



Kendal Flyer

Newsletter of the Kendal Model Aero Club

July 2009

Hi everyone! The season is now well advanced and so far the weather has been reasonably kind to us – the recent spell of hot weather has certainly seen a lot of activity at the field. It seems ages since the last newsletter (well, it was in April!) and quite a lot has been happening, so here goes :-

Flying Sites

Firstly, Cark Airfield. This site has been available for model flying, not only to KMAC members but also to other organisations and individuals, for some time. However, as a result of a couple of unfortunate incidents, NOT involving KMAC members I'm glad to say, model flying is now severely restricted. There now appears to be some confusion over who is and who isn't allowed to fly there, so make sure you do have permission, otherwise your insurance may be compromised.

Secondly, Levens field. For several months now, there have been reports and speculation that the field was going to be ploughed for a cereal crop and that the Club would have to move the strip into the next field to the south. This was not welcomed for a number of reasons, but there is good news! Our Chairman, Brian, has been negotiating with our farmer landlord, David Martin, with the result that we do not have to move! The final details have yet to be resolved, but basically, the field will still be ploughed and reseeded with grass as part of the normal management regime for silage grassland, but the strip and the area in front of the cabin will not be touched. We don't yet know when this will happen, but I guess when it does, for a while there will be a tremendous incentive to make sure you land on the strip!

Events

The Aerobatics and Fun Fly day on June 14th was unfortunately a non event due to the windy weather, with only Brian and Martin venturing to fly at all. But don't forget the following:

Sat/Sun July 25/26th Windermere Air Show

KMAC static display and flying demo from 'B' Cert members only - volunteers required, please call Andrew McClure for details.

Should be a good weekend with the Vulcan, Red Arrows, Mustang P51 and Yakovlev Aerobatic Team featured in the programme plus events for all the family.

Sunday August 9th Grand All-Day Event at Levens field!

Fun day for all with something for everyone – with a flying theme!

Training

Congratulations are due to Ray Gott, who, after a lot of effort and practice, has achieved his well-deserved 'A' Certificate. Well done, Ray!

Practical training using buddy boxes continues, with several other members, including Richard Allen, Gordon Lewis and Gill Saunders progressing well towards gaining their 'A' Certificates. So remember, if you need basic instruction or even just help and advice on the finer points of model flying, give Brian a ring and an instructor can be arranged.

At the Field

With the generally good weather so far this year, there has been a lot of activity at the field. Amongst the many new models, Peter Dowker has successfully flown his latest creation, a Bert Rutan Long Eze canard built from an RCME plan. This model is of conventional construction with a Scorpion 3020/12 electric motor and 3s Lipo. Peter says it flies beautifully although take-off runs are a bit long. Well done Peter, again!

Another model of note is Richard Lee's jet powered helicopter. This model is equipped with remote on-board starting for the Wren 54 gas turbine. It is fascinating to watch as Richard initiates the start cycle from the Tx and the turbine powers up, quickly lifting the model into the air, not only looking but also sounding just like the real thing!

On a personal note, I've been giving the Multiplex Parkmaster I mentioned in the last newsletter, a lot of air time as I attempt to master this 3D stuff. The foam model has proved remarkably resilient and quick and easy to repair after a couple of 'misjudgements.' Remember, when trying anything new, always fly two mistakes high!

Gill Saunders has also been putting in a lot of air time with her Wot Trainer, as she practices for her 'A' certificate. This model, powered by a Dualsky 900W electric motor with a 4S Lipo, is decorated in a unique way. When asked about this, Gill sent me the following description:

"I decided to decorate my aeroplane wings after seeing the Orange Tip butterflies drifting along the hedgerow at the flying field. Their colours precisely matched those of my WOT trainer. The internet provided a basic photograph of the orange tip, which I edited with graphics software to get a suitable 'decal' design. I then printed my design on clear ink-jet water-slide decal paper, allowed it to dry overnight, then sprayed with several coats of clear acrylic spray coating to seal the inks. As I had used the clear paper I only had to cut roughly around the design, peel off the backing paper and stick to the plane. I am very pleased with the result, and hope I can successfully land the 'plane a few more times yet!

Obviously, you can make your decals of any design and colour scheme you like, but if your design included white, but was to be stuck on a coloured background, you would need to use white decal paper then cut very accurately around your design to avoid a white outline - no problem for experienced modelmakers! My plane is electric powered; for an ic model you might need to coat the decal with a suitable fuel proofer.

The ink-jet water-slide decal paper is obtainable from Crafty Computer Paper (01434 689153 or on line from craftycomputerpaper.co.uk) "



**Gill with her
'Orange-tip'
Wot Trainer**

So, as you can see, there is a lot of activity within the Club at all levels. However, it would be good to see more members at the field, particularly the more infrequent flyers. If you've not been down to the field recently, dust off that model, charge the batteries and come and join in the fun!

Happy Landings!

Dave Neighbour

STOP PRESS! Breaking news! Farmer has decided NOT to plough the field this year! So carry on flying!



Richard Lee and his amazing jet helicopter

Pete Dowker about to launch EDF Sabre



Gordon Lewis with instructor Brian



Gill practicing circuits with husband, John