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Meet the latest model in the Cooper stable. It's a Nieuport 28 from the Maxford USA model company, well renown for it's scale biplanes. This model was base on a WW1 fighter designed by the French but heavily used by American fighter squadrons.

The Nieuport 28 models are normally infamous for their flying (in)ability but this Maxford version appears to be a delight to fly. Dave uses a 26cc petrol engine as the power plant with a scale prop.

*Further information on this model can be found at [www.maxfordusa.com](http://www.maxfordusa.com).*

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**EDITORIAL**

Welcome to the June 2011 newsletter. This newsletter contains information about TMC and other flying events taking place this year. The air show season is upon us with Rougham's LMA show taking place last month.

Here in the south east we have "Wings and Wheels" at North Weald later this month and the "Southern Model Air show" at the Hop Farm in September.

Unfortunately the annual show at the Hastings Model club has been cancelled for the foreseeable future. A full calendar is listed later in this newsletter.

Spring this year has brought with it some very nice weather and apart from the winds, which always seem to be "crossy" it has really favoured the model flyer.

Strange then that the numbers seen down the patch are generally lower than normal, especially on a Sunday. However weekdays seem to attract the normal gathering.

We have a number of new members joined, most of whom will need training from scratch. An additional workload for the club trainers to whom we are all very grateful.

Later in this newsletter there are details of a number of club events we are trying to put together. There is of course the yearly family day and the potential for some indoor flying. Also in the pipeline there is a club trip to Duxford on an old RM bus and the possibility of some "quiet night" flying complete with barbeque etc.

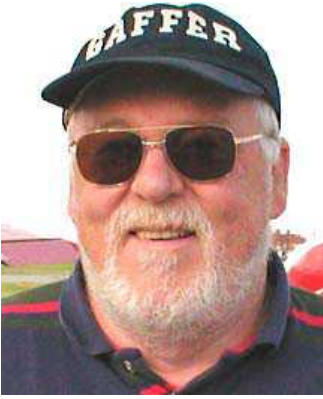
All of these activities depend on one important element, you the member. Without your support and attendance they will simply not take place. In the current financial climate it would be great to get some of the socialising element back in the club. Socialising brings with it a support hierarchy that's born out of group of people all participating in a shared activity where expertise and experiences can be shared. This sharing then enhances the experience of every single member so each and every one of you get the most from our hobby. In this day and age when all types of skills and knowledge are disappearing it would be huge benefit to all TMC members to keep this cycle within our club going.

Your support would be truly welcomed.

This is your club ... It's future is your hands.

Les Adams

*"Be good but above all be careful"*



## A FEW WORDS FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

### Royston Wiltshire

Today is Sunday and I have just come back from the flying field. I must admit the weather wasn't all in our favour with wind and rain forecasted. However there was only me and Dave down the field. Many thanks to Dave for tidying the field up.

Apparently during the week is more favourable to the flyers now, this is very good but I would like to see more flyers on a Sunday.

Sunday has lost the attendance of most of our members. You only get possibly four or five flyers down there now, but as the weeks go by let's hope we can enjoy some sunny and calm weather. Sundays will then improve I hope.

If we are to encourage new members who are usually asked to come down the field on a Sunday, it would be nice to have a better turn out.

We have got new members who have joined the club; their names are Alan Walker and Rouzbeh Pasha. Nice fellas! I hope and know that you would give them all the encouragement that they need.

As Les has explained in his editorial, we have our family day this summer and an invitation to Duxford on a Route Master bus. Also there are quiet nights planned, with barbeque planned, down the field.

All I ask is that you as members tried to make every effort to enjoy your flying and hopefully get involved with the activities that the club can provide.

Enjoy your flying and hope to see you soon.

Roy W president

# Patch Notices

## On The Patch

### Safety Reminder

The committee has ask me to write this notice to remind us of the requirements when flying at the Thamesmead field. Specifically please take a moment to consider the following and ask yourself, “should I change my routine?”.

- Check models prior to each flying session.- as in the BMFA general model safety guide. You should also refresh yourself of the club rules.
- Check the frequency controls in use on the peg board . If the peg board is not in use check the frequency badges in use for 35MHz. Note black badges for 2.4 GHz .
- Just because 2.4GHz seems interference free does not mean that you should give up your range checking. and the controls surface.
- Be S.M.A.R.T.
  - S ... Switch on
  - M ... Model selected is correct / Meter in the Green
  - A ... Aerial secure / extended
  - R ... Rate switches all in correct positions
  - T ... Transmitter voltage good and Trims all in correct positions
- Please DO NOT taxi towards the pilots box or to the pits.
- Please remember to call (and to get acknowledgments) for the usual things like “on the strip” , ”taking off” “landing” and “dead stick”.
- No one must fly in the no flying zone. Models must not fly in excess of 400 feet. Flying at such a height that can cause interference with full size aircraft will not be accepted under any circumstances.
- Never take your eyes off the aircraft when you are flying . If you do, you will certainly become disorientated or lose sight of your aircraft.
- Remember never try to land on a poor approach- a bad approach will mean a bad landing. Go round again and have another go and one more think above all fly safely .

Remember flying is fun if you are not enjoying it, then something is wrong. Safety is not just the concern of the safety officer, it concerns us all

Safety Officer

Steve Higgs

### Helicopters

Again members are reminded that you may not fly helicopters solo at Southmere unless you have an A or B certificate in that category.

## Family Day 2011

This years family day will take place on Sunday the 14th August down at the patch. We are hoping for a large turnout with a number of specials being laid on. The format is as follows:

- Flying will start from 11am onwards.
- We are planning on having a trainer and buddy box system to be used for any family member wishing to have a go.
- There will be the customary “Toffee Drop” for all the children.
- There will be a full barbeque with all the normal trimmings
- We are also trying to arrange a special flying exhibition.
- Other items TBA

prior to the 11:00am kick off any spare hands to help setup would be gratefully accepted and again at the end if people can stay to lend a hand at the end of the day too.

## Quiet Night Flying

On Tuesday 28th June we are planning an evening get together down the patch for some “Quiet Flying”. The format is as follows:

- Flying will start from 5pm until dusk.
- BBQ's won't start till gone 6pm so those coming from work won't miss out.
- No IC, aircraft or other.
- Gliders, Motor Gliders, Electric Airplanes/Helicopters etc.
- Barbeque will be supplied but BYO food, drink and chairs.
- If successful we will consider scheduling another “Quiet Night”.

The future of these and other events like them depend a lot on how much support they are given. This is an opportunity that should not be missed, so your attendance would be greatly appreciated.

## Duxford Trip

We are attempting to put together a trip to the Duxford air museum on the 18th September courtesy of Brian and some of his friends.



The format will be:

- Pick up from central point (TBA).
- All travel on a RM bus to the Duxford air museum
- Group entry/access to the museum. Reduced rates etc.
- Day spend at museum
- Provide your own picnic, food & drink etc.
- Return to pick up point on RM bus

There is also a special bus event, to which the RM bus will be attending.

This will be an interesting day with sorts to see and do. Again your attendance would be greatly appreciated. Details of timings, pick up point and group costs will be forwarded ASAP.



## Indoor Flying

Our events manager, Stuart Ellis, is planning some indoor flying sessions to be held on a mid-week evening. It is likely that the venue and event will be shared with another club with the view to reducing the cost overheads for both clubs.

To enable an event of this type to take place requires support, in the form of attendance, from you the members. This is a golden opportunity to experience another important aspect of our hobby. One which should not only enhance your own skills but also give you the opportunity to get hints, tips and experiences from your fellow pilots.

I would encourage all of you to take this opportunity and support this foray into indoor flying for TMC.

Can all of you that are interested please pass this interest onto Stuart either directly or via his email address at [event@thamesmeadmodelclub.co.uk](mailto:event@thamesmeadmodelclub.co.uk).

# Calendar 2011

The list below contains events that are either TMC sponsored or are attended by TMC members.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
18th-19th June	Weston Park Model Air Show
25-26th June	Wings and Wheels at North Weald airfield.
28th June	Quiet Flying evening down the patch
16th-17th July	LMA Cosford. Large Model Association event.
17th July	Medway MFC FF Event at Harty site.
28th-31st July	Hastings MFC Summer Fly-in
18th August	Family day down at the patch
2nd-9th September	Brean Sands Model Week
17th-18th September	Southern Model Air show at Hop Farm
18th September	Duxford trip on RM bus.