



August

**ROGER'S CHARITY
AUCTION**
Thursday 15th August
Hamble club – 7.30

& BBQ on the 17th !!

Dear All

Welcome to the August 2019 Newsletter!

Hottest June Days ever.. Followed by Hottest July days ever.. Perfect flying days!!

I've been away a bit during the last month and on one of my trips was lucky enough to have attended an ex firebird model club member's wedding in Gibraltar, (a most fascinating place). The ex-member in question was Mikealla Lewis, daughter of our chairman Russell.



Congratulations Mikealla !! - 9 July 2019

As I couldn't make the last PADMAC BBQ, I am looking forward to the BBQ on Saturday 17th August, this BBQ will be officially a Firebirds run BBQ but of course PADMAC members will be more than welcome. Flying from 10am BBQ will be lit at approx.. 12pm.

Please don't forget Roger's Charity auction on the 15th, all monies raised will be going to Val's (Roger's wife's) chosen charity.

Chris.



I was asked to publish the following message from VAL Stanton

I would like to thank all members of the Firebirds Model Club who sent messages of sympathy when Roger passed away and/or attended his funeral. I'm sure Roger didn't realise he was held in such high regard. My family and I appreciate all the support the Club has demonstrated at this very sad and difficult time.

It was John Graham who suggested an auction of Roger's planes and associated paraphernalia. Many thanks to Russell for all his help in this respect. My garage no longer resembles Biggin Hill! I hope the auction is a great success.

With my very best wishes,

Val Stanton.

Hopefully readers of the most recent BMFA News will have seen the piece on Roger and his life as a modeller. This recognition by the BMFA was both a heartening read and put formally in black and white how much Roger had contributed to model flying in the UK.



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Committee News

Here's the latest from the committee room.

PADMAC flying times (once initial introduction done with a principle / committee member).

Power	Electric/Silent	
Mon to Sat	10:00 to 18:00	10:00 to Sunset
Sunday	11:00 to 18:00	11:00 to Sunset

PADMAC rules can be found here. http://www.padmac.info/PADMAC_flyingsite_rules.html

At PADMAC's site Bank holidays including are normal flying times, "Happy days".

Woodlands school Flying site.

**** IMPORTANT ** YOU MUST NOW LIAISE WITH PETE CLARK or ROB COPE BEFORE FLYING AT WOODLANDS, AS PERMISSION NEEDS TO BE GRANTED BY AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL ****

As we now in school holidays Pete has arranged for us to fly anyday between now and the 2nd September 2019 except dates listed below. **SUBJECT TO PERMISSION BEING GRANTED BY AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL.**

Time 10:00am to 3:30pm except the following dates which are unavailable...

**** DATES NOT AVAILABLE ****

Wednesday 24th July
Thursday 25th July
Friday 26th July
Tuesday 30th July
Tuesday 6th August
Thursday 8th August
Friday 9th August
Tuesday 13th August
Thursday 15th August
Tuesday 20th August
Thursday 22nd August
Monday 26th August

The Schools address is....

Woodlands Community College / School. Minstead Avenue, Harefield. SO18 5FW
Toilet facilities are often available.

SAFETY NOTICE

Please do not fly untested aircraft at Woodlands school, there simply isn't enough space should an aircraft not fly 'to specification'. Please also remember nothing too large or noisy.

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Poorly club member

Continuing thoughts and good wishes from the committee to all poorly members.

Dates for this month

Roger's Charity Auction - Thursday 15th August – 7.30pm

Firebirds Barbeque PADMAC invited.. **Saturday 17th August**

Flying from 10 BBQ lit from approx.. 12.. (weather permitting).

FUTURE CLUB NIGHTS - Advance notice

Joint BBQ with the PADMAC guys Sunday 15th September

****NEW****

Skittles evening (families welcome) Thursday 17th October

Balsa Brain Friday 8th November

Christmas Party Thursday 12th December

'A' Certificates

Another year has passed and we haven't had any members celebrate the achievement of their 'A' certificate, let's make this your year... While we are at PADMAC perhaps we could do a few training sessions in conjunction with PADMAC flyers? If you want to do your 'A' certificate let someone on the committee know and we can try and arrange. Taken exam? This link could be useful! <https://achievements.bmfa.org/mandatory-questions>

This month's video ...

An important video regarding the future of model flying in the UK

LINK - <https://parliamentlive.tv/event/index/1a8ec4dc-78a8-4b76-9dce-ff663ad71067>

09:27:34 Witnesses: Gemma Alcock, Founder, SkyBound Rescuer,
David Phipps, Chief Executive, British Model Flying
Association, and Professor David Dunn, International
Politics, University of Birmingham



parliamentlive.tv



Pat Parsons is still our most prolific contributor

Re. The Ben Buckle Slicker kit... well it's taking a lot of time to install radio etc, but thanks to Tony the power is sorted, talk about using a 'shoe horn', more photos to follow.



Bet you're all thinking, where is Pat going to put the battery?
.....No problem it goes right here... perfect fit !!



Keep in touch

Pat



RotorFest – The South's only Model flying show ?

At least two Firebirds members went along to the RotorFest model flying show.

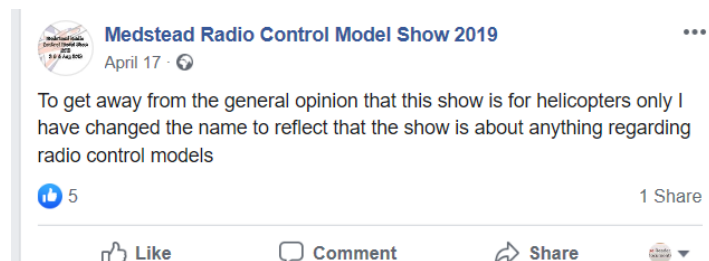
Rob Cope took this panoramic photo of the layout, certainly looks like a good site, just needs more people to support it next year.



I know some member were put off by the title RotorFest, presuming that the event would be predominantly Helicopters, but Rob found out that...

"It was only called Rotorfest because existing banners could then be reused. I think it will have a more discipline-neutral name next year. Anyway, here's a thing for the mag if you can make use of it."

A search of Facebook also revealed the details below.. so hopefully by next year the word will have got out.



Alan Shergold wrote...

"Show was not a patch on Weston Park 😊 but rob and I enjoyed it. I will definitely go again next year, as it's the only way it can get bigger. Next year he will include a boot sale. Flying was good including helicopters. Shop is packed with all types of spares and some rtf models. Round trip from Hedge End less than 60 miles."

Ian Budgen the organiser also runs the nearby model shop, he loves new visitors.

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Club Information

This section gives a summary of club services and contact details.

Glow Fuel, Glue and other bits and pieces available

Fuel is available through the club and supplies are held by the club. All grades of fuel are available to order. Russell holds many other useful items: glo-plugs, propellers, glue, fuel tubing, wing bolts etc.

Russell Lewis

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Club Meetings

Our meeting venue is the Hamble Club at this address:

Beaulieu Road
Hamble, Southampton,
Hampshire, SO31 4JL



The Club requires each member to sign in at every arrival using the book usually kept at the bar. There is a way round this and that is to join the club. This is not expensive, particularly for OAPs who pay £8.00 for the first year, and if you live locally it provides a cheap night out!

External Events

If you need more details on any particular event, then go to <https://bmfa.org/Contests-Events/Contest-and-Event-Calendar>. **BMFA Bulletins are available on-line at this [link](#) ...**

Firebirds Model Club Committee

The following are the contact details for the Committee. Each has given permission for their phone number and email addresses to be included in this Newsletter.

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Firebirds Constitution and Rules.

The Firebirds constitution and rules document can be found at the bottom of the 'about us' section on the web-site or by clicking the following link.

<http://firebirds.org.uk/onewebmedia/FIREBIRD%20CONSTITUTION%20%26%20RULES.pdf>.

Remember... Safe flying is no accident.