



**WE 'MAY' BE ABLE TO FLY
FROM THE 29th MARCH
Hip Hip HURRAH !**

Dear Fellow Firebirds Club Members

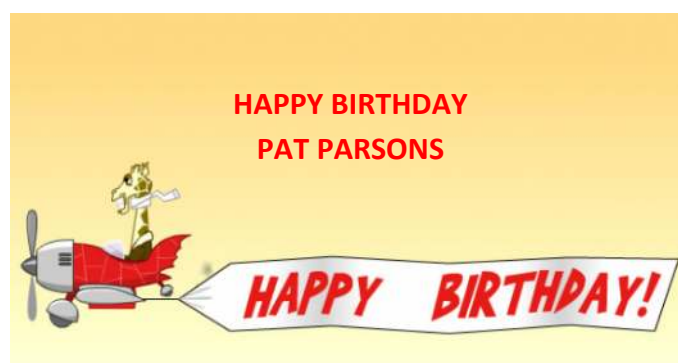
Apparently mental illness is becoming a real problem for many during these extended periods of lock-down and whilst I am not yet on anti-depressants, I am rather fed up with it all now!

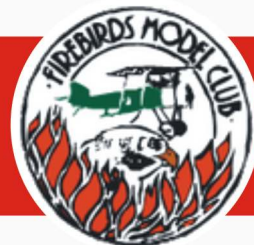
BUT GOOD NEWS !! The good news is that, all being well, we will be able to fly again really soon, the Governments road map says that we should be able to meet again, at the field after the 29th March.

So, other than the potential for some warmer weather and some great flying really soon I don't have much more to say... Hopefully, next month I will have loads!

See you all soon (hopefully).

Chris





COVID-19 REGULATIONS UPDATE – 06/03/2021

England – From March 8th 2021

Further to our announcement on 26th February, (see <https://www.bmfa.org/News/News-Page/ArticleID/2722/COVID-19-Regulations-Update-26-2-2021>)

The Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (All Tiers) (England) Regulations 2020 have been updated and take effect from Monday 8th March.

(See <https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukxi/2020/1374/schedule/3A/2021-03-08>)

Outdoor sportsgrounds and facilities (which includes model flying club sites) remain in the list of business/services that must remain closed. The projected date for re-opening is March 29th, and will not be subject to the gatherings limits, but should be compliant with guidance issued by national governing bodies, see <https://clubsupport.bmfa.uk/6-steps-to-covid-secure>

From Monday 8th March, outdoor recreation (and therefore model aircraft flying) is permitted in public outdoor places, either alone, with members of your household or with one other person. A public outdoor place for the purposes of the regulations is a public outdoor place where no payment is required by any member of the public to access.

BMFA insurance remains valid when flying lawfully.

It is permitted to leave home for voluntary services where it is not possible to do so from home and therefore essential field maintenance can be conducted. This must however be done in a COVID secure manner.

So.. IN SUMMARY, FOR NOW, WE CANNOT LEGALLY FLY.

But.. we should be able to fly on / after the 29th.



HELP !!! ... I Shouted... There's nothing for the Newsletter !!

Then Russell came to the rescue with some photos from the past.



Roger with Ron Colmer and Geoff Griffiths - Auto-Gyro test flight.



Not sure who's model this is but I swear it won't fly with a tree branch stuck in it's wing.



Russell and Nigel (our Cornwall correspondent) 's day Gliding at Lasham.



Anyone recognise this past member (not too difficult as her name is written on the wing!).. Mikeala is now married, teaching English, and living in Bulgaria with her Husband and far too many cats!



One of Alan Shergold's wonderful creations (test flight by Geoff Griffiths).



Wish I lived in California

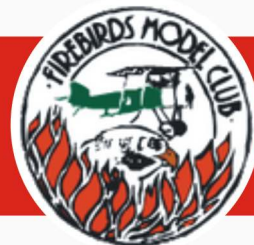
Found this guy Ran D. St. Clair who lives in San Jose California, model flying looks like so much more fun in California. See the videos.



<https://youtu.be/mrJgoQz5wSU>



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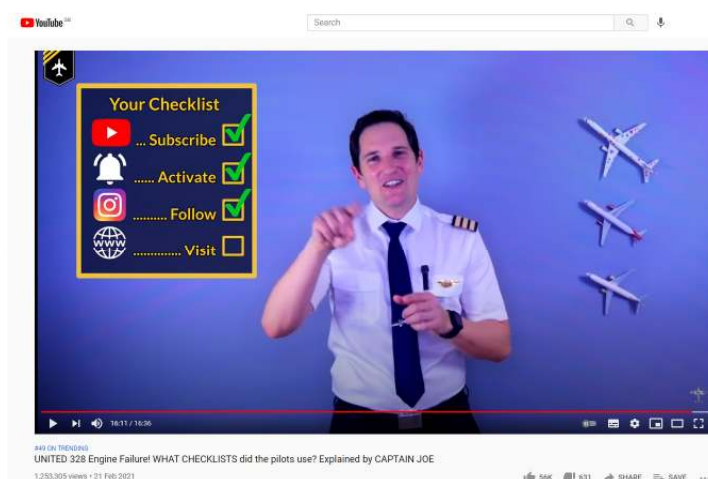


Aviate, Navigate, Communicate

I was watching a YouTube video after the Boeing 777 engine failure last month. I guess everybody knew about that? The image below and the associated video must have been one of the most seen on the TV and internet that week.



Anyway, I was watching this video from a pilot and video blogger 'Captain Joe' his very well presented summary of what might have happened together with what a pilot would be trained to do in such a circumstance was very interesting. Watch the video at <https://youtu.be/q5Wler87pwY>.



Notably, when I watched the video it had only been published for just a few hours and had already been watched over a million times, as I publish this newsletter the views are nearer 2.5 million.

Again, I digress. During the video the axiom "Aviate, Navigate, Communicate" was discussed and it caught my attention especially as I am sure I have heard similar said at our flying field.

The axiom teaches pilots to fly the airplane first, then navigate, and once the situation is under control, communicate. It is relevant (with necessary verb changes) to so much of what we do in our daily lives and for us particularly important when flying, it sometimes really easy to forget to keep flying when things go wrong.

Don't risk losing your Firebirds Model Club membership

Re-join Today !



***** ALL FLYING CURRENTLY SUSPENDED *****

THE CLUB WILL ADVISE MEMBERS WHEN WE KNOW MORE

Hopefully from the 29th March, meanwhile keep safe.

Flying times:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
<i>Quiet (Electric)</i>	<i>Electric and I/C</i>		<i>Electric and I/C</i>		<i>Electric and I/C</i>	<i>Electric and I/C</i>
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

Poorly club member

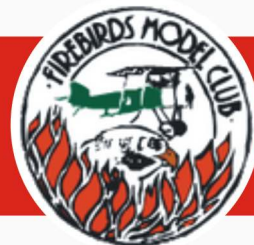
Continuing thoughts and good wishes from the committee to all poorly members.

FUTURE CLUB NIGHTS - Advance notice

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

Firebirds Model Club

News, Views & Information - March 2021



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.