railways, which has equal to more 'nerd' connotations. Interestingly enough, when you are at the magazine section again at your local WHSmith count the amount of magazines dedicated to model railways as opposed to aeromodelling...

Aeromodelling and Aero modellers seem to exist in a purgatory state of being seen simultaneously as eccentric 'plane buffs and ne-er-do-wells if they fly drones. Whilst the hobby and its enthusiasts enjoy freedom to indulge in their pastime, it is from this precarious state that the future of aero modelling must take flight and soar high. This can be achieved only through a healthy younger generation becoming involved in the hobby and indeed – a positive media representation.

Come back Ziggy – we need you more than ever...

Alexander Webb - 11 January 2022.



Flying alone on Thorney is not recommended however pilots that do are requested to concentrate on flying within the grass area to the west of the runway and restrict their activity to light weight electric models

Please Try to leave Porthole as tidy as possible, making sure no fuel is left on site & lock the gate.

30 metres from “uninvolved” persons”

From 1 Jan 21 BMFA Article 16 is law: know the separation minima!

15 metres when taking off & landing, subject to mitigations

When Driving Around Thorney be aware of young children on bikes

The Commander at Baker Barracks Thorney and the MOD have decreed that there shall be NO drone flying whatsoever

When flying at Thorney please keep an eye out for traffic(all kinds walkers, horses, bikes, runners, and low flying aircraft) coming from behind the flyers and inform them accordingly

The club Facebook page is now in its fifth year. It has over one hundred members. It contains many contemporary site reports, and has a wealth of photos in its archives.

Administered by Nick Gates. David Hayward & Ken Knox

Here is the link:-

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/Chichesteraeromodellers/>