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Hawker Sea Fury FB.XI at Blackbushe 1978



Ryan Navion at Toussus le Noble 1970s

Work Sessions

Take place at

HOOTON PARK
On Wednesday and Thursday
And Occasional Weekends

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Mike Davey's friend Alan Norman standing in a Meteor 8 at Duxford 1950/51.

Below Spitfire LF Mk.XVIe TD135/ NGU in 1960/61 when with 346 Sqdn ATC Tynemouth.

Thanks to Mike Davey for the photos.



Steve Tournay, 1992



I pinched this picture of TD135 off the internet, as you can see it was taken in 1992 and would be interesting to see how far it has come along since.



Wednesday the 17th November saw John Davidson, Lloyd Robinson and myself travelling down to RAF Museum Cosford to check out progress on the Dornier, Hampden & Wellington projects in the Conservation Centre. We had plenty of time to look around and take photos & bumped into member Steve Rogers. At 13.00 hours we had prearranged to pick up the Anzani engine no longer required by the Museum. After carefully loading it on Mike's trailer we then set off for Midland Air Museum and another pick up.

I have since found out on the same day member John Mathews was also present checking out progress.

Also visiting but not sure which day was Peter Schofield who has sent me some photos see pages 10/11.



At Midland Air Museum we met up with Jon Howard who had arrived an hour ahead of us and was already suffering from the effects of Chairman Barry James. We were here to pick up the RR Artouste Trident APU engine (seen on the left) and return it along with the Anzani to Hooton Park. Unfortunately Barry offered us a cupper and like fools we accepted. An hour latter we eventually got away only to come to a standstill 300 yds down the road. 45 mins later we were able to get round the second roundabout and off on our way home.



The wings of the Vickers Wellington T.10 MF628 have been cleaned and painted and look like new.

Photos from Cosford supplied by Peter Schofield.



During the September working party day members and one friend moved all the Miles items from the old container to our new one. Here we have John Davidson, Graham Sparkes, Paul Jolliffe, Alan ? friend of Graham, Stewart Turner and Ian Starnes moving the Miles Messenger wing.



Two more from Peter's visit to Cosford, this one shows the mostly new build tail plane section for the Handley Page Hampden TB.1 P1344/PL-K

The Dornier Do 17Z fuselage fresh out of the citric acid soak and looking very frail.

I believe it's going on display at Hendon in as found but cleaned up state.

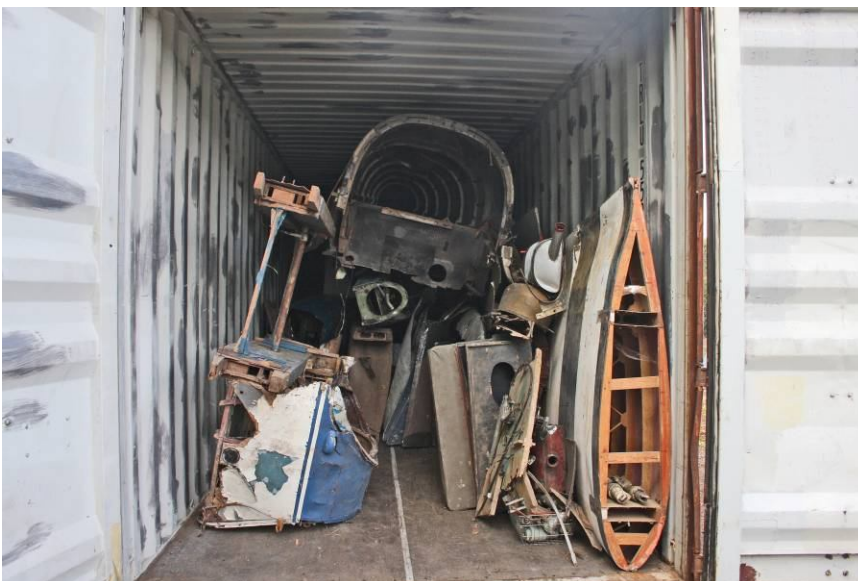


Another photo from Sunday 28th September, all the parts were laid out on the grass for photographing before storing away in the container. Messenger and Gemini front engine cowlings, Gemini undercarriage rear cowlings.



And there's more, four bits of wings here and a bit of rear fuselage. G-AJFF a Messenger 2A c/n 6363 registered on 26.03.47 a very good year for production I believe !

Front half of a Messenger cockpit and behind rear fuselage of Messenger 2A EI-AGB c/n 6332 ex G-AHFP reg 12.01.53



Anybody got a match ?

Quick shut the door before The HPT trustees come round and see all that junk.

This is not all our Miles bits The hanger 3/ building 18 annex has another great load in plus some bits in the portacabin. One day maybe TAC will marry them together and make a plane out of the bits !
On the other hand probably not.



Photo thanks to Simon Pulford

A tall tale this one, remember last months news letter page 11 we showed MAM's new Tornado GR4 well this is what I was referring to. Simon Pulford's latest Tornado acquisition a GR 1 fin, what exactly he will attach it to I don't know. Earlier this year he bought a refuelling probe and was seen at the Malpas Show gently caressing it whilst his eyes glazed over. Very strange people cockpits, best give em a wide berth. Oh the fin came from Sealand of all places.

Back to October and the reunion at Coventry. Here seen in the car park before luncheon in the DC.6 Liner we have Lloyd Robinson, David Hoyle, John Kenyon, Jim Patrick and Dave Arkle.

Photo thanks to Lloyd Robinson.



Friday evening meal in the hotel, In the foreground we have Peter Schofield, John Kenyon, Mike Ingham and Alistair Mellor..

In the background can just be seen Stewart Turner, David Hoyle, Pauline Richard Jones and Malcolm & Joan Goosey.

Photo By Lloyd Robinson.



Waiting for lunch on the Friday aboard the DC.6 Alan Bishop, Richard Jones, Dave Arkle, John Kenyon, David Hoyle, Jim Patrick, Malcolm and Joan Goosey.



I could not resist including this one, the beautifully restored Percival Proctor 5 G-AKIU at Bagington. Photo by Lloyd Robinson.



To bring you right up to date we have above the first three cylinders from the Leonides engine that Stewart has grit blasted and are now ready for painting.

On the right the 3 phase grinder has been painted, reassembled and bolted down to the new concrete plinth ready for use.

We had a surprise last Sunday after the Slingsby T.21 glider was loaded onto a trailer and sent off to Old Sarum. Jon, Stewart and I were sorting out the annex and Jon decided we should check out the McBroom hang glider only to find when unwrapped and opened up it was no McBroom. Jon later at home did a bit of searching and found it to be a Miles Wings Ltd Gulp 100a that had been gifted to TAC by griffin Trust some years ago. So what had happened to the McBroom ?

That's for the December issue.



On the left Stewart and Jon rig the Miles Wings Gulp 100a for a photo call.

This used to hang from the rafters of hangar 2 with a manikin wearing a crash helmet in the cradle slung from the main longitudinal pole.

