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Work Sessions

Take place at

HOOTON PARK
On Wednesday and Thursday
And Occasional Weekends

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Cockpit Fest June 13th/14th 2015 Newark Air Museum photos thank to Simon Pulford.



The North West contingent includes none members Andy Blair with his Jet Provost T.3 XN549 and the HS AV-8B Harrier II 162730 of Jordon and Robbie Burgess



Simon's Tonka display ZD710 Tornado GR.1 now looking really nice from the port side and the fin and rudder from a unknown GR.1.

Mike Davey also attended the Fest with his 610 Sqdn Spitfire cockpit rig which can just be made out in the top photo under the white gazebo sitting between the Tornado and Harrier.



The last time this Hawker Sea Hawk FGA.4 WV903/128 will be representing TAC as owner Graham Sparkes has sold her to a collector in Stranraer. He sadly delivered her on Saturday 27th June, Grahams other two cockpits are still at Hooton Park but for how long we are not sure as they await delivery to their new owner. This will leave Hooton Park very short of airframes to attract spotter and aviation enthusiasts for tours of the site.

Latest from Building 28 the TAC workshop (rest home for the elderly spotter in need of care and attention)



John Mathews and Dave Arkle have been beavering away at cleaning up, paint removing & de-rusting this Box Folder and at last after repainting she is back together and in full working order ready for her first task.



The same two culprits (inmates) have paint stripped the English Wheel, the adjustable lower roller support was seized solid which meant stripping it down which entailed stripping the cross shaft out first. She now looks the business in our house colour of dark green, two spacers are needed to hold the bottom roller in a central position then it will be ready for a test run.



John Mathews next project is this sheet metal roller, as can be seen the rollers are very rusty from being kept outside for a prolong period. It also came with a foot broken off so John is to make a stand for it which will also mean we can move it around using our pump truck.



Using emery cloth the roller cleans up very well not perfect but good enough for us elderly poor sighted inmates. Looking down to the bottom right of the photo the missing foot can be clearly seen. For those like us poor inmates with poor memories all the tooling came from British Aerospace at Warton They were originally gifted to the heritage group on site but they were eventually kicked out.

The heritage group moved to Millom Museum and when that closed the tooling was offered to TAC.

Below and next page Vampire T.II XD624 has been receiving plenty of TLC from new members Martin and Kevin who have stripped out most of the nose section and paint stripped the area too. This is proving to be a slow process due to much corrosion over many years spent outside but at last she is starting to look like some one cares for her.

To the right is the one and a half ton winch that members Bill Turnbull and Terry Parker have gifted to TAC as reported in the April Minutes.





Glamming up Gloria the gorgeous Gannet before the TAS Aviation and Transport Fair held at Runway Viewing Park Ringway July 11th/12th.
 With the starboard side finished and the port side having had the white primer but the day glow orange had to wait until the Friday before the event on my drive to be applied.
 You will have to wait until the July edition to see how it turned out and if she received any attention at Manchester.



Hangar 1 South Bay end of June, now all trusses are repaired and all scaffolding removed awaiting the tin cladding to be fitted, she at last looks the business.



Avro Vulcan XH558 over fly's the new Heritage Museum at Woodford on Saturday 27th June during her final farewell tour of UK Vulcan sites.

The new Museum is due to open during this October and is based in what was the old airfield fire station.

Thanks to Colin Schroeder for obtaining the photo.

On the way home from a weeks holiday in Dorset and Wilshire I called in at Old Sarum to catch up with our old Slingsby T,21 glider. The woodwork repairs are now finished on the fuselage as you can see and Colin is now starting on repairs to the wings.







Two new arrivals to Compton Abbas airfield 5 miles from where we were staying and in full view of our living room window. Linda would not believe me when I said I had no idea !! Stinson V-77 Reliant NC50238 and Piper PA-16 Clipper N5240H If the Stinson would move you could see the Bungalow just a mile out of Shaftesbury.



Above we have the two STR 9 radio sets and control boxes for the Vampire and to the right the IFF box for the Gannet (don't ask me which one it is as I haven't a clue, but one does look all shiny and new)

Thanks to Jon Howard for the photos.



At the bottom Mike Davey caught this young man showing us all how to fly the Gannet. Looking very confident and cool during The Aviation Society's Aviation and Transport Fair at the Runway Viewing Park on 11th July.

Thanks to Mike for the photo.

More picture from this event in the July News Letter.





Mike Davey has sent me these pictures of the V 1 flying bomb replica he has been making up at his barn in Parbold near Wigan for member Ian Starnes. Above Mike has the fuselage almost finished and below Ian loads up his new toy ready to take home. Mike tells me the engine pod is still to be finished but should be complete for 40's weekend at Hooton Park
Thanks to Mike for the photos.

