



Stay Alert

Control the Virus

Save Lives

Dear Firebirds member

In last months newsletter I started building my 'Little Midge' and surprisingly I didn't give up.. and now, on the surface of it, it is finished.. BUT ! it may never fly.

FROM THIS

to.....

THIS



Why might it not fly? ... firstly let me say that I am heartened by the words of other members including those written by Alan Shergold last week, when he told of his earliest attempts not quite getting there and my first attempt has been no different.

My little midge looks OK (ish) and the surfaces 'waggle' in the right direction when you push the sticks but she (or he) is seriously twisted. I tried really hard when building to make sure everything was inline during assembly, I used a piece of glass for a flat surface and used copious clips, clamps and pins, but still it became twisted...

When first built, the wing twisted but I sorted that out by de-glue-ing dampening with water then twisting in the opposite direction during re-drying with new glue. But then the tail which I clamped really solidly during drying decided to twist too... (probably because the fuselage was already twisted)...



Whatever!.. at least I built it and can now say "I am a true aero modeller!" (or is that only applicable if it flies?) time will tell...

Chris



Committee News

Members who have not renewed will now need to re-apply as new members as non-renewing members details are now being removed from the club database.

PADMAC flying times.

	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

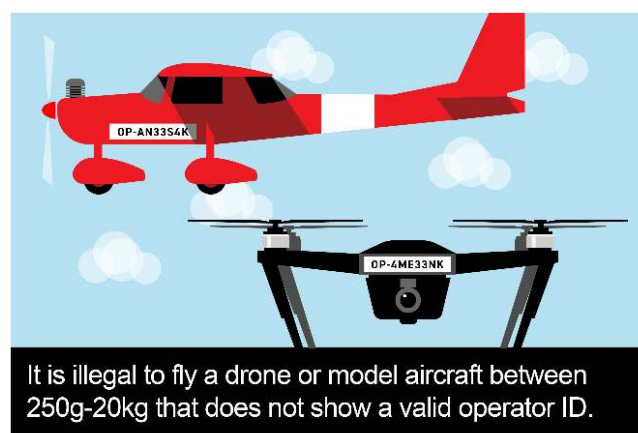
Continuing thoughts and good wishes from the committee to all poorly members.

FUTURE CLUB NIGHTS - Advance notice

ALL ** Postponed ** due to Covid 19 restrictions.

'Pencilled' in potential Barbeque dates - 19 July - 16 Aug - 20 Sep

REMEMBER THIS APPLIES TO ALL OF US !!





New 'T' Shirt for modellers?



Note: If this wasn't in a 'model' flying club's newsletter I think this image wouldn't be considered PC.

Spektrum DX5e Upgrade

Russell Lewis upgraded this Spektrum transmitter to take a rechargeable battery pack.



First Flights since Lock-down - Courtesy of Russell Lewis -

starring Geoff Griffiths and some cows (which were not socially distancing)..





Last Furlough Photos from Russell Lewis (he's back to work now!!)



Allan Hardingham – Also keeping busy during furlough

As I am still on furlough leave from work, I thought I might as well build another model.

I found a free plan in RCM&E called Mignon. (Feb 2018) which looked promising.

It looks quite like a WOT-4 for electric power. It uses a 2212/13 motor (130Watts) 1000 kv. and a 30 amp ESC. and should fly nicely on a 3 cell 2200 mAh lipo all of which I had available, along with a few servo's rescued from my old Storch which is a bit past its best.

The contents of my scrap box looked like I should have enough wood if some of the non-structural parts were spliced together. It is quite a light weight construction and came out at 1Lb 7oz ready to fly.

As you can see it is finished in a lovely shade of metallic Green! I bought a large roll of this (like Solarfilm) covering at the end of one of the Sandown model shows back in the early 80's for £1. Its now finally all gone.

Here are a couple of pictures of the finished model. Just waiting now for its first flight along with the Champ,



Cheers

Allan (Hardingham)



A New Message from PADMAC.

From Monday 1 June in line with the relaxing of government policy to curb COVID-19 PADMAC is increasing the number of people that can be at the site at any time to a maximum of six.

For the near future we will continue to use the flying slot booking system to avoid disappointment if too many people turn up.

The calendar can be seen here <http://padmac.info/calendar.html> so you can see who is planning to fly and when.

If any Firebirds members want to fly, please contact Ken ka_webster@hotmail.com, Letting him know what day and hours you want and he will update the system.

COVID-19 safe flying guidance:-

- Maintain a minimum of 2m social isolation at all times (should be easy in a 20 acre field).
- Minimise touching objects others have touched or handled.
- Use gloves, face masks and hand cleaner as you feel fit.
- If you think you have any of the symptoms, don't fly.
- Be sensible.

Finally, fly safe, enjoy being outside and try not to crash.

Ken. (PADMAC Committee)

Thank you Alan !

Last month Alan Shergold wrote a really interesting piece about his modelling past, I found this archive image of one of his more recent builds.





Posted on BMFA Facebook page

A rather famous aero modeller that passed away recently. Do you recognise him?



Also worth a look...

<https://events.bmfa.uk/>

A message from Cornwall..

Hope you guys are all well and some sort of return to flying is happening? I finally got to maiden my latest scale glider - a 1/4 scale model of a 1947 Swiss 'WLM-1' Hope you all enjoy the video!

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6A76lk_0sCc

best wishes from Cornwall

Nigel Argall



Firebirds Model Club

News, Views & Information - June 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.

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.