

Next Competition Saturday August 13th Open Glider Round 1 Round 1



Hello All

I would like to thank those who turned up on Saturday to promote the club and support the Army Families Day. I got the feeling everybody enjoyed the day and it's not often you can spend a day sitting in nice weather chatting.

I would also like to thank Annette and Toni R $\,$ and Tony C $\,$ for putting the marquee up on Friday $\,$ evening (along with myself) and Toni for getting it moved in the morning, also not forgetting those who helped put away after the event.

Regards

Derek (Thorney Rep)





Touch & Go Competition 2016

The competition was run at Porthole Farm during the BBQ.

The day was hot and sunny with very little breeze from the SW, a good flying day, eight pilots flew. The Models were four **VisionAirs**, two **Limbos**, one **Mustfire** and one **Wot4**.

Pilots could fly when they wished most going after they had filled up from the BBQ

Tony Chant started and managed 15 using the Wot4, Ray Beadle then got eight with the Limbo, and James Egington only managed four before the Visionair motor failed after a hard landing, Eamon Keating with his Visionair did ten and broke one side of the U/C on the last landing! Stewart Whittle using a Mustfire managed six, this is a large model to do this type of comp. George Fridlington got to seven before he finished in the long grass and finally David Draper with his Visionair did 5. In the Second round Ray only managed seven, Eamon got to five using only one wheel, Macomb got five and Macomb also got five, Tony had to again and managed eight, This round was not so easy after all the food!

The result was, First **Tony Chant** Second **Ray Beadle** and **Eamon Keating**.

Thanks to **Keith** and all who attended and made it very enjoyable, See you all next year. Cheers Ray



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Warbirds Theme day Sunday 24th July



The RC Hotel Corfu

from Tony Combes

After winning the raffle at the CADMAC Club for a week's holiday in Corfu (I never usually win anything!) we booked our flights and arrived in Corfu on the 16th of July 2016 and were met there by a taxi to take us to the hotel. When we arrived at the hotel we were met by the owner, Spiros, a very friendly, jolly person. We were made to feel very welcome.

The weather was very warm with light winds that continued all week. From our apartment the swimming pool, restaurant and the flying field were a short walk away. The food was lovely and the hotel was very clean. We upgraded to a room with a balcony and had views of the surrounding countryside. In terms of the flying arrangements - after a short test on the buddy-box we were allowed to fly any of the RC aircraft on show and there was lots of choice of models to suit all abilities. (There is a cost and insurance to play for the hire of the planes and helicopters.)

Some people chose to take their own planes, this is slightly cheaper than hiring from the hotel.

All in all it was a thoroughly relaxing week and we hope to be returning in the not-too-distant future!

So, if you like the thought of ideal flying conditions - i.e. light winds, cloudless skies and the Greek relaxed way of life - we would recommend it. If you are interested in going, please look at the website - for further details - and up-todate prices on the web page. <u>www.rchotel.com</u>

We would like to thank Spiros and CADMAC for giving us the opportunity to go there.

Tony and Sheila Combes





Jeremy Stuttard flying at The Trundle against threatening skies

FIXED WING MODELS SIDELINED AT FARNBOROUGH

from Bruce

I was very disappointed by the flying displays at this year's event particularly those given by the smaller prop driven aircraft. Undoubtedly the new more stringent safety regs enforced post Shoreham were to blame and i'm almost ashamed to say that even seeing the P51-D Mustang performing high distant repetitive circuits with an occasional reversal didn't do it for me. What a coup, then, the drone boys pulled of with **'The Drone Show'** which had crowds of spectators, young and old alike literally salivating at the sight of real flying objects excitingly whizzing round at very close hand.

Now personally, I haven't a great deal of interest in helis, drones and multi-copters of any kind and I only got near their demonstration arena in an attempt to find the BMFA stand, but boy, was I pulled in by the spectacle.

The whole drone presentation was made up of three areas. Two of these were walk around blocks of trade stands selling high-tech units and replacement part to cater for all pockets along with support and info stands, and, into which was sandwiched a small BMFA stand. The other area was a huge display arena where the drone boys put on a spectacular and very professional display.

Imagine, if you will, two netted cages approximately 20m square and 4m high standing about 3m apart and connected by a 2m square netted tunnel. Curving lines of discs laid on the floor outlined a 2D representation of a racing circuit which wound from cage one to cage two and back again via the netted tunnel. Bunting decked floor half hoops and suspended hoops then completed the three dimensional aspect of this race track. It looked impossible!

A very efficient sound system was used to great effect to both amplify all presenters' speech via their microphone headsets or to play exciting high tempo music during item changes and the entire show was choreographed to a very high standard.

Essentially there were three types of presentations taking place in the arena: Short product demonstrations being given by specific drone manufacturers and traders; Short informational talks about drones, safety, the law and FPV (First Person View flying); and these were interspersed with actual FPV drone races within the 3D circuit.

The racing drone pilots, in some form of flash, black corporate attire were positioned within a further netted area at the far end of cage one, ready to be presented, one at a time, as they stepped forward to take their place behind a safety barrier before commencing battle. They bore a sinister 'Darth Vaderish' appearance in their FPV goggles which further added to the tension and excitement of the spectacle.

The whole presentation was slick, fast, high tempo and very exciting. Even while a presenter was talking a voice-over would announce, "Three minutes to the next drone race," and more spectators would suddenly be drawn to the arena. What a total coop this surely was for the planners, the participants and the manufactures and traders who must have ploughed a fair few quids in staging the event. They must all have reaped a massive return on their investment from the evidence of those overwhelmingly non-aeromodellers who crowded round the information and trade stands after witnessing the show.

As I reluctantly wandered away, I couldn't help myself thinking, "What a pity we couldn't stage a similar high tempo event but with indoor fixed wing aerobatic models. We have amazing pilots who can perform spectacular sequences to music and perform the kind of breathtaking aerobatics that drone pilots can only dream of.....but do we have the drive, the professional expertise and the financial backing from our manufacturers necessary to light up the arena as The Drone Show did?"

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Competition Calendar 2016





Date and Day	Time	Event	Venue	
Saturday August 13th	11:30	Open Glider	Thorney	
Saturday September 3rd	11:30	Open Glider	Thorney	
Saturday September 10th	11:30	Carrier Landing	Thorney	
Saturday October 1st	11:30	Open Glider	Thorney	
Saturday October 15th	11:30	Slope Day + Electric	Trundle Hill	
Sunday November 13th	11:30	Open Glider + Electric Fun day Donation Money to Poppy Fund	Thorney	
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is restricted to lightweight electric or gliders, and pilots are requested to concentrate on flying within the grass area to the west of the runway.	When Driving Around Tho be aware of	rney inform them accordingly		

children on bikes

Club meetings Calendar 2016

Thursday 11th August	Light flight and control line	
Thursday 8th September	Rob Dean talk	
Thursday 13th October	Quiz Night hosted by Andrew Gibbs	
Thursday 10th November	Club Night AGM	
Thursday 8th December	Subscription Night and Table Top sale	



Note to all Users of Porthole Farm

It is imperative that when entering and leaving the field **you must LOCK** the gate behind you 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.