

## **DPR Models Traditional Flying Toy Manufacturers For 25 Years**

Established in 1978 by David Peter Rawlins, DPR Models became the UK's leading manufacturer of traditional balsa wood gliders and rubber powered aeroplanes, making over one million models in twenty five years.

DPR Models range comprised simple slot-together Skyliner chuck gliders and Superfighter rubber powered planes including the classic Spitfire, a Superjet series catapult launched Concorde, and larger build and fly kits, whilst their Loony Flyers even proved that Pigs could fly!...

Designing and developing a series of models that combined easy assembly for beginners, with an exceptional performance in the hands of the enthusiast, plus regular promotion, undoubtedly proved the secret of the company's success.

David and Janine Rawlins regularly attended the British National Model Flying Championships running 'Junior Model Workshops' and their renowned 'Hit the Kit' Competitions, throughout the May and August Bank Holidays.

Somewhat significantly, there were always more adults than children participating in the company's 'Spot Landing' competitions at the National Model Makers Festival in Filey each Spring, and Brean Sands every Autumn.

## **DPR Models National Chuckie Championships**

Attracting dedicated aeromodellers and their families on New Year's Day for more than a decade, DPR Models 'National Chuckie Championships' was a definite date on many keen enthusiasts calendar, who travelled from all over the country to take part.

The Model Engineer Exhibition provided superb facilities for this prestigious annual model flying event, with dedicated arenas established at Wembley Conference Centre, Alexandra Palace and Olympia.

The ultimate winner in each category would walk away with an impressive trophy, a superb R/C prize provided by Richard Kohnstam, a magazine subscription, plus the satisfaction of seeing their picture in the specialist model press.

As demand increased worldwide, it became necessary to have all the assembly instructions translated into additional languages, whilst these popular products were stocked by many UK high street multiples, as well as the majority of traditional model shops.

In 2003 DPR Models celebrated their 25th Anniversary, and David and Janine Rawlins were delighted to purchase the desirable domain name [www.flyingtoys.com](http://www.flyingtoys.com) re-registering the company as Flying Toys Ltd.

When Flying Toys Silverlit X-Twin aeroplanes and the phenomenal Picoo Z micro helicopters took off shortly afterwards, the directors decided to temporarily suspend production of DPR Models products.

Currently the company concentrates on distributing their remarkable ready-to-fly radio control range, and offering exclusive outdoor and pocket money toys, launching their latest innovative items to the trade at the Spring Fair each February on Stand 5A41.

### **DPR Models Balsa Wood Kit Manufacturing Business For Sale**

Offering a unique opportunity to purchase the exclusive design rights to the full DPR Models range, the domain name [www.dprmodels.com](http://www.dprmodels.com) plus the company's customised balsa wood and polystyrene gliders, that have proved so popular for corporate promotions for many years.

Serious offers will be considered for all the manufacturing machinery, printing blocks, die-cutters, extrusion and injection moulding tools.

The current inventory includes printed packaging, self-adhesive stickers, plans and instructions, together with a collection of plastic and balsa wood components.

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