



BBQ on Sunday 15th

**at and organised by PADMAC
Flying from 11am BBQ lit at 12.30**

Dear All

Welcome to the September 2019 Newsletter! it's strange how you ask one person and they say what a great summer they have had and yet others see it completely differently, personally I thought it was a pretty good one, at least weather-wise.

When I mentioned the good summer one of my measures is how many BBQs the flying club manage to complete, as I remember one year when we cancelled almost every barbeque week after week because of bad weather. Last month's Barbeque was yet another success thanks to Alan and his wife.

I took along a real 'collection' of models to the Barbeque and managed to break most of them, but in truth a couple of them were not really fit to fly having been badly repaired from previous crashes, but I was a bit disappointed when I 'bent' my Phoenix 2000. My Phoenix was performing really well and as it was my last flight of the day I was flying some fast aerobatic manoeuvres which although not text book 'felt really good' but must have dislodged the battery back in the airframe, I think I then became tail heavy and we all know what that means. Anyway it has already been fixed!

I also flew my Max-Thrust 'Rukus' for the first time at the barbeque, which was a model bought for me by my wife for Christmas and I am pleased to say it came home in one piece. Several members noted that this was in fact my first take-off and landing with a low-wing model and a few members congratulated me with a round of applause, Thank you all.

I was pleased to help out a Roger's charity auction on Thursday 15th August at the Hamble club and doubly pleased to see so many members (and some non-members) bidding with both the charity and Roger in mind. I was out-bid on a couple of items but did win a Li-po charger which I have already used and will whenever I use it in the future think of Roger.

So... without further ado here is the September 2019 newsletter..

Chris.



Tinged with much sadness

Thursday the 15th August saw “our” Roger’s auction, which whilst being really successful was an evening tinged with much sadness. Members reminisced as items were brought under the hammer, remembering when they helped launch this or that model, or how much trouble Roger had with the COG on that one etc.

The Auction consisted of 43 lots and each one together with its memories has gone to a ‘next generation’ model flying enthusiast, Roger’s legacy to model flying goes on. Several members bought models simply to hang on their garage walls, so they could say “that was Rogers”.

Well done Russell for organising the event and being an excellent Auctioneer, I think Roger would have appreciated the work put in. Also thanks to Keith and Sharon who looked after the money.

Rogers wife has said that the proceeds of the auction which was nearly £800 will go to a charity working to find a cure for Pancreatic cancer.



*** STOP PRESS * - Total raised and donated in Rogers’s name £2052**



Roger's wife asked for these words to be published.

"I would like to thank everyone who helped to make the auction of Roger's model planes etc. such a resounding success. I am sure the Pancreatic Cancer Research Fund will be most grateful for the wonderful donation.

Best wishes, Val Stanton.

Letter received





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

* **GOOD NEWS** * - Club member Rob Cope, a regular visitor to the PADMAC site has reported that the current 'cows' are a lot nicer than the previous herd!

Woodlands school Flying site.

Flying times this weekend..

Saturday 14th September 10:00am to 3:30pm

Sunday 15th September 10:00am to 3:30pm

**** 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 ****

SUBJECT TO PERMISSION BEING GRANTED BY AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL.

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.

Poorly club member

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

FUTURE CLUB NIGHTS - Advance notice

Joint BBQ with the PADMAC guys	Sunday 15th September
Skittles evening (families welcome)	Thursday 17th October
Balsa Brain	Friday 8th November
Christmas Party	Thursday 12th December
AGM	Thursday 16th January
Table top sale / small indoor models	Thursday 20th February



Firebirds Barbeque – a fantastic day

Another excellent Barbeque on a beautifully warm bank holiday weekend with a good turnout of both pilots and models, with at least 5 electric gliders including 3 Phoenix 2000s. Ken from PADMAC had mown the grass beautifully including stripes! and had locked the cows in the other field allowing the electric fence to be dropped.

Model flying doesn't get much better than this!



Highlights...

1. Alan Shergold brought along his rather excellent scratch built model which is apparently a bit like a cub but stripped of anything unnecessary for flight. Dave Hoppe gave it its Maiden but, unfortunately something wasn't right and it wouldn't turn right.. so a heavy landing was taken. (Easily fixed I hope. Ed.)
2. Alan Hardingham Remembers his deck chair... !! well done Alan!!
3. Alan Shergold also brought his wife which was a real bonus as without her we wouldn't have had a first class Barbeque lunch. Thank you both of you.

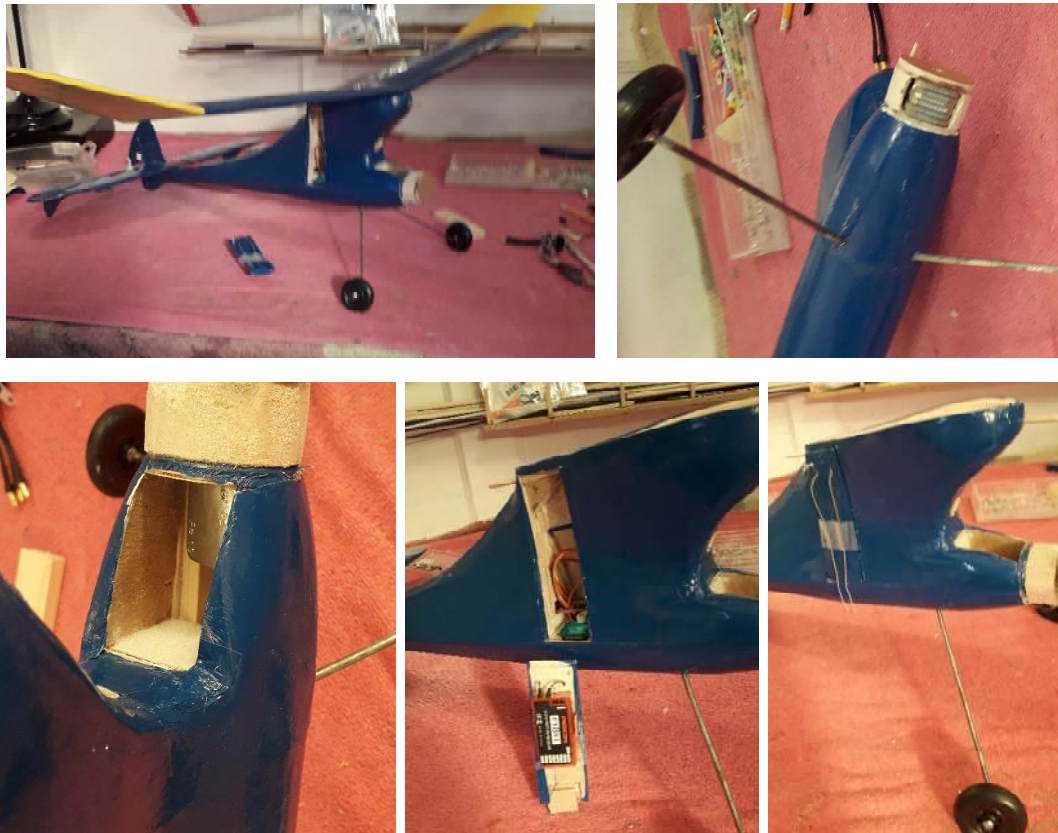




Pat Parson's Slicker has got "slicker"

Hi all,

Firstly to say, I could kill Russell! I have had to do lots of mods to get balance correct, and as I didn't like the previous mod I rolled some 1/32 ply and it now looks more like the normal slicker nose. Now that I have added to the nose and brought the motor forward, less ballast is needed now....



Ah... that looks better, no snout now.

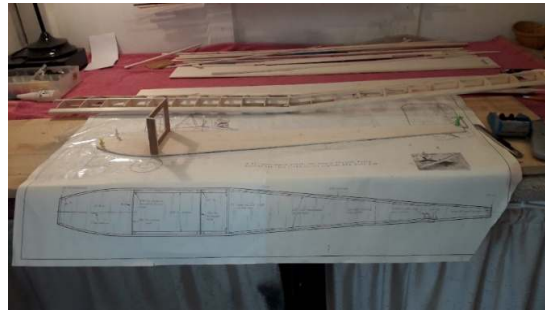
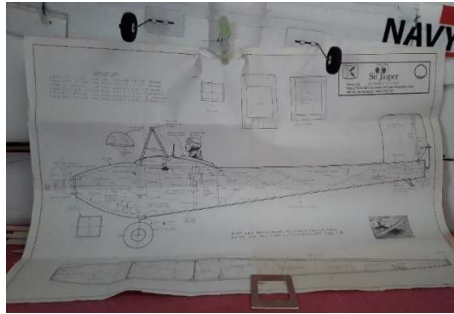


No more for now, thanks to Tony and Martin for their help in getting power sorted, Pat



More from Pat – New model “Sir Jasper”

Having received the above I then received an e-mail from Pat later in the month saying that he hadn't been getting around too well, feeling a bit poorly he said..... I was at first worried about him, then he sent me the following plan and progress pictures...



Wing already done, fuselage well on it's way.... !!



It would appear that Pat is doing OK.

Looking forward to seeing you down South again soon Pat... Christmas Party perhaps ?

This month's video

Here is a link to a video titled 'Model Aircraft' on the British Pathé website - <https://www.britishpathe.com/video/model-aircraft>



Firebirds Model Club

News, Views & Information - September 2019



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.

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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.