

A report on the Aircraft Enthusiasts Day at Middle Wallop

Held on the 27th November 2022:

For some years now the Southern Area have supported the Army Flying Museum Events held at Middle Wallop, but in recent years the COVID virus had prevented any shows going ahead, so we were pleased to be invited to the Aircraft Enthusiasts Day on the 27th November 2022.

Sadly, at the same time we were advised that the long standing and very popular “Wartime Wallop” would not be going ahead, so we thought we would make the most of this opportunity to keep our foot in the door so to speak. Hopefully this will return some time in the future as it gives us the opportunity to put on a flying display once again at this site.



On display was my 1/5th scale Westland Lysander, Dave Durnford’s Chipmunk (Very apt as the full size version can be seen behind our stand) Ken Gale’s Air Ambulance and David Smith’s Airwolf. All electric powered with the exception of the Air Ambulance that is powered by a gas turbine. On the ground in the first photograph Ken’s Bell 47 can also be seen.



The stand was dressed with the Southern Area Banner and the two flags as is usual at these events. Our simulator proved very popular as always by young and old alike and was used endlessly. All in all, these shows help to introduce the hobby on behalf of the BMFA in our area.

BMFA pens, badges and copies of the BMFA News were all available for visitors to take away with them and in themselves prompted many discussions on the sport.



I am glad to say that the hanger was much warmer than in previous years once the doors were shut making life much more pleasant, but a welcome cup of hot tea or coffee and a snack from the Apache café was also much appreciated.

My thanks must go to all that attended to man the stand at very short notice, but with four of us it allowed us all to have a good look around the show amongst the several thousand that visited the event.

A report Terry Weeks on behalf of the S Area BMFA Committee