



# Newsletter

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## **There is no further update to Covid-19 rules in Scotland and the following is still extant:**

Scotland moved to “Beyond Level 0” on 9<sup>th</sup> August 2021. Legal restrictions on physical distancing and the size of social gatherings are now lifted. Members remaining outdoors at the club no longer need to complete the Track & Trace email. Anyone using the club hut should leave the doors open where possible and still continue to use the Track & Trace system.

[KRMFCtrackandtrace@gmail.com](mailto:KRMFCtrackandtrace@gmail.com)

See Covid 19 – Release Bulletin No. 7 for more details on the SAA Webpage.

<https://www.saaweb.uk/>

## **KRMFC current committee members are:**

Tom Wilson – Chairman

Neil Grayson – Interim Secretary

Mike Hill – Interim Treasurer

Bob Gadd – Committee Member

Jim Walsh – Co-opted Committee Member

George Robertson – Co-opted Committee Member

## Contacting the Committee

An email address has been created for members to contact the Committee about Club matters. If you have any questions, suggestions or general comments, then please send them to the following email address:

[KRMFCcommittee@gmail.com](mailto:KRMFCcommittee@gmail.com)

## BMFA Affiliation

KRMFC is now affiliated to the BMFA. Many thanks to Mike Hill for signing us up. This means we are insured for up to £10,000 for Buildings and Contents. If anyone who is with the BMFA would like to make KRMFC their main club then please forward Mike Hill your details. He will need the name and email address you used for registering with the BMFA and your BMFA number. As a BMFA member, if you do not want KRMFC to be your main club, could you again let Mike know.

## Glow Fuel for Sale

The club still has a stock of fuel for sale. 20% nitro has nearly run out so more is on order. 20% nitro is £30 a gallon and 5% is £24 a gallon. Please note that the containers are full gallons and not 4.5 litre cans. See/contact Tom Wilson or Mike Hill if you want to make a purchase.

## Article 16

**The following is the latest statement from the SAA in regard to ARTICLE 16. (No change from last month!).**

### Update 6th August 2021

Following confirmation from Tysers, our insurers, *it is not possible to fly under Article 16 as an associate member of the LMA using SAA insurance.* This is due to changes in the way liability is covered and is not the result we were hoping for.

The LMA have however offered full membership starting **from 1st September 2021** and ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022 for £30, the BMFA have a reduced membership of £29 but only covers you until 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021.

It has been confirmed that if joint full membership of the SAA and either the LMA or the BMFA are held, then the LMA or BMFA insurance will provide cover when flying under Article 16.

SAA members can continue to fly in the open category under the SAA insurance, however, should any member of the SAA wish to fly under Article 16, they will require full membership of either the LMA or the BMFA.

*Note: Although Article 16 permits flying above 120m(400ft), the Maximum Take-Off Weight (MTOM) of a powered aircraft must not exceed 7.5kg including fuel. For gliders the MTOM is 14kg*

*and they can be flown at a height greater than 120m above the ground directly beneath them, but no more 120m above the pilot.*

I hope this clarifies the situation, but feel free to contact me if you are unsure.

In the meantime, the team are working hard to regain Article 16 authorisation and the Council, thank you for your continued patience, support and understanding.

Happy landings

Steve McDonald  
SAA Chairmain

## Newsletter Feedback and Contributions

Please let Neil or Alan know of anything you would like to see included in the Newsletter. Also, any feedback is much appreciated. If anything interesting happens whilst you are there send us an email (with pictures) for the Activities at the Field section. Articles are always needed and are a very popular read. Members are interested in how you got into the hobby, what planes you have owned etc...

Normally, we aim to publish the Newsletter around the 1st of each month. Email addresses for articles are: [alnvkrmfc@gmail.com](mailto:alnvkrmfc@gmail.com) or [krmfcng@gmail.com](mailto:krmfcng@gmail.com).

## Small Trainer *by Neil Grayson*

This has been my latest project and why I have not been down the flying field as much as I would have liked over the past few months. Getting it fit to fly again has taken a lot longer than I expected.

It is a small high wing trainer that Billy Dunn gave me earlier in the year. I have totally stripped and re-covered it with transparent red Oralite and Ferrari red Oracover and replaced the pushrods for elevator, rudder, and throttle and re-instated a steerable nosewheel. Why is it always so difficult to get the cable run to the nosewheel to move smoothly without binding?

The engine compartment was also missing its cheeks which I have replaced with a laminate of ply and balsa and the undercarriage wasn't very strong so I have reinforced it with a ply sheet. Instead of dowels and elastic bands to hold on the wing I have fitted wing bolts and a dowel glued on the leading edge. I have replaced the 6oz fuel tank with an 8oz fuel tank. It came with the engine which is an ASP .28 and it looks like it is in great condition but I am yet to test run it.



Hopefully with all my additional reinforcing and repairs the engine will provide enough power for a decent flight. The wingspan is almost the same as my Boomerang II but the fuselage is a good bit shorter. My plan is to eventually buy an OS Max 35AX for it, but it is quite costly at around £161, which is more than the OS Max 46 AXII for some reason. If anyone knows what the name of the model is and who manufactured it please let me know.

# Activity at the Field

## Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2021

A good turnout with great weather. Bill McDiarmid even came down during his lunch break from working at home and had a couple of flights with his Electric Junior 60. Derek Grater had a few flights with his immaculate Calmato 60 Sports plane with the petrol engine with a glow plug. Mike Hill continued practicing with his Chipmunk but he is having trouble getting the engine to run reliably.



# Sunday 5th September 2021

Billy Wilkie and the rest of the helicopter boys were at the field early today. There are no reports of what flying occurred but there were at least two crashes as can be seen from the photos below.



Billy in a familiar pose



.....and again!

Neil Grayson was at the field from 15:30 but no one else was there. He flew his Boomerang successfully on the first flight but on the second attempt it didn't gain enough speed on take-off, stalled and landed in the long grass at the west of the runway. The back of the wing near the wing bolts sheared off along with the forward bracket. Lots of epoxy will fix it!

Richard Blanksi appeared on his motorbike briefly to see if anyone was flying.

# Tuesday 7th September 2021

Paul Wasik visited the field today and had 3 flights with his Magnatila. No one else appeared. The weather was dull and overcast but warm and he had a great day.

## Wednesday 8th September 2021

A slim turnout today considering the weather which once again was perfect except for the easterly wind. Alan V flew all his planes well but Mike Hill had an accident with his Chipmunk. The green club trainer with an OS engine and a DX7 transmitter donated by Choo-Choo Jim was in the air today but for some reason it veered to the left and hit the ground so repairs are needed. Ross Binnie, Jim Walsh, Dave Callender and Pat Baxter were at the field but they were just along to be sociable and didn't fly. Derick Grater had a couple of flights with his Calmato 60 Sports plane.

## Saturday 10th September 2021

Neil Grayson was the first to arrive today on what proved to be a busy day. He arrived at 10:40 and new member Craig Wishart was there waiting to get through the gate. Successful flights were made with the Apprentice and Boomerang. Mike Hill was trying to get his Chipmunk engine working but not having much luck with it.

Jamie Le Goode and his family arrived so Neil and Mike helped him fly his small push glider. Jamie was given a flight with Neil's Apprentice at a good height and not too far away, he managed to get the feel of flying a plane.

Neil Gourley, his son and dad arrived later with 3 large planes. Neil Gourley got the big plane up but it was very twitchy and he had no expo dialled in. Nothing disastrous happened even though it was a scary take off but he managed to bring it down OK.

Alan Veitch at the field during the afternoon flying his Aggressor glider for the first time which he had bought at Weston Park model show. This is the same model that Trevor Adams flew when he last visited KRMFC in August.

Tom Roberts gave a great display with his Kraken helicopter.

## Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2021

There were sketchy reports today of a crash involving the barbed wire fence. Just another 15mm of altitude would have produced a safe landing but it was not to be and the plane caught the top wire of the fence. A catastrophic ending with the tail on one side of the fence and the rest on the other side. Let us hope that the member concerned can put it back together. Another pilot trying to land seconds later got caught out by the wind and suffered a broken propeller. A third pilot with his plane on a bench ready to start, viewed the carnage and put his model back in his car!

## Saturday 25th September 2021

Today was drone racing day. The field was turned over to Scotland FPV who wanted to hire a site to hold a drone racing event. The team turned up on Friday evening to ensure that everything was set up and ready as there is a lot of preparation ahead of the first heat of the tournament. The weather was good with light winds and only a chance of rain in the late afternoon; perfect timing as the weather on the Friday and Sunday was wet and windy. There were numerous tents erected with monitors, computers and loudspeakers installed. Graeme Tait from Fife FPV was the race coordinator and he did a great job organising the race teams and ensuring that all safety rules were followed. Alan Pentland did most of the hard labour to make the track and race area look fantastic as well as assisting with race direction. Calum Maxwell was the eventual winner, he won a FPV plane and a trophy which he had made himself!



After the event was completed, the field was left in perfect condition and you wouldn't have known they had been there. It may become a regular event with a most welcome boost to club funds.

Tom Wilson did a helicopter demonstration flight on completion of the competition and some of the competitors expressed an interest in possibly joining KRMFC and learning to fly proper helicopters! We could get a few more members out of the event!

If you want to see a Vlog of the event here is the link: [Fife FPV 2021 Race Event](#) and a drone's eye view of the final race [Fife FPV Race Day 2021 - Final Round](#). The Fife FPV Facebook page is at [Fife FPV - Facebook](#).



# Wednesday 29th September 2021

Derek Grater had a great flight with his Koysho Calmato 60 and avoided the magnetic fence post. See the video here: [https://youtu.be/j8iQnx\\_xwLQ](https://youtu.be/j8iQnx_xwLQ)



Derek and his Koysho Calmato 60

Mike Hill's Chipmunk is still not ready as it looks like the engine overheats when it leans out with a jammed fuel clunk, repairs are underway. Mike's new helicopter is ready to maiden. He is hoping it can be done this weekend, weather permitting. As long as it's not too windy..... or too cloudy or too sunny or..... He might just put it back on the shelf for a while 😊 SAB Kraken Goblin 580.



Mike's SAB Kraken Goblin 580. Ready to go (when the weather is right!)

## Web Links and Shops

Model Shop Leeds - [www.modelshopleeds.co.uk/](http://www.modelshopleeds.co.uk/)

Wheelspin Models - [wheelspinmodels.co.uk](http://wheelspinmodels.co.uk)

Sussex Model Centre - [www.sussex-model-centre.co.uk](http://www.sussex-model-centre.co.uk)

The Balsa Cabin - [www.balsacabin.co.uk](http://www.balsacabin.co.uk)

The Vintage Model Company - [www.vintagemodelcompany.com](http://www.vintagemodelcompany.com)

Kings Lynn Model Shop - [www.kingslynnmodelshop.co.uk](http://www.kingslynnmodelshop.co.uk)

Scoonies - [www.scoonie-hobbies.co.uk](http://www.scoonie-hobbies.co.uk). Don't bother with the website. Visit the shop in Kirkcaldy.  
87 St Clair St, Kirkcaldy KY1 2NW. Tel No: 01592 651792

Dens Model Supplies - [www.densmodelsupplies.co.uk](http://www.densmodelsupplies.co.uk). Excellent for spares for vintage Cox engines.

Hobby King - [hobbyking.com/](http://hobbyking.com/)

WestonUK – [www.westonuk.co.uk](http://www.westonuk.co.uk) Good value fuel in large quantities. Over 20 Litres (4 Gallons) gives you free postage.

ACCU – [www.accu.co.uk](http://www.accu.co.uk). Excellent for bolts, screws and washers. Will take requests for bespoke items.

RCM&E - [RCM&E Home Page](#). The website of the best aeromodelling magazine. If you have a question the forum is bound to have an answer.

RC Thoughts - <https://www.rc-thoughts.com/> Finnish website of Tero Salminen. Phoenix Simulator Downloads and updates.

RC World - [www.rcworld.co.uk](http://www.rcworld.co.uk). Located in South Wales between Cardiff and Newport. Stock values on each product are displayed which reflect what are physically in stock, not held at a suppliers warehouse. Derek Grater has used and recommends.

**Stay well and safe. Good flying!**