



**BE CAREFUL !
BE SAFE
BE A FIREBIRD !**

Dear Firebirds member

Another month has passed and I still haven't flown, but not for lack of trying. Geoff Griffiths kindly added me to his regular Saturday slot at PADMAC with Russell and a few others when the allowed number increased to 6 but since then the weather has been too windy (for me).

On a note of mixed emotions... back to perhaps happier times, I remember standing in the pits at Poplars farm chatting to Terry Jacobson, he told me that he had just bought 2 Max Thrust Riot XLs. This made me a bit envious as at the time my 'go-to' model was the standard size Max Thrust Riot and I did rather fancy the XL model. Not 100% sure why Terry bought 2, he must have been a dream for the model shop owner, perhaps Terry just liked to have a full set of spare parts! I remember saying to him then, "if you decide to sell one of those I would be interested".

Anyway soon after this time, as members will remember Terry became ill during a trip to Australia and when he returned went to stay with his son up country, as far as I am aware he didn't get the chance to fly the XL models before he sadly passed away in February.

So fast forward Terry's son Kevin who is still a member of Firebirds was tasked with looking after and selling some of his Dads collection of models, so I am now the proud owner of one of Terry's Riot 'XL' models which I will (hopefully) fly in his memory.

Here's to happy flying days ahead.

Chris





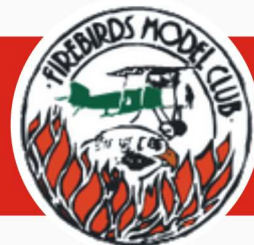
Li-po Batteries can be dangerous, here's a reminder.

I (ed.) bought a couple of Li-po batteries from Hobby King last month (for Terry's Riot XL), they then sent me a reminder of how to look after them, I know personally that I don't always give them the respect they require. Here's a reminder...

Thanks for your recent battery purchase from HobbyKing. Battery safety is of utmost importance for any hobbyist when using, storing, charging and disposing of any type of battery. So we just want to make sure that you are up-to-date on your knowledge of how to use batteries in a safe manner.

Here is a little reminder of the dos and don'ts when using batteries.

Dos	Don'ts
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Always charge/store batteries in a non-conductive, fireproof container or bag, outside and away from combustible material.• Always use a compatible balanced mode charger, specifically designed for the chemistry of battery you are using.• Always set the charger for proper cell count and/or voltage listed on batteries' labels.• Always set the charger to the amp charge rate as listed on battery labels.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Never alter, puncture or impact batteries or related components.• Never allow the terminals of the battery to make contact with conductive objects, such as metal.• Never store loose batteries together, the battery terminals may contact one another causing a short circuit.• Never expose Batteries to extreme temperatures or direct sunlight. The temperature range must be between 40-120° F (4-49° C).• Never charge batteries that are hot to the touch (above 100°F)• Never charge Batteries inside of the model.



Father's Day – 21st June

I (Ed.) also saw this image on the Hobby King web-site and at the time thought it was quite special. Probably because it was Father's Day! If only more youngsters would come flying !!!



Model aeroplanes the ultimate in Plagiarism

Brought about by a new member buying a Max Thrust Riot and on the one day in June that I actually got near a flying field there was yet again a conversation about the Max Thrust Riot being an 'almost' copy of the older Chris Foss designed WOT4. Here is a (perhaps) interesting video were a recently new pilot compares the two. <https://youtu.be/w0h1MnU3xjM>

And... while investigating I found that the new XL model that I bought from Kevin also has Plagiaristic tendencies, but in this case is exactly the same as another model see this link. <http://www.techonehobby.com/product/air-titan-1600/>

I bought one of these from Banggood during the month

V710 2.4G 7CH Receiver for Spektrum DSMX DSM2, cost £12.45 including deliver and insurance, I will let you know if it goes well.





I found these cool photos on the internet

Perhaps we should all have a sort through our old photographs and see what we have for the next newsletter.



Lazy bee

Everybody knows I am a fan of 'slow' flight, (probably something to do with not being a very good pilot!), the video link below shows what has to be one of the slowest flying model aircraft I have ever seen, with the most elegant of launches ever !! I want one of those 😊

<https://youtu.be/mQDCeSxVn1w>





Thank you to David Perkins

A gentleman from Porchester contacted the club last month and offered his now unused Wot 4 to the club as a club trainer. What a very nice man, our Russell collected it from him and is seen in the picture below preparing it for a test flight.

Thank you again David



A new club member

Welcome Paul Brown already the owner of a foam spitfire and a 400mm foam trainer he has now bought a Max Thrust Riot to learn with. Safety officer Geoff runs through important safety information while Russell scratches his head trying to get the buddy lead to work... Note: the official 2m length buddy lead to ensure social distancing!



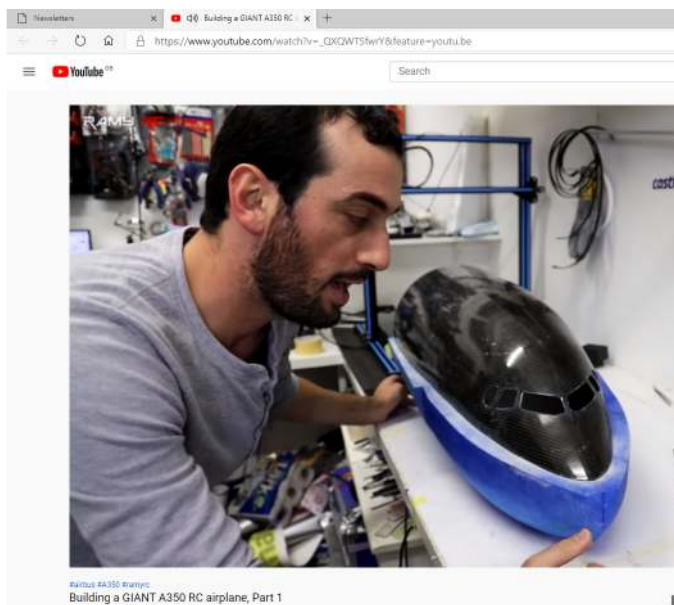


Keith Warwick suggests you take a look at this YouTube video series...

https://youtu.be/_QXQWTSfwrY (Part 1)

<https://youtu.be/8r9IqLpPxc> (Part 2) and there is more (many more)

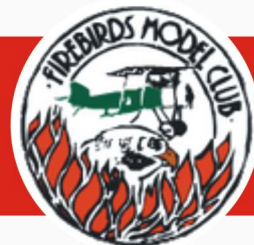
This takes modelling to another level !



Keith Warwick also builds a 'Limbo Dancer'

Limbo Dancer built during Lockdown...





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.

A revised Message from PADMAC.

In reality the 1m plus rules will not make a great difference to how the patch is used.

From 4 July 2020 in line with the recently announced relaxing of COVID-19 restrictions the club will operate as follows;

1. Maximum of six people from different households at the site.
2. Maintain at least 2m separation where possible.
3. If 2m is not possible, then follow 1m plus social distancing rules/guidance.
4. Continue to use the flying slot booking system.

Fly safe, enjoy being outside and try not to crash.

Firebirds members can book slots via me (Ken), or can ask for access to the Google Calendar booking system.

Ken Webster
PADMAC Treasurer and Membership Secretary

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.



Allan Hardingham's new model in flight.

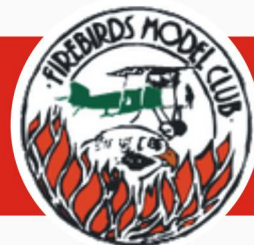
Remember last month Allan, who was still on furlough decided to build another model from an RCM&E plan using just bits and pieces from his scrap box then covering it in some solarfilm he bought back in the eighties...Well it flies and here is the proof...

Thanks to Keith Warwick for the pictures.



Firebirds Model Club

News, Views & Information - July 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.