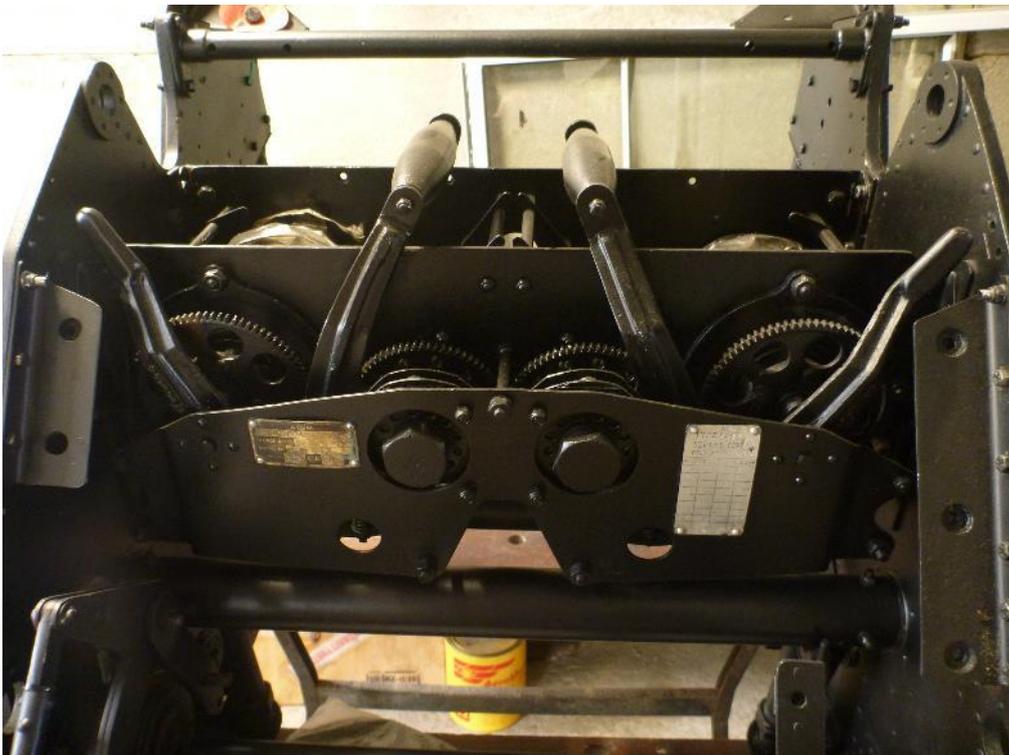
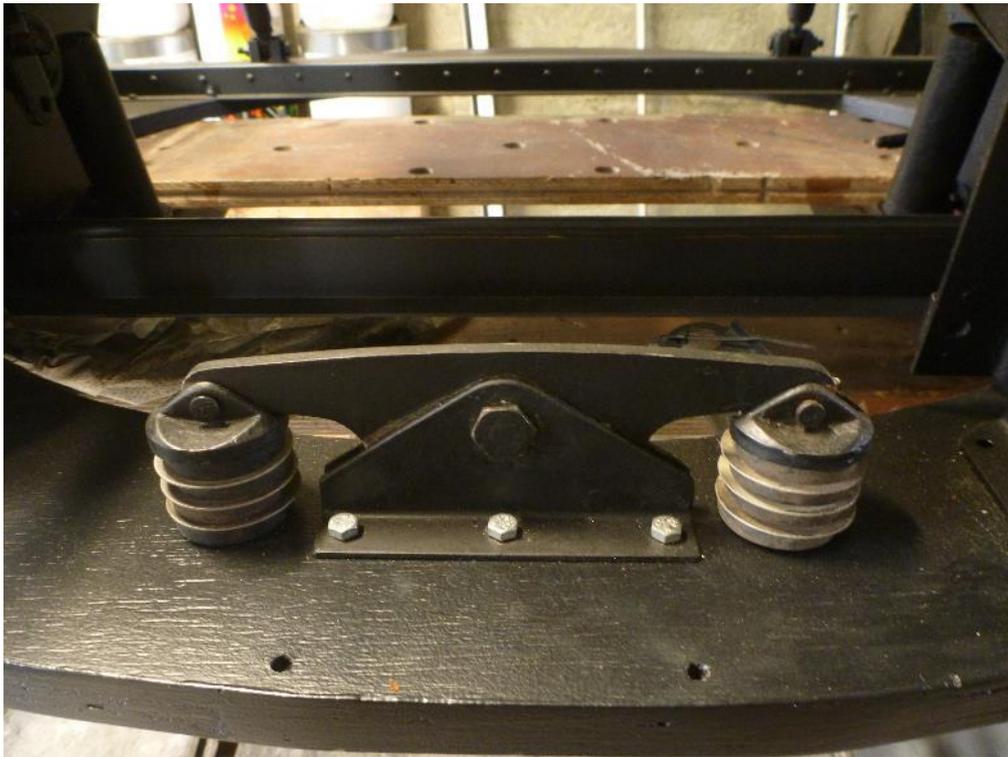


FN82 Turret update January 2021

The plan for January was to get working on the finish coat on NX611's turret. However, I thought it wise to spend a bit of time practising on the display turret before launching into the main turret. Seen below is the display turret with its final coat, including detail of the servo unit.



Seen below, the rotation travel stop built into place. The alloy and rubber discs on this assembly were missing but luckily I had some left over from my FN5 project.



Once content with the way the finish was handling, the component parts of the first gun cradle could be sprayed prior to re-assembly.



Once assembled, the complete assembly was once again sprayed to match in the bolt heads and cover the jointing compound. The overall result was a lovely condition assembly to which a new rear gun mount was fitted. The rear gun mount was taken from the display turret as the aircraft turret did not have them.



The control torque shaft, levers and rods were also sprayed and the intention is to fit them to the main superstructure at some point during February.



Seen below is the superstructure of the turret with the inner and outer cupola arch mounting plates fitted.



Below is the turret with part of the cupola front assembly fitted. This will need dusting over again once the main arches are fitted.



Below the cupola rear assembly is fitted. The cupola will not be built on the turret, but it needed to go somewhere as space is becoming a bit tight.



The plan for February has effectively made itself and the following images give a hint of what is coming. Firstly, there is the second gun cradle to strip spray and rebuild – most of the parts seem to be in very good condition.



Then, having received all the spares required, the roller draught excluders can be re-assembled.



Then finally for February, the plan is to restore the servo unit. This unit, from the Series 1 turret, is hydraulically operated and a great deal simpler than the electric unit fitted to the Series 2 turret.

