

Carrier competition and events calendar 2009

This is the 2009 British Carrier programme as at 19th March 2009. If there are any errors or you would like to make additions, please let me know.

- It is **ALWAYS** prudent to contact the organiser of an event, prior to the weekend, to ensure the event details will be as published here.
- The majority of Carrier competitions take place in events that have other contest classes as well. The existence of other classes will, in general, be noted in this calendar, but for full details, please contact the organiser specified for the non-Carrier classes if shown as different to the Carrier organiser.
- 'Carrier Deck Weekend Workshop' indicates a 2-day event that, in addition to a normal BCD or Class 1 contest, provides a carrier deck, instructors and robust models to give 'hands-on' flying experience of Carrier (or basic C/L, depending on the experience of the individual) to all comers, plus a signed certificate of competence at the end of a successful flight! The training at a Weekend Workshop represents the ideal opportunity to try your hand at Carrier without having to go to the effort and expense of building (and risking) a model yourself ... *so whaddya waiting for?*
- Where possible, the postcode of the event location is given, since this enables accurate positioning using either Satellite Navigation equipment or the 'Streetmap' Internet facility. For each event, the Ordnance Survey 'Landranger' 1:50,000 map series grid reference is always given; eg: GR: 168/819167 = Map No. 168, grid position 81.9 squares along the horizontal axis and 16.7 squares up the vertical axis.

The calendar at a glance (full details are shown further on)

(BCD = Basic Carrier Deck; C1 = Class 1 Carrier Deck; CS = Club Scale; PS = Profile Scale; italics mean information is provisional)

Apr 26	Sun	East London C/L Carrier & Scale contest	BCD, CS	Damyns Hall Airfield, Essex
May 9 & 10	Sat & Sun	Old Warden Weekend Workshop	BCD, Training	Old Warden Airfield, Beds
May 16 & 17	Sat & Sun	Barton BASH	BCD, C1	Barton Airfield, Manchester
Jun 7	Sun	BMFA Midland Area Festival of Flight	BCD	RAF Barkston Heath, Lincs
Jun 27 & 28	Sat & Sun	SAM 35 Gala	Training, Practice	Old Warden Airfield, Beds
Jul 4 & 5	Sat & Sun	<i>Tyneside Weekend Workshop</i>	<i>BCD, Training</i>	<i>near Sunderland, Tyne & Wear</i>
Jul 12	Sun	Marlborough Scale & Carrier contest	BCD, CS, PS	near Marlborough, Wiltshire
Jul 25 & 26	Sat & Sun	Old Warden Weekend Workshop	BCD, Training	Old Warden Airfield, Beds
Aug 29 - 31	Sat-Mon	BMFA National Championships	BCD, C1, Training	RAF Barkston Heath, Lincs
Sept 12 & 13	Sat & Sun	Old Warden Weekend Workshop	BCD, Training	Old Warden Airfield, Beds
Sept 26 & 27	Sat & Sun	St Albans Model Engineering Show	BCD, CS	St Albans, Herts
Oct 3 & 4	Sat & Sun	<i>Yorkshire Weekend Workshop</i>	<i>BCD, Training</i>	<i>Pontefract Racecourse, Yorks</i>
Oct 18	Sun	Three Kings Carrier & Scale contest	BCD, C1, CS	Old Croydon Airfield, Surrey

April 26 Sunday

East London C/L Carrier & Scale contest

- **CLASSES: Basic Carrier Deck and Club Scale.** The Carrier contest is for the annual Curtis Trophy.
- **VENUE:** this contest, held at Milton Keynes and Lakeside in the past, now has a new home on an active airfield! Model flying starts at 0930, the prizegiving will take place at 1600, and the site will close and the car park must be cleared by 1700. As this is an airfield near a residential area, it is inevitably noise-sensitive, and although there will still be limited sports flying opportunities available, electric C/L models and spectators will be made particularly welcome. There will be parking adjacent to the contest field and the airfield's toilets and restaurant can be freely used. For obvious reasons and to safeguard the future use of this superb new site, proof of insurance **will** be required before flying (a current BMFA membership card is perfect), but if no insurance proof, sorry - no flying!
- **Location:** Damyn's Hall Airfield, Aveley Road, Upminster, Essex RM14 2TN. The Airfield is 2 miles south of Upminster, the station at the eastern terminus of London Underground's District Tube line. The airfield is very close to the M25 J30 (for those approaching from the South) or the M25 J29 (for those approaching from the North).
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Airfield GR: 177/556838.

Approaching from the South, at M25 J30 turn left (west) onto the A13 towards London, then at the first exit from the A13, turn right (north) over the A13 and onto the A1306 to Dagenham, then turn immediately right (east) onto the B1335 to Aveley. After a mile on the B1335 turn left (north) onto Romford Road (which changes into Aveley Road) and the Airfield is 2 miles further on the left (west).

Approaching from the North, at M25 J29 turn right (west) onto the A127 towards Romford, then after about 1¼ miles, just before you would have passed under a flyover, turn left (south) onto Hall Lane towards Upminster. Continue along Hall Lane, past Upminster Tube station on your left, straight over the crossroads in the middle of Upminster and onto the B1421 towards South Ockendon & Aveley. After a mile on the B1421 at a sharp left hand bend, turn right (west) onto Harwood Hall Lane and then left (south) at the next T-junction onto Aveley Road. The Airfield is ¾ mile further on the right (west).

- **CONTACT:** Peter Tribe, 248 Princes Road, Dartford, Kent DA1 2PZ; tel: 01322 222924 / 07900 247006.

May 9 & 10 Saturday & Sunday

The Old Warden Carrier Deck Weekend Workshop at the ModelAir Mayfly

- **CLASSES: Basic Carrier Deck and Training.** The BCD contest flying and the training will take place on both days, interleaved with each other as required, although the majority of the BCD contestants attend on Sunday so there is more opportunity for training on Saturday. For those of you who have yet to experience Carrier, come and try your hand at flying Carrier - or even just basic C/L - with the help of our friendly instructors, robust trainer models and a signed certificate of competence at the end of a successful flight! Subject to contest and training requirements, you are also very welcome to use this event as an opportunity for practice or test flying with your own Carrier model. Find the Carrier circle on the grass opposite the restaurant. The ModelAir MayFly is the host event, so there will be other contest and sport C/L, F/F and R/C flying as well: please contact Mike Reynolds for details as indicated further on.
- **VENUE:** Old Warden Airfield is perhaps THE traditional home of aeromodelling in the UK! Show organisers ModelAir have designated this their MayFly weekend and models of any type will be welcome. There will be a number of formalised C/L, F/F and R/C contests taking place as well as a considerable amount of C/L, F/F and R/C sport flying, although the most visible activity will undoubtedly be the i.c., electric, ducted fan and turbine demonstrations of Scale and Aerobatic R/C models along the main flightline. In addition to this, there's a large adjacent campsite (alongside a very convenient field for flying small electric F/F, C/L or R/C models in the evening), a superb on-site restaurant (which does excellent breakfasts for those campers who don't want to cook!), a shop, toilets and - of course - the world famous Shuttleworth Collection of vintage aircraft in the row of hangars behind the car park. Throw in the flight-line trade stands and interspersed swapmeet tables on both days, and, of course, the company of like-minded aeromodellers and aviation enthusiasts, and you've got a weekend of absolutely first class model aviation opportunities!
- **LOCATION:** Old Warden Airfield, 3 miles west of Biggleswade, Bedfordshire SG18 9EP. Follow the 'Shuttleworth Collection' signs west from the A1 down the B658 for 1½ miles and thence further west down a minor road for another 1½ miles. If you're lucky, the old gate by the hangars will be open, but it usually isn't, which means you'll have to carry on past and follow the road through Old Warden hamlet itself, afterwards turning off left through the main gates to Shuttleworth House, gaining access to the airfield via its 'back door' through the grounds of the House, the College, the Swiss Garden and whatever functions (weddings, concerts, galas, etc) that are being hosted. Airfield GR: 153/152448.
- **CONTACTS.** Carrier: Andy Housden, 8 Denmark Road, Kingston upon Thames, Surrey KT1 2RU; tel: 020 8541 0186. All other enquiries: best contact is Mike Reynolds; tel: 01526 323191 (home) or 07775 662955 (mobile); or try Ken Sheppard, c/o Model Flyer magazine, Doolittle Mill, Doolittle Lane, Totternhoe, Bedfordshire LU6 1QX; tel: 01525 222573; e-mail: modflymag@aol.com, in the unlikely event that you can't get

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May 16 & 17 Saturday & Sunday

Carrier Deck at the Barton BASH

- **CLASSES: Basic Carrier Deck and Class 1 Carrier Deck.** The Barton BASH is the host event, so there will be many other C/L classes as well: please contact Malcolm Ross for details as indicated further on.
- **VENUE:** Barton and its now-famous site is about superlatives! The BASH has essentially replaced the much-loved but sadly departed Cabbage Patch Nationals as the biggest multi-class Control Line event in the country (except, of course, for the main UK Power National Championships over August Bank Holiday). The Barton club itself has easily the largest Control Line affiliated membership within the BMFA and it also possesses the only purpose-built club-funded hard circle in the country. The site is now self-contained and features extensive free camping with water supply and on-site toilets, mobile burger-bar-type refreshment facilities and a car-boot style Sunday swapmeet. For your evenings, there are plenty of pubs in Eccles (back along the A57, to the east side of the M60) and there's a large Morrisons superstore on the east side of Eccles if you need supplies. Add to this the spectator delights of the adjacent civil aerodrome and you've got one of the most enjoyable weekends of the year ahead of you!
- **LOCATION:** Barton Airfield, near Manchester. Leave the M60 at J11 and travel 1 mile down the A57 in a south westerly direction towards Irlam. Once on the dual carriageway, don't turn off at the main aerodrome buildings but continue on ¼ mile further and turn right down Barton Moss Road, a minor road at the south west end of a substantial layby on the right-hand side of the dual carriageway, the flying site being a further ¼ mile on the right, past Park House detention centre. GR: 109/737972.
- **CONTACTS.** Carrier: Andy Housden, 8 Denmark Road, Kingston upon Thames, Surrey KT1 2RU; tel: 020 8541 0186. All other C/L classes: Malcolm Ross, 8 Birchall Avenue, Culcheth, Warrington WA3 4DB; tel: 01925 766610; e-mail: malc@mross88.freeserve.co.uk

June 7 Sunday

Carrier contest at the BMFA Midland Area Festival of Flight

- **CLASSES: Basic Carrier Deck.** The BMFA Midland Area's Festival of Flight is the host event, so there will be many other contest C/L, F/F and R/C classes as well: please contact Alf Tunnicliffe or the British Model Flying Association for details as indicated further on.
- **VENUE:** Carrier was first invited to this major one-day gathering in 2008 and we now have a permanent invitation. This event now officially also includes the classes from the Bilston MAC Vintage C/L Fly-In of early June as Bilston are no longer running the event. You'll be spoilt for choice: not only are there loads of different aeromodelling contests and activities to watch, don't forget the acres of Barkston's fabulous grass and tarmac that you can use for both contest practice and sport flying. Please note that you have to show a current BMFA membership card to the RAF Security gate staff to get in, and you'll be charged £5.00 entry by the BMFA Midland Area to help pay for the hire of Barkston Heath.
- **LOCATION:** RAF Barkston Heath, on the west side of the B6403, 5 miles north east of Grantham, Lincolnshire. Entrance is directly off the B6403 at GR: 130/976417; Carrier is located on the grass to the north of, and alongside, the main east-west runway opposite the control tower and big hangar, at GR: 130/967413.
- **CONTACTS.** Carrier: Andy Housden, 8 Denmark Road, Kingston upon Thames, Surrey KT1 2RU; tel: 020 8541 0186. All other classes and enquiries: **i)** event organiser: Alf Tunnicliffe; tel: 01790 755552; e-mail: alfmarg@btinternet.com **ii)** the British Model Flying Association Midland Area; web site: www.bmfamid.co.uk **iii)** the British Model Flying Association HQ, 31 St Andrews Road, Leicester LE2 8RE; tel: 01162 440028; web site: www.bmfa.org; e-mail: admin@bmfa.org

June 27 & 28 Saturday & Sunday

SAM 35 Gala

- **CLASSES:** no Carrier or Scale contests as the weekend is dedicated to **Training and Practice** only, together with demonstrations of Carrier and Scale flying. Come and try your hand at flying Carrier or even just basic C/L with the help of our friendly instructors, robust trainer models and a signed certificate of competence at the end of a successful flight! There will also be plenty of demonstrations of Carrier and Scale models and the very friendly and enthusiastic crew of HMS Incontinent will be absolutely delighted to talk to you about design, construction or flying techniques and to answer any questions you may have. Please also use the day as an opportunity for practice with your own Carrier or Scale model, free from the stress of competition flying! The SAM 35 Gala is the host event, so there will be other contest and sport C/L, F/F and R/C vintage flying as well: please contact Dick Roberts for details as indicated further on.
- **VENUE:** the British Chapter of the Society of Antique Modellers are very keen to invite Carrier and Scale to events like this and we are delighted to be included. Old Warden Airfield is perhaps THE traditional home of aeromodelling in the UK and this event is SAM 35's annual national gala at which all types of vintage aeromodelling are welcome! There will be a number of formalised C/L, F/F and R/C vintage contests taking place as well as a considerable amount of vintage C/L, F/F and R/C sport flying. As usual at Old Warden, there's a large adjacent campsite (alongside a very convenient field for flying small electric F/F, C/L or R/C models in the evening), a superb on-site restaurant (which does excellent breakfasts for those campers who don't want to cook!), a shop, toilets and - of course - the world famous Shuttleworth Collection of vintage aircraft in the row of hangars behind the car park. As normal at Old Warden's aeromodelling events, there will be trade stands and interspersed swapmeet tables on both days - with a particularly vintage flavour this weekend, of course - complete with a multitude of like-minded aeromodellers and aviation enthusiasts that will help you (if you need any help at all, that is!) to bring back all those yesteryear memories of model aviation.
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- **CONTACTS.** Carrier & Scale: Alan Morgan, 127 Roundmoor Drive, Cheshunt, Hertfordshire EN8 9HJ; tel: 01992 636194. All other enquiries: Dick Roberts, 2 The Heights, Market Harborough, Leicestershire LE16 8BQ; tel 01858 466419; e-mail: rwandmroberts@btopenworld.com

July 4 & 5 Saturday & Sunday

The Tyneside Carrier Deck Weekend Workshop

- **NOTE:** this event is currently provisional simply because the local council has not yet returned an official confirmation of Carrier's tenure of the dates.
- **CLASSES: Basic Carrier Deck and Training.** The BCD contest flying and the training will take place on both days, interleaved with each other as required, although the majority of the BCD contestants attend on Sunday so there is more opportunity for training on Saturday. For those of you who have yet to experience Carrier, come and try your hand at flying Carrier - or even just basic C/L - with the help of our friendly instructors, robust trainer models and a signed certificate of competence at the end of a successful flight! Subject to contest and training requirements, you are also very welcome to use this event as an opportunity for practice or test flying with your own Carrier model. There is plenty of additional space that you can use at any time for non-deck-use Carrier practice or all types of C/L sport flying.
- **VENUE:** this site is one of Tyneside's reclaimed and superbly landscaped quarries with a perfectly flat and smooth grass floor, surrounded by a protecting bank from which there are panoramic views to South Shields and the coast. You can park next to the flying circles, there are plenty of pubs serving meals within a mile and Lizard lane campsite (which is where all the visiting flyers stay) has all the desirable facilities and is only 3½ miles

away.

- **LOCATION:** Fulwell Quarry Arena public recreation area, 1 mile inland from the coast on the north edge of Sunderland, Tyne & Wear. Look for the junction where the A184 Boldon-Sunderland road joins the A1018 South Shields-Sunderland road. At this junction is a roundabout: take the small road that leaves this roundabout in a south westerly direction, drive up a hill, past a golf range and through the gate to the Arena. GR: 88/386602.
- **CONTACT:** Doug Miller, 26 Monkhouse Avenue, North Shields, Tyne & Wear NE30 3QU; tel: 0191 258 0824.

July 12 Sunday

The Marlborough MFC Scale & Navy Carrier contest

- **CLASSES:** Basic Carrier Deck, Club Scale and Profile Scale.
- **VENUE:** if this school playing field site isn't the best grass surface you'll have ever flown off, we'd like to know what is! There's also plenty of room for practice and any amount of sport C/L flying you'd care to try - all in the beautiful surroundings of the Marlborough Downs. Car parking is off road and on the grass under the trees next to the playing fields themselves.
- **LOCATION:** Marlborough College playing fields, west side of road to Rockley, ½ mile north of Marlborough, Wiltshire. GR: 173/181699.
- **CONTACT:** Mike Welch, 39 Theobald Street, Swindon, Wiltshire SN1 5DU; tel: 01793 612629; e-mail: m.a.welch@reading.ac.uk

July 25 & 26 Saturday & Sunday

The Old Warden Carrier Deck Weekend Workshop at the ModelAir Scale Weekend

- **CLASSES:** Basic Carrier Deck and Training. The BCD contest flying and the training will take place on both days, interleaved with each other as required, although the majority of the BCD contestants attend on Sunday so there is more opportunity for training on Saturday. For those of you who have yet to experience Carrier, come and try your hand at flying Carrier - or even just basic C/L - with the help of our friendly instructors, robust trainer models and a signed certificate of competence at the end of a successful flight! Subject to contest and training requirements, you are also very welcome to use this event as an opportunity for practice or test flying with your own Carrier model. Find the Carrier circle on the grass opposite the restaurant. The ModelAir Scale Weekend is the host event, so there will be other contest and sport C/L, F/F and R/C flying as well: please contact Mike Reynolds for details as indicated further on.
- **VENUE:** Old Warden Airfield is perhaps THE traditional home of aeromodelling in the UK! Show organisers ModelAir have designated this their Scale Weekend for which the theme (obviously!) is that of scale model aircraft. There will be a number of formalised C/L, F/F and R/C contests taking place as well as the usual C/L, F/F and R/C sport flying, although the most visible activity will undoubtedly be the i.c., electric, ducted fan and turbine demonstrations of Scale R/C models along the main flightline. In addition to this, there's a large adjacent campsite (alongside a very convenient field for flying small electric F/F, C/L or R/C models in the evening), a superb on-site restaurant (which does excellent breakfasts for those campers who don't want to cook!), a shop, toilets and - of course - the world famous Shuttleworth Collection of vintage aircraft in the row of hangars behind the car park. Throw in the flight-line trade stands and interspersed swapmeet tables on both days, and, of course, the company of like-minded aeromodellers and aviation enthusiasts, and you've got the *second* weekend of absolutely first class model aviation opportunities this year!
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The Big One!

August 29, 30 & 31 Saturday, Sunday & Monday

The BMFA National Model Flying Championships - alias 'The Power Nats' (including The Nationals' Carrier Deck Weekend Workshop)

- **CLASSES:** **Basic Carrier Deck, Class 1 Carrier Deck and Training** on all three days. There will, of course, also be ALL other national C/L R/C and Scale classes as well.
- **VENUE:** even if you can't get to any other 2009 event, make sure you go to the British Power Nationals, even if only for a single day. There's no other event like this *in the world*, with all national C/L, R/C and Scale classes together, plus a major R/C flightline demonstrating big scale models and jets, a positively *huge* trade show, an *enormous* campsite, absolutely amazing outdoor evening free flight activities (you won't believe what's flown here until you've seen it), a late evening bar together with indoor flying in the big hangar, and a *giant* swapmeet in the hangar on the Sunday. There's also plenty of space for all types of practice and sport flying, there are toilets, washing and hot shower facilities all over the site and food vans serving from breakfast time to well after dusk. Aeromodellers won't get ambience - or bliss - like this anywhere else at any other time of the year. Miss it and weep - truly! The C/L contest circles are spread along the East-West runway that has the campsite parallel with it on its south side, and the Carrier site is on the grass on the north side of this runway, opposite the control tower and big hangar. There will be three Carrier flight circles, each with its own deck: one circle for the contests, one for the Carrier Deck Weekend Workshop training and one dedicated to practice flying. There will also be a Carrier Information Tent and Carrier car parks adjacent to the contest and practice circles.
- **LOCATION:** RAF Barkston Heath, on the west side of the B6403, 5 miles north east of Grantham, Lincolnshire. GR: 130/967413 (the location of the Carrier site on the airfield), 130/968407 (the campsite entrance, reached by going down the road from the B6403 towards Belton), 130/976417 (the 'Day Gate' entrance for non-campers, directly off the B6403).
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September 12 & 13 Saturday & Sunday

The Old Warden Carrier Deck Weekend Workshop at the ModelAir Festival of Flight Weekend

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flying as well: please contact Mike Reynolds for details as indicated further on.

- **VENUE:** Old Warden Airfield is perhaps THE traditional home of aeromodelling in the UK! Show organisers ModelAir have designated this their Festival of Flight Weekend and models of any type will be welcome. There will be a number of formalised C/L, F/F and R/C contests taking place as well as a considerable amount of C/L, F/F and R/C sport flying, although the most visible activity will undoubtedly be the i.c., electric, ducted fan and turbine demonstrations of Scale and Aerobatic R/C models along the main flightline. In addition to this, there's a large adjacent campsite (alongside a very convenient field for flying small electric F/F, C/L or R/C models in the evening), a superb on-site restaurant (which does excellent breakfasts for those campers who don't want to cook!), a shop, toilets and - of course - the world famous Shuttleworth Collection of vintage aircraft in the row of hangars behind the car park. Throw in the flight-line trade stands and interspersed swapmeet tables on both days, and, of course, the company of like-minded aeromodellers and aviation enthusiasts, and you've got the *third* weekend of absolutely first class model aviation opportunities this year!
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September 26 & 27 Saturday & Sunday

The St Albans & District Model Engineering Society Annual Show

- **CLASSES:** **Basic Carrier Deck** and **Club Scale**. Under serious consideration also is a further Carrier class for 2.5cc/0.15cu.in.-powered scale-outline profile-fuselaged sheet-winged models (rules to be advised); a C/L aerobatics contest may also be held, but this will only be decided upon once the national aerobatics calendar has been published. Watch this space!
- **VENUE:** Carrier and Scale will take place over both days, along with some R/C helicopter demonstrations. There will be plenty of opportunity for C/L practice and sport flying as well, but all flyers must have proof of insurance (a current BMFA membership card is perfect). 'Ground-based' activities will be the model engineering show itself, involving all engineering disciplines and spread across several halls and classrooms in the adjacent school, plus a boating pool, a large Meccano exhibition that is unique to this show, and a number of tables scattered around the show from which model engineering club members will be selling all sorts of odds and ends from books to boilers! Members of the public have to pay to get in to the show, of course, but access is free for pilots - just mention to the door stewards that you're part of the model flying and you'll be given a free pass. There's also free parking, toilets and a pretty substantial snack bar, so write this one in your diary if you know what's good for you!
- **LOCATION:** The Francis Bacon School, Drakes Drive, St Albans, Hertfordshire AL1 5AR. Find the A414 North Orbital Road which runs from M10 Junction 1 to the A1(M) Junction 3 and which is crossed roughly halfway along its length by the A1081. From the roundabout at this crossing, take the A1081 (now called London Road) in the St Albans direction, pass straight on at a second roundabout and Drakes Drive is the second turning on the right thereafter. GR: 166/167057.
- **CONTACT:** Bob Phillipps, 106 Watford Road, Chiswell Green, St Albans, Hertfordshire AL2 3JZ; tel: 01727 841343 / 07775 813415; e-mail: robertphillipps@aol.com

October 3 & 4 Saturday & Sunday

The Yorkshire Carrier Deck Weekend Workshop

- **NOTE:** this event is currently provisional because the committee of PANDAS, the host club, has not yet officially returned a confirmation that Carrier may use the site.
- **CLASSES: Basic Carrier Deck and Training.** The BCD contest flying and the training will take place on both days, interleaved with each other as required, although the majority of the BCD contestants attend on Sunday so there is more opportunity for training on Saturday. For those of you who have yet to experience Carrier, come and try your hand at flying Carrier - or even just basic C/L - with the help of our friendly instructors, robust trainer models and a signed certificate of competence at the end of a successful flight! Subject to contest and training requirements, you are also very welcome to use this event as an opportunity for practice or test flying with your own Carrier model. Find the Carrier flight area on the grass directly in front of the main car park.
- **VENUE:** by the continued courtesy of PANDAS (Pontefract And District Aero modellerS), Carrier has enjoyed the use of their top quality grass field in the middle of the racecourse since 1996. The Carrier flight area is in close proximity to PANDAS' club R/C flightline and is therefore roped off for safety, so all C/L flying activity must take place within this boundary. There is car parking next to the flight area, fast food outlets within ½ mile outside the park and toilets in the racecourse stands.
- **LOCATION:** Pontefract Park & Racecourse, immediately south of M62 Junction 32. Take the A639 south from the motorway junction and the flying site entrance gate is ½ mile from the junction on the west side of the road. Follow the signs inside the racecourse for about ¼ mile to reach the flying site car park. GR: 105/445230 (A639 gate), 105/441230 (flying site).
- **CONTACT:** Stuart Oddy, 51 Taylor Hall Lane, Mirfield, West Yorkshire WF14 0HW; tel: 01924 493424.

October 18 Sunday

The Three Kings Aeromodellers Carrier & Scale contest

- **CLASSES: Basic Carrier Deck, Class 1 Carrier Deck and Club Scale.**
- **VENUE:** come and fly both Carrier classes and Scale from London's first airport! This is the field from which Sopwith Camels defended London against the Zeppelins in 1916, the aerodrome that saw the start of Britain's first commercial international air services in the 1920s and the fighter base from which Hurricanes flew in the Battle of Britain in 1940. The site is also the only piece of publicly accessible tarmac rented for regular C/L use in Southern England. The Scale contest will take place on the tarmac itself and there is room here for two full-size circles, but the Carrier contests are actually flown from the adjacent grass as it's rather softer! Car parking will be on the grass next to the Carrier and Scale circles and there will be plenty of opportunity and space for practice and sport flying. If you've got a bit of spare time, there's also the nearby RAF memorial, historic terminal building and control tower to look at.
- **LOCATION:** Croydon Airport, 11 miles south of Central London. Use the north-south arterial route of the A23 (Purley Way) between Waddon and Purley and turn off west onto Imperial Way by the main crossroad traffic lights (near the old terminal buildings, recognisable by the De Havilland Heron on stilts outside). Follow Imperial Way round to the south through an industrial estate and where the road turns sharply left by a snooker hall, go straight on through a barrier and drive up to the contest site in the middle of the field. If the barrier is locked, either attract the attention of someone up at the site and they'll come down and let you in, or simply walk the couple of hundred yards up to the site, borrow the key from the CD and let yourself in. Access barrier GR: 176/311633.
- **CONTACTS.** Carrier: Andy Housden, 8 Denmark Road, Kingston upon Thames, Surrey KT1 2RU; tel: 020 8541 0186. Scale: Brian Cordwell, 15 Anglesey Gardens, Carshalton, Surrey SM5 3JD; tel: 020 8669 3021 / 07719 600389; e-mail: cordwell6@blueyonder.co.uk