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Boeing Stearman N2S-3 Kaydet G-BRUJ  
at Barton 2014



Hawker Hunter F6A XF375  
at Old Sarum 2014

### **Work Sessions**

Take place at

HOOTON PARK  
On Wednesday and Thursday  
And Occasional Weekends

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TAC attended this years Malpas Yesteryear Rally on the 6/7<sup>th</sup> September. Simon Pulford took along both his Tornados, Ian Starnes his Jet provost T.4 XR654 and none member Andy Blair with Jet provost T.3 XN549.

The photo was taken late in the afternoon as the crowds started to dissipate, Simon and his father can be seen quenching their thirst in front of the Tornado sim.

If you can remember back to the August 2013 Newsletter ?

you will notice there have been changes to Tornado GR.1 ZD710. Simon has swopped the Jetstream pictured at Speke in the July edition for parts for the Tonka.

Here she can be seen wearing a new nose job and canopy. Simon is planning to repair one side and leave the others as crashed.





Who says we at TAC don't clean up after ourselves? Here is proof if needed as Stewart vacs the concrete floor of Bldg 28. It's the Thursday before HPT open the doors for the English Heritage open weekend and we are making every effort to look our best. Well some of us anyway, others cleared off to better climates some to North Wales just to avoid the hard work !



Friday before the open weekend and our new 40 ft container arrives, in a blink of the eye the driver has the container in the air, turned through 180% to get the door at the right end and down into position all remotely controlled by a small pad strapped to his waist. Now if I only had one for controlling Colin !





TAC's contribution to the EH open weekend was to organise a North West cockpit gathering, unfortunately we were unable to attract any none TAC cockpitters to attend but four members did not let us down.



From the left we have the shy and rarely seen Graham Sparkes owned Hawker Sea Hawk FGA 4 WV903/128, Simon's Tonka GR.1 ZD710, Terry Parker's DH Venom FB.54 J-1712 and Ian Starnes Jet Provost T.4 XR654.

Above also on display the TAC owned Fairey Gannet T.2 BAPC.309

In hut 28 also open to inspection was our DH Vampire T.11 XD624, in hut 27 again open for the weekend were Graham Sparkes's Hunter FGA.9 XE584 and unidentified Sea Hawk FGA.4.



Terry parker's DH Venom FB.54 J-1712 has to be tried out, being an ex RAF instrument fitter he has most of the instruments, lights and switches working. You even have the correct cockpit noises If you are lucky enough to hit the right switch. Unfortunately Terry was unable to attend and demonstrate the cockpit to it's full potential.



As this cockpit has rarely been outside since leaving the dump at Yeovilton I thought I would give it a full size picture. Graham due to work load is thinking of maybe selling his collection of Hawker Cockpits, if you have loads of disposable cash give him a call.



Also not been seen outside for awhile is the Slingsby T.8 BGA 466 belonging to HPT and built at Hooton Park by MartinHearn.



Our friends at Griffin trust not to be out done put these two Army vehicles out for viewing. Dave Becket also invited a friend of his to bring along the Pea shooter below with accompanying crew and ammunition wagon. The massive wagon at the back is a tank recovery vehicle powered by guess what, a Merlin or at least the Meteor version of a Merlin.



Who was it that said Chairman were only good for talking?  
Here Colin amply demonstrates he knows one end of a broom from the other as he sweeps our recently HPT donated patio decking.



The decking has been placed at the entrance of the container so as to allow old folk like Colin to enter the container with the minimum effort. TAC are after all supporters of help the aged, just look at the Trustees !

We suspect Colin has ulterior motives with the patio and will not be surprised if next spring a patio set of table, chairs, sun shade & BBQ appear. No doubt to entertain old flames who appear on open days.



The last two wing stands gifted from the Museum of Science and Industry Manchester were collected and delivered to Hooton Park recently.

The load was parked on my drive for one night which caused some local concern as a few of me neighbours thought I was going to have a hanging session.

A gallows now there's a thought ! pass me a rope someone.



With all the goings on in what turned out to be a very busy September, Stewart Turner still found time to start painting the Leonides engine with primer.

Looks like some museum next year are going to get lucky with an excellent display engine.