

Kendal Flyer



Newsletter of the Kendal Model Aero Club

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As you can see from the picture, the cabin is now in position and "operational"!

I'm sure you'll join me in offering a big "thank you" to all those who have put in so much time and effort in giving the club such a superb facility. There is still more work to do, so if you can spare some time, please give Brian or Andrew a ring and offer your services.

Of course, now the cabin is there, you must get down to the field and use it. Quite a few members have taken advantage of the calm periods during the winter to keep up their flying skills and to test fly new models. Congratulations must go to Peter Dowker, one of those increasingly rare aeromodellers who builds his own models from scratch and experiments with power systems and airframes. On Wednesday (April 1st !), after many trials and tribulations, (CG positioning on swept wings can be tricky!), he successfully flew his own design electric ducted fan F86 Sabre. Launched from a bungee, the 42 inch span, 3¹/₂ lb model flew very realistically and looked and sounded great. As Peter said on the day, he fully expected to take the model home in bits, but now he'll have to set to and finish it properly!

As for myself, after reading good reviews in the magazines, I've put together a Multiplex Parkmaster with the aim of expanding my flying skills into the 3D area. The model flies really well, as slowly as you like and is very predictable, so any ropey manoeuvres are down to me and not the model! As always, practice makes perfect.

On this theme, when you go down to the field to fly, why not try to put a definite aim into your flights, such as perfecting a particular manoeuvre? Yes, it is very enjoyable to fly casual circuits with the occasional loop and roll thrown in and most likely you've absolutely no desire to fly an F3A aerobatic schedule. However, put a little more purpose into your flying and your flying skills will improve dramatically. You don't even need an aerobatic model; most will loop and all

will fly on the level. For instance, pick a point on the horizon and try to fly consecutive horizontal figure eights centred on this point, at a constant speed, constant height and the two circles of equal diameter. It's very difficult to do perfectly, but if you want to be clever, try it inverted! Alternatively, try consecutive loops centred on your point, at a constant speed and all of the same diameter. Another tip is to keep your flights short, but more of them – that way you'll get more practice at the one compulsory manoeuvre for every flight – the landing!

Of course, none of this applies to our more experienced and competent members and we all know who they are!

Right, enough of my ramblings and on to the important material. Your committee have put their heads together and come up with the following programme of events for your enjoyment and entertainment. Please make a note of the dates and put them in your diary now.

Events

Sunday April 19th: From 10.00 am. Meet and Greet.
Bring your models for an informal get together at the field to kick off the season. Meet up with old mates or grab an instructor for flying help or button-hole one of the more experienced members if you have any modelling queries or problems.
This is followed by indoor flying at Dallam School, Heversham, 5 – 7 pm.

Sunday May 17th Static display at Kirby Lonsdale by invitation. Please call Andrew McClure for details.

Sunday June 7th Aerobatics and Fun Fly Day.
Full details still being considered, but rest assured, there will be some thing for everyone.

Sunday July 19th Please note this date has previously been advertised for indoor flying at Heversham, but this has now been CANCELLED!

Sat/Sun July 25th/26th Windermere Air Show
Flying demo from 'B' Cert members only and static display.
Volunteers required, please call Andrew McClure for details.

Sunday August 9th Grand All-Day Event!
A fun day for all – probably with a model flying theme!

Thursday November 26th (provisional) AGM

Thursday December 17th (provisional) Christmas Dinner

Indoor Flying - Dates have been submitted to Dallam School for next winter, beginning in October, but to avoid possible confusion, these dates will not be advertised until they have been confirmed.

So, that's it from me for now; see you all at the field!

Happy Landings!

Dave Neighbour