

Summer Events Team Report for AGM 2010

The NES Summer Events in 2009 comprised:

Wallis Autogyro Collection at Reymerston Hall

Marshall Aerospace at Cambridge

Cooper Roller Bearings at King's Lynn

Light aircraft flights with McAully Flying Group at Little Snoring

Snellings TV and Radio Museum at Blofield and Neatishead Radar Museum

John Innes Centre Discovery Day at Colney

The Society is very grateful for the exceptional hospitality extended to our members by all our hosts in 2009 which ensured an enjoyable experience for all those who attended.

The visit to the home of our Honorary Member, Wing Commander Ken Wallis, was particularly well attended. Not only were we able to see the collection of twenty plus autogyros designed and built by Ken, the beautiful weather allowed him to give us an impressive flying display.

The flying evening at Little Snoring was also successful with 15 members and relatives enjoying the experience of flying in a four seat light aircraft at low level along the North Norfolk coast.

Considering the number of members in the Society, the lack of interest in some other events was disappointing. No events were oversubscribed and in many cases it was necessary to invite partners and guests to avoid embarrassingly low attendance. To commit the Society to the cost of providing transport by coach under these circumstances entails an unacceptable financial risk.

The reduction in engineering establishments in this area, particularly the larger organisations, coupled with the financial situation and Health and Safety issues, is making the arranging of visits increasingly difficult. Some organisations are also reluctant to commit to a visit very far ahead. This makes it difficult to publish a complete programme of events before the close of the meetings season. In view of this and the low numbers participating, it is questionable whether it is worth continuing with Summer Events in the longer term. However, the team is endeavouring to arrange events for this year.

Details of the summer events will be posted on the NES website and sent by E-mail to members who have supplied their addresses. Owing to the rising cost of postage and low interest in recent events, notice of events will not be sent by post unless requested.

The Summer Events 2010 programme will include:

Visit to Smurfit (formerly Norwich Corrugated Board): Wednesday 28th April

Light Aircraft Flying Evening at Little Snoring: Wednesday June 9th.

Visit to North Norfolk Railway: Wednesday 16th June

Visit to Colney and Little Melton water source and treatment works: 10 a.m. Wednesday July 7th.

EAME exhibition at Hethel Engineering Centre: 21st September

Visit to UEA Biomass CHP Plant (as described in Martyn Newton's NES lecture): provisionally September

Visit to Dr.Rudy Lapeer's laboratory at UEA following on from his NES lecture "Surgeons, Computers and Robots": Dates to be arranged

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