

**CRAWLEY AND DISTRICT
MODEL AIRCRAFT CLUB**

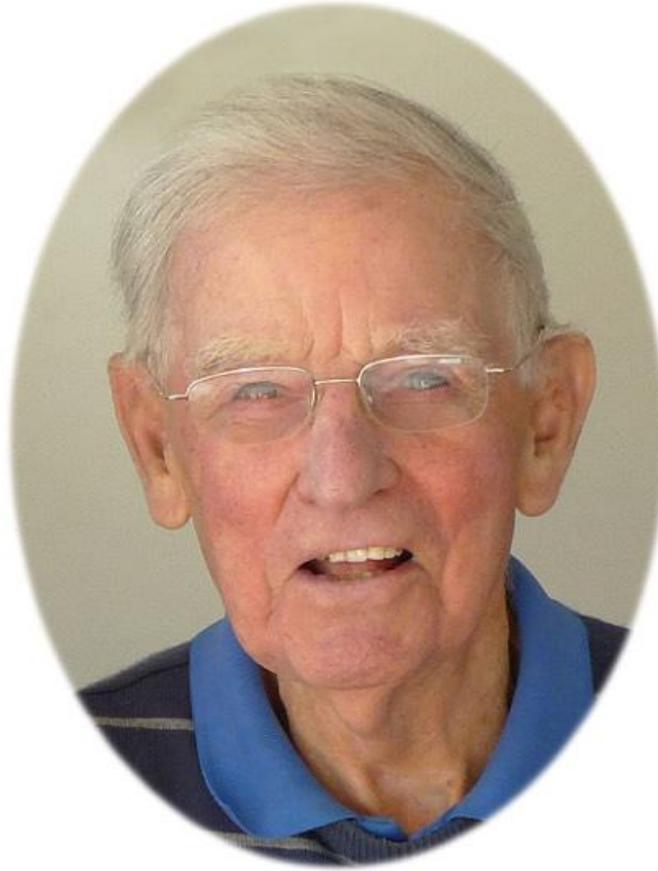
TURBULATOR

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CADMAC was founded in 1960, and is affiliated to the British Model Flying Association, which is the governing body for all aspects of model flying in Great Britain. The Turbulator newsletter has been produced since 1965, relying on regular reports and contributions from Club members. The Club website is at www.cadmac.org.uk.

Pete Cameron

25/12/1924 - 10/4/2017



Tribute, read by Terry Knight at Pete's funeral, on behalf of the Crawley DMAC)

Peter was a founder member of the Crawley and District Model Aircraft Club in 1960 and, the club and members wish to extend its deepest sympathy to all of Peter's family at this sad time.

On 10 April we all lost a friend in Peter, who loved life to the full. In model flying he was an inspiration to all from the very beginning. Some flyers will know that back in the 1950s Peter represented Britain in control line team race along with his then team mate, Norman Butcher. Together they were a formidable force.

He was fully involved with all aspects of the club being a committee member in the early years and latterly club president.

Most will likely know him for Free Flight, in which he flew many successful competition power rubber and glider designs over the years. In the 60s era these included a design by another well know Crawley flyer, Bill Horton, with his "Poppy", and Peter's own design "Cleo" or the ever popular "Wichita A2" or "Little Hinney" A1 gliders. These were often trimmed at Epsom Downs and flown at Ashdown Forest.

He enjoyed and freely gave his time and support flying in the club for well over 50 years, flying for Crawley nationally and at South East Area level in the RAFA shield competition at Ashdown Forest. In later years, when it was harder going, he did more small field club flying and also enjoyed the annual Epsom Cloud Tramp mass launch in which he was able to share participation with his family and friends.

He was a thoroughly nice person and friend, the best of the best, he always made you feel welcome and would willingly give help and advice on how to get the most out of your model if asked. We all owe him a great deal.

Peter was very competitive but was also fun to be around and often left you smiling on and off the flying field. Many will remember his laughter echoing out across the club fields or his enthusiastic chats in small groups of flyers, or he would be fully focused in flying, busy winding up a new free flight creation or duration scale model ready to go for yet another max, often resulting in a winning flight. In various club competitions, although a competitive free flyer, his enthusiasm for all aspects of model flying was truly boundless.

We have been lucky to enjoy so many good years with Peter. To all of us, young and old, his memory will live on and on.

Thank you Peter for all those good times, we will miss you.

Forever,

Flying High!



Freelight.

The 3rd Area Meeting, Ashdown Forest, 26th March 2017.

The weather for this event was dry and sunny but with a strong NE wind, so flying was done from the 'Bushy Willows' car park side of the forest.

The Crawley contingent of Robin Willes, Gary Oulds, Alex Cameron, Peter Norman and Mike Cook put in some good flights considering the wind conditions. East Grinstead were represented by the Taylor brothers.

In the Combined Rubber event Gary was the best of the bunch on the day with a total time of 6:26 mins, followed by Ken Taylor at 4:20 mins and Alex 3rd with 4:01 mins. Robin was 4th at 3:38. Peter Norman made the trip up from Peacehaven to earn some useful points in the RAFA Shield competition.

Robin was the only entry for Vintage Glider.

The hand launch/catapult launch was keenly contested with some opposition from East Grinstead's Bob Taylor, Mike Cook coming first and Alex close behind.

The RAFA Shield points now stand at Crawley 75 and East Grinstead 40.



Robin preparing his rubber model, sheltering behind the gorse bushes.



Some of the happy band of Ashdown flyers.

Mind the lines.

Flying and grass mowing continues at the Grattons on a regular basis. Unfortunately my reporter, Tony, is otherwise engaged with Clat Pidgeon Shooting (and cooking nice dinners my Facebook page tells me!). So no pictures or details available this time.

Holy Trinity.

The weather has been a bit mixed for the Thursday evening mob. My informant from the field says that Dick has been control lining and several members have been stretching their right arms with some Discus Launch gliders. Junior member Daniel had some problems with the radio setup on his Alula and has not had any flights yet. Gary and Steve have negotiated a deal whereby they can fly their larger helicopters, usually on a Saturday afternoon, so if you have a 500 or large heli looking for some airtime, get in touch with Gary to see what is available.

Editors Note.

It must be obvious to readers (have we any?) that the content of Turbulator is getting rather patchy. At this time I am a 24 hour carer for my wife and unable to leave the house unless I get someone in, usually my daughter Julie. If Turbulator is to continue it must have some input from the members or a new Editor. So, any photos, notes or snippets of information (I can always make them readable) will be most welcome. Thankyou.