



Kendal Flyer

Newsletter of the Kendal Model Aero Club

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Hi everyone! It's now May and we're well into the flying season – you know, that period of blue skies, warm sun and balmy breezes that we all so enjoy. Of course, the stalwarts have been flying all through the winter despite the damp conditions, so dust off those models or finish off the new ones and get out there and fly (when the wind drops, that is!)

However, please note that the Club has been informed that our field will be ploughed and re-seeded in the next couple of weeks and so for this season we will have to fly in the adjacent field ie the one to the south.

Events

The following events have been planned for this season, weather permitting:

Fun/Scale Day	2 nd weekend in June
Windermere Air Show	(participation tbd)
BBQ and fun fly	mid August
Sim night Gilpin Bridge Hotel	19 th October
Swoopmeet Gilpin Bridge Hotel	16 th November
Xmas Dinner @ Strickland Arms	15 th December

Ken Hardy



It is with great sadness that I have to report that Ken Hardy died recently in a tragic road accident whilst riding his beloved Harley. Ken, a long time aeromodeller and motor cycle fan, spent much time at the field enjoying the banter and camaraderie. Ken was always helpful and willing to lend a hand to anyone and we shall all miss his cheerful smile.

The Club extends deepest sympathies and condolences to his family at this sad time.

Tip Time

Whilst completing my winter project, an Eflite Extra 300, I decided to replace the mylar strip hinges on the control surfaces with proper pinned hinges. I needed slow set epoxy to do this and bought some BSI 30 minute, produced by Bob Smith Industries. Unfortunately, this is packaged in quite large containers and there was a lot left over. I had always understood that this sort of material had a short shelf life and was best stored at low temperatures, ie in the fridge or even the freezer. However, there was a web address on the bottles, so I e-mailed BSI for advice and received a prompt reply.

I was surprised to learn that epoxies should be stored at room temperature. The main cause of deterioration is absorption of moisture from the atmosphere. This however can be eliminated by occasionally removing the container lids and zapping the contents in a microwave for 15 – 20 seconds. According to BSI, with this treatment, epoxies should keep indefinitely!

Happy Landings!

Dave Neighbour