



IMPORTANT
NEW RULES FROM MONDAY 14th SEPTEMBER
MAXIMUM (SIX) AT A TIME

Without additional Covid-19 measures including i.e. a full track and trace system, our flying club is, following new government guidance and laws unable to allow more than 6 people at our site at any one time from Monday the 14th September.

Hopefully, with some forethought and discussion we can all work a way through this by, perhaps staggering or changing visit times to a time when less people fly, perhaps try and arrange / inform your intentions using KIK, e-mail or Phone?

However, whatever we do, from Monday, if you arrive at the flying site and there are more than 6 people in the pits, it is suggested that you wait along the tree-line or in the car park until someone leaves, or is prepared to swap places. If there are also more than 6 people by the tree-line (unless someone leaves) you cannot stay.

If any member falls ill, please do inform any other flying club members that you have been in close contact with so they can self-isolate / be tested as applicable.

Also please also see below General Guidance from the BMFA for Model Flyers and Individuals involved in Model Flying.

1. If you or anyone in your household has any of the symptoms of COVID-19 you must stay at home. The main symptoms are:
 - A high temperature.
 - A new continuous cough.
 - A loss or change to your sense of smell or taste.
2. You must also stay at home if you have experienced COVID-19 symptoms in the past 14 days, have been diagnosed with COVID-19 in the past 14-days, or have had contact with a known or suspected COVID-19 case.
3. The effects of the COVID-19 virus are most serious in men over the age of 60, especially those with other underlying health problems. If you fall into this category, we would urge careful consideration before venturing out and risking any potential exposure to the virus, however small the risk may be.
4. Only travel to the flying site on your own or with members of your household.



5. Only travel based on what is permitted by current government guidelines.
6. At the flying site only mix with members of your household or up to 5 people outside your household but stick to social distancing guidelines.
7. Do not mix with any other individuals present outside of your group of 6 (bubble) at any time.
8. Always carry and use hand sanitiser as part of your model flying equipment.
9. Use hand sanitiser before and after making contact with any shared surfaces or equipment.
10. Consider when the use of face masks for added protection is appropriate.
11. If you become ill with any of the recognised COVID-19 symptoms (while onsite or within 10 days afterwards) contact your club track and trace co-ordinator immediately.

We remain in the midst of a pandemic. The situation is dynamic and current Government advice must be followed.

If in any doubt, please stay at home!

Your understanding in this matter is appreciated.



Note: The committee is still looking at possibility of making our meetings 'officially' Covid Secure and then using a 'recognised sport' exemption, the committee will keep you posted.

Now on with the Newsletter....



*1 Month in to our new
flying site... it's a lovely
feeling...*

Dear Firebirds member

We are now over half way into the trial period of our new flying site and all appears to be going rather well, Russell has been in touch with the farmers and reports that they are happy, with no complaints from local residents. It is very obvious that members recognise the importance of keeping everybody on-side and are making sure that models are quiet and all rules are followed.

I was thinking just the other day, not too far to travel, plenty of parking, no public foot paths, no cows we have been very lucky... shame about the electricity cables though (See Geoff's piece a little later).

It has again become obvious that the club is more than just a flying club as, members are again coming to the field without a model, just a deck-chair, there for the banter, to give advice or just to chill.

On a personal note I am pleased to say that this month I flew my slow-stick (obviously), but trying to push the boundaries a little I also flew my old and battered Cub, the Riot, the Phoenix 2000 and also did a take-off and successful landing with the Riot XL, 'all by myself' a bit Nerve wracking but pleased to say I did it. (apparently it gets easier!).

Thank you this month to Lee Fryer for pointing out to me that back-to-front propellers don't work very well and to Russell for recognising that my wing bolts were different lengths... Double Oops !

Anyway I don't need to write too much these days, we have a flying field so I'm off flying!

See you down the field.

Chris



Important - Flying times at new site:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Quiet (Electric)	Electric and I/C		Electric and I/C		Electric and I/C	Electric and I/C
14-00	12-00	NO FLYING	12-00	NO FLYING	10-00	10-00
20-00 or dusk*	16-00		16-00		14-00	13-00

Renewing members

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

The club is not taking any new members (except under exceptional circumstances) until at least the new year, to keep numbers down during the Pandemic / until after the new flying site's trial period.

The club will then be implementing a membership limit and vetting system so please do contact a committee member if you wish to be considered for membership next year.

PADMAC.

Our relationship with PADMAC remains the same and their flying site remains available to Firebirds members under the same agreement, until advised (probably at end of the year)..

PADMAC current Covid-19 flying advice

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.

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.

New wind-sock installed

The old wind-sock had become a bit tired, so the club has installed a new one, (let's just hope it remains fairly limp!).

Advice from Geoff our safety officer

As we have power cables running though our flying area, which although obviously out of bounds and obviously to be avoided, the following suggestions may help keep us safe.

When practicing manoeuvres always do them high and deep into the flying area, away from the cables and Pits area.

If uncertain about a doing a sucessful landing try using a line slightly off the centre of the runway, that little bit further away from the cables and pits area.

More than ever get another pilot to check your new models before flight (ideally an experienced one). If necessary, have somebody assist you with tricky hand launches.

DO NOT fly if you are uncomfortable with the wind conditions, there will always be another opportunity when it is safe.

If a model isn't feeling right in the air, it may be safer to land (even ditch) a model a distance away and then walking to recover, than risk flying into the cables / pits.





Magical aerial photographs – courtesy of John



DRONES and Firebirds

This might be also a suitable time to point out that the Firebirds model club is a Fixed wing model club, John was given permission to fly his drone for the sole purpose of taking these photos.

The club's committee feel that helicopters and more especially Quadcopters / Multi-copters (AKA Drones) having had particularly bad press recently may give the wrong impression of the club's activities, so are discouraged at the flying site.

However, If an existing fixed wing club member does have one of the 'terribly offensive' devices ☹️ and wants to fly it on the club field (occasionally) then this can still be accommodated as long as it is small(ish), quiet, flown low and not aggressively.

Prior to flying discuss your intentions with other members present and remember that fixed wing will always take precedence.

You must always maintain visual contact with any such device at all times, you must make sure that you do not record video or images of our neighbours properties.



Dave Hoppe Found this

.... And anybody who was at the Firebirds model club Quiz a few years ago will know why the story made me smile (Ed.) ...

Can't remember? See Page 5 of this Newsletter from May 2018.

<https://news.firebirds.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/imported-media/documents/1525875724.pdf>



RAFFLE

Due to several obvious reasons the annual raffle had been on hold, until now!

'BREAKING NEWS' Pete is going to start selling raffle tickets again..

There is likely to be a reduced collection of prizes this year and the prizes will be claimed in decreasing order of value as the tickets are drawn the committee will try and ensure that all prizes would be suitable to any member.

Please note that in the absence of a Christmas party the draw will take place at the field (or similar location) witnessed by whoever is present and the prize / prizes will be made available for collection from somebody's house.

Classified advertisement



Flying club member Pete is also a keen Bee keeper, if anybody is interested in purchasing some local (West End) honey please have a word with him.



It's all your fault!!

If you don't send me suggestions for videos... you'll get more stuff that I like (Ed.)!!



<https://youtu.be/Y9NABL6uYfM>

Some OLD NEWS – a year ago somewhere in Cornwall

Over the years many model pilots tell about their unusual model rescues, rumour has it that only last year at PADMAC someone's model was rescued from a tree by a window cleaners extension brush? However.... this rescue has to be one of the more impressive ones.



<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-cornwall-50157918>



WANTED John Barker says...

I am looking for an outrunner motor Overlander 2826/18 1000Kv or equivalent , just wondered if anyone in the club has one lying around that would like to sell.

Down at the field

Some new models... Allan's Spitfire, John's E-Flight Valiant (bought from Kevin's advert in last month's Newsletter) and Pete's scratch built Vulcan, his first build for 2 years!



And Kevin... prepares for his first flight in nearly 2 years ... Fortunately you never forget how to ride a bike, but unfortunately model flying isn't riding a bike ☹... The acro-wat was a bit of a handful and came in heavy needing an undercarriage repair. **Update** Kevin thinks it may have been a bit tail-heavy and reminds everybody to check your C of G.





Sunday 6th September, an almost perfect flying day.

Pete brings his models in a wheelbarrow... 😊



And John Takes his home in a bin bag 😞



Safety First...

There is now a bottle of water by the telegraph pole, just in case we ever need it to put out a fire.





The New lock is a bit fiddly

It has been reported that although with the spacer installed, the lock is a little bit fiddly although otherwise it appears to be working well.

PLEASE REMEMBER to 'scramble' the lock number and lock the lock when on the field as well as when leaving the site so that the number does not fall into the wrong hands.



Image shows our new lock (top right). Remember, the gate should always be closed and the lock locked with number scrambled. If unsure when leaving it is always best to lock the gate.

Only a few more days on BBC iPlayer



[https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/m000m7wv/sully?xtor=CS8-1000-\[Discovery_Cards\]-\[Multi_Site\]-\[SL02\]-\[PS_IPLAYER-C~P_Sully\]](https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/m000m7wv/sully?xtor=CS8-1000-[Discovery_Cards]-[Multi_Site]-[SL02]-[PS_IPLAYER-C~P_Sully])



Kevin has some models for Sale.

Following the sad loss of a popular club member Terry Jacobson, earlier in the year his son Kevin has some of his model collection for sale.

The models are below... some are ready to fly and just need receivers and batteries but some are in need of a bit more love or finishing ready for their first flight.

Have a word with Kevin when you next see him, or contact him via e-mail kevs_wine@hotmail.com or ring him direct on – **07756 403119**... Please make your offers reasonable.

A Folding prop may come in useful – Ripmax ? Mustang.



B-E-A-Utiful ! just needs finishing a £200 Greatplanes kit !!



Nice.... SebArt SharkS (below) designed by Italian Champion Sebastiano Silvestri. It can fly very stable and easy at any airspeed: a dream for every beginner. In expert hands it can really perform and that for a Trainer is revolutionary! This is a £200 model (without the motor!)... Make Kevin an offer.





This is a really BIG Model – Trojan Foamy (look how small Kev's hand is in the picture)



This is very pretty model – A Kyosho Valencia motor glider.

Vintage modelling at it's best - <https://youtu.be/HjIzKvfflwA>



Nice one.. a Sukhoi 27 ? As used by the Red Bull racing team?



A yellow tailed Mustang – Fun-fighter.





Can't afford the Seb art SharkS above? make Kevin an offer for this one that needs a little bit of work.



A TROJAN – Foamy – although you can't see it easily in the photo there is a motor spindle in there somewhere, Kevin may also have the 3 bladed props (to be confirmed).



TROJAN 2 ? exactly as above (Yes there may be 2 of this model for Sale, Terry often liked to have a full set of spare parts !



A lovely Cessna wing, just needs a new home and a Fuselage.





Watch out for those Germans - Ripmax ME109 Balsa?



Little Boy Blue is a bit sad and lonely needs some love.



I would love this next model (Ed.) £270s worth! MKake Kevin a sensible offer..
2.6 metres of sail-plane perfection.. incudes airbrakes.

<https://www.horizonhobby.com/product/radian-xl-2.6m-bnf-basic/EFL5550.html>



DON'T FORGET YOUR LITTLE STICKER !

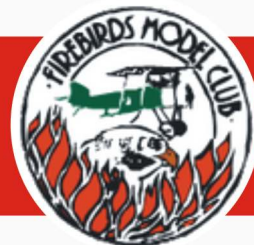
You are registered aren't you ?



THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS THAT YOU DO NOT FLY ALONE

Firebirds Model Club

News, Views & Information - September 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.