



**** NEXT EVENT ****

**February 20th
Table top sale / small
indoor models / Social**

Welcome to the new more compact version of the Newsletter

REMINDER – IT'S THE LAW !!!

Registering yourself to use a drone or model aircraft

As you may be aware you are now required to register your model aircraft or drone before you can fly. To be to do this you must show that you are competent and there are a number of ways to do this

1. If you have an A or B certificate you can ask the BMFA to get your CAA IDs for you (paying the BMFA the extra £9)
2. Complete the CAA registration and competence test at <https://register-drones.caa.co.uk/individual>
3. Or take the BMFA equivalent test at <https://rcc.bmfa.uk/rcc>

The clubs advise is: take the CAA test now, and pay the CAA directly for the registration. I know that this is putting another unnecessary step and cost into our hobby, but you have to comply with the current regulations, this is the easiest route for both you and for the club and the test is easy so there is no obstacle to doing it.

Several Firebirds club members have already done this and can confirm that it is straightforward and even useful. The new law also requires that each model must carry an identification label containing your CAA Operator ID. The label must be visible on the model but for scale models it can be within a compartment that can be easily accessed without using a tool.

Notes: Compliance will be advisory rather than a condition of membership.

It is the individual member's responsibility to comply to relevant laws.

It is unlikely that BMFA insurance will be valid for unlawful flying.



Committee News

Here's the latest from the committee room.

2020 Subscriptions

Hurry Hurry Hurry

If you want to post your membership cheque please complete the membership form at the end of this newsletter and post with the cheque, to...

Firebirds Model club
c/o 6 Maytree Close
Locksheath
Southampton SO31 6NQ

** You can pay at / before the AGM if you bring cash or your cheque book ! **

PADMAC flying times.

STILL NO COWS !!

	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

Poorly club member

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

FUTURE CLUB NIGHTS - Advance notice

February (20th) Table top sale / small indoor models

March - Alan Shergold (a very short) video & Pete Clarke 'a laser cutting demonstration'.

April - Newell family fun night (more details to follow)

May - Perhaps the First 2020 Barbeque ? Let's all keep our fingers crossed.



Russell submitted the following photos from Summer 2003

He said.... First picture is sadly missed Les Linus, second picture is a younger version of Allan Hardingham, then... Me (Russ) preparing for and then doing my A certificate.... The plane was a cub I got at a club sale for £20.00 built by Nigel Argall from free RCME plans, with an Ervin 46 out front and sky sport 6 radio. Apparently Nigel took his A certificate with the same plane, it flew beautifully... (perhaps that is how I managed to pass !!)



Monday

25 August 2003



Rob Cope sent this video ... <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=73eJUywem30>



Note: I was there in 2018 (ed.) and I don't remember this fantastic model, I obviously need to pay more attention! And on that note....



19,20,21, JUNE 2020

<http://www.westonparkmodelairshow.co.uk/>



Firebirds Model Club

News, Views & Information - February 2020



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.

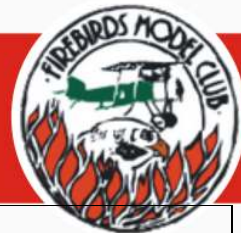
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Firebirds Constitution and Rules.

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.



FireBirds Model Club Membership Renewal 2020			
Name			
Address			
e-mail			
Phone Number			
Membership Type (Tick all boxes that apply)			
Firebirds		BMFA	
Senior - £35		Senior - £38	
Junior - £13		Junior - £17	
Family Senior - £35		Family Senior - £38	
Family Partner - £35		Family Partner - £25	
Family Junior - £13		Family Junior - £13	
Life		Country Member	
Honorary			
CAA Registration Scheme			
<p>As you are aware you are now required to register with the CAA to fly Model Aircraft and Drones weighing more than 250g. All your Aircraft will have to carry a registration number and you will have to have an Operator id.</p> <p>Whilst Firebirds Model Club would obviously encourage members to participate in the DRES, we will have no direct involvement with it and cannot monitor or enforce compliance.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Compliance will therefore be advisory rather than a condition of membership. • It is the individual member's responsibility to comply with relevant laws. • It is unlikely that BMFA membership will be valid for unlawful flying. 			
Signed			