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The Lytham Spitfire  
Photo By John Williams



MS Rallye at Newark Air Museum

## ***Work Sessions***

Take place at

HOOTON PARK  
On Wednesday and Thursday  
And Occasional Weekends

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This is a view of the area of Hooton Park handed over to TAC for their use and up keep. It has been partially cleared of HPT items, the bare soil to the left is where the HPT wood shed had been & to the left of that is where new containers will be sited.

Two of the MOSI gifted wing stands can be seen on the trailer on the concrete hard standing where we hope in the future to display the Vampire.



Another view of the TAC compound next to Bldg 28, now almost clear of HPT objects and very close to being ready for the container arriving. The six pad stones on which the container will sit can be clearly seen centre right whilst the fire burns more rubbish cleared from the site.





During the August working party day we managed to lift The Vampire outer wings which had been sited in the car park for some time on to one of the MOSI gifted wing stands. This was then pushed round to the hard standing next to bldg 28. We had been given notice by HPT that this had to be carried out by the end of September so to complete the task a month early was very satisfying. Photo thanks to Jon Howard

The inner wings were far too heavy for mere mortals but Dave Becket of Griffin Trust came to our rescue with his fork lift truck. In no time at all he had them over at Bldg 28, we lifted the first one on to the second MOSI stand with our engine lift whilst Dave slung the second wing straight on with the fork lift. This completed our commitment to HPT to move all TAC items on to the TAC defined area. Again thanks to Jon for the photo.



These next two photos are of wing stands 3 and 4 gifted by MOSI and taken at their Salford reserve store facility. They will be picked up and delivered after the container has been sited in the TAC compound, probably October.



### **Report on attendance at the 189<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the British Aviation Preservation Council [BAPC] at The South Yorkshire Air Museum [ SYAM ], Doncaster**

The 189<sup>th</sup> BAPC Meeting was held at the South Yorkshire Air Museum in Doncaster – an interesting Museum with two primary themes to their display policy – Aviation in South Yorkshire and the Falklands War. It is certainly a venue to visit if you have the opportunity.

As an organisation I noticed that BAPC has changed since the days when I was a frequent meeting attendee. Their Executive now meet in secret before the open meeting and there is much less chance for information interchange, which used to be one of the main benefits of the meetings. I also noted that the average age of the approximate 30 delegates was well over 60 and there were a lot less of them – a sign of the times that we and other aviation-related organisations are all suffering from.

The SYAM hosted the meeting well and we were located in their display building at the rear of the main hangar. Their Chairman[woman?] Liz Kingsnorth welcomed everybody and provided an overview of the SYAM. From small beginning at Nostell Priory, and later Firbeck, the organisation is now the possessor of a 40 year lease from the local Council and seems to receive great support from them, as well as drawing 12,000 visitors to the town.

The 'public' aspects of the meeting were chaired by the BAPC Chairman, Steve Hague, who seems to be a frustrated stand-up comedian. I made some notes during the meeting which is probably the best way of documenting some of what went on.

- Terry Jones of Aero Engines Carlisle has died.
- There is a forthcoming 'Stop-The-Rot' Conference at Rolls-Royce Derby in October 2014.
- The Executive are working on a new Strategy for the future of BAPC. In my mind they'd be well placed to take heed of the original objectives of the organisation and get back to some of the basics of the past.

- The Stirling Group were re-instated to membership.
- There is an initiative called the National Heritage Volunteering Organisation looking to create a National Volunteering Standards / Charter. The first meeting will be hosted by the National Railway Museum. There was some discussion because most of the aircraft preservation organisations tend to be member / volunteer orientated and the proposals do not seem to cater for this.
- The Training that BAPC ran very successfully in the past may be revived – they are talking with the Heritage Lottery Fund.
- Of the 30 or so delegates present there were no less than 7 with NAPS / TAC connections: John Berkeley, Mike Eastman, Mike Ingham, John Kenyon, Nigel Ponsford, Lloyd Robinson and Roger Smith
- Next Meeting: 15<sup>th</sup> November 2014. Tangmere, Sussex

Having been to many BAPC meetings over the years the one thought that I came away with was that the organisation has lost its 'professionalism' in its approach to meetings. The Chairman would not have been out of place at 'The Wheel Tappers and Shunters Club', though I have to say he's a very engaging character when talking in a small group. I recall all delegates were given a badge to wear which made life so much easier to find the people you wanted to talk with. The principal benefit of this meeting to me was the chance to talk with a number of different people though I didn't get much of a chance to hear about the preservation activities of the majority which used to come out in the open meetings of old.

Many thanks to Lloyd Robinson for the above report.





This is the new Hooton Park Trust Slingsby T.8 Tutor glider BGA 466. Built at Hooton Park by Martin Hearn she arrived on Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> August and when assembled she will go on display in Bldg 27.

Thanks again to Jon Howard for the photo.



Mike Davey attended the Damyns Hall Air Show in Essex on 7th August complete with his Avro Anson forward fuselage from G-AGPG

Thanks to Mike for the photos.

Mike followed this with a trip to the Halfpenny Green Wings and Wheels Show on 24/25<sup>th</sup> August. You can now see the changes as Mike works to finish the restoration on AGPG. At both events Mike promoted TAC via his information boards. I wonder what he will do on red nose day ? not many can have a bigger conk than AGPG.

