



*Welcome back to the
wonderful world of model
aeroplane flying*

Dear Fellow Firebirds Club Members

Well what a difference a month can make, the bank holiday weekend offered a couple of really good flying days and I, for one actually had a couple of really enjoyable flights. It's still a bit weird getting back in to the 'going out of the house' mode, but I guess it will become less weird as the summer progresses.

To help with my last few days of lock-down Russell gave me a couple of old magazines to read, they were RCM&E and Model World magazines from 2000/1, he told me they were from about the time that he had again become interested in model flying and I guess when he first joined the Firebirds.

I found the most interesting thing about these 'old' magazines was the adverts, the notable absence of Li-po batteries and the transmitters with long shiny aerials... what's that all about! The aeroplane designs haven't changed much in 20 years though, all the models looked very similar albeit with different names and now made with polystyrene rather than balsa, the word 'foamie' hadn't been invented at the beginning of the century!

In total opposition to those long shiny antennas, I couldn't find any reference to Spektrum as a radio manufacturer, where did they come from and what happened to Futaba, Hitec and JR, why did they not survive the switch to 2.4Ghz? One brand that has managed to survive however is Chris Foss Designs with many of the same models available today.

Anyway let's forget yesterday let's get on with the now!

See you down the field Chris.



CHRIS FOSS DESIGNS	
Wot 4 Mk-3	£60.00
Wot 4 Mk-3 DLX	£79.00
Wot 4 Classic	£60.00
Acro Wot	£79.00
Acro Wot DLX	£79.00
Wots Wot	£91.00
Wots Wot DLX	£107.00
Middle Phase Primary	£118.00
Middle Phase Advance	£47.00
Phase 6 Sport or Pro	£65.00

July 2001



As many will know...

Dave Hoppe, Vice Chairman, long term member and good friend to us all had his long-awaited heart operation on Tuesday the 4th, but unfortunately (as at time of writing) the operation hadn't gone perfectly to plan and Dave is currently in intensive care, there has been some positives and his family are still hopeful for improvements during the coming days and weeks.

I am sure all our thoughts are with his family and we wish him a very swift recovery.

This weeks video...

OK just one more bit of old stuff, have a look at this video showing the early days of model flying, confirmation (if needed) in how far we have come in our sport / hobby.

<https://youtu.be/w4ryJqNCW18>



BANK HOLIDAYS !!!

On Bank Holiday Mondays we historically fly Sunday hours.

So flying on this coming Bank Holiday Monday will be ...

Both electric and I/C 10-00 until 13-00

We do this to ensure that our neighbours, who may be at home enjoying a Sunny Bank Holiday in their garden have no opportunity to be upset by our activities.

NEW MOWER...

... same old chairman.



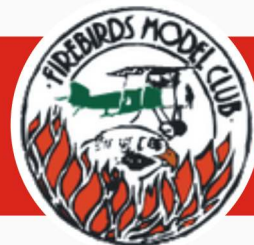
Firebirds Model Club

News, Views & Information - May 2021



It's soooo.... good to be back flying again!





Remember back in January 2021... When Geoff who was then in 'lockdown' wrote for the newsletter about how he was trying to re-create an authentic 1 channel (yes one channel), 1 button radio-controlled model, a re-creation from the 1960s? Well, he has done it, it has been to the field, it is ready to go.... Now Just waiting for the right weather – good luck Geoff.



Trolley Dolly extraordinaire... Paul has made a rather 'natty' trolley for getting his aeroplanes down to the pits, rather reminiscent of the Air-fix model stands from the aeroplanes we all made as children, this clever design has space around the base for his flight boxes and a string for pulling it along.



Here you see the trolley in use for testing Paul's model on the flight line, clever!



More 'action' down at the field.. (Haven't said that for while)



Below see... Allan's beautiful Cub AKA 'the growler', always good to see (and hear).



Below see.. Keith's 'scratch' built model, with homemade foam wings, he actually cut them using a li-po battery powered hot-wire. The original 'plan' was reputed to produce a very 'twitchy' model so Keith added a few inches to the fuselage to soften it's flight characteristics, 'success' she flies beautifully.





Do you ever get the feeling that somebody has fallen in love with their model? Only, it is very obvious that our Russell Lewis likes flying this model an awful lot (perhaps too much) and smiles constantly during every flight. True Love!



Note from Russell: The Thunderbolt has electric retracts and following a heavy landing he thought one had broken... But "no", says Russell a clever release mechanism had detached saving the mechanism from permanent damage, it just needed clipping back in place, easy!

CAA Renewal

I got an e-mail from the lovely people at the civil aviation authority, and having paid my £9, I now have to re-sticker all my models as they have changed the format of the given ID that we require to stick on our models. Bit annoying!

Don't forget, it is a legal requirement to register and to display your sticker on any model that you fly.

Civil Aviation Authority

Dear Christopher Fisher,

Your drone and model aircraft ID expires on 16/05/2021 and it's time to renew for the next 12 months.

Renewing costs £9 per year.

Remember, you must have a valid operator ID for any drones and model aircraft you're responsible for.

Renewing your operator ID

You can renew at the My registration area at:
<https://register-drones.caa.co.uk/my-registration>

You'll need your email address and date of birth to log in, and a credit or debit card to pay the renewal charge of £9.

Your renewal will last for 12 months from the current expiry date as long as you renew before your operator ID expires.



Have you checked your failsafe lately?

Why not ask a fellow member down the field to show you what happens when they switch off their transmitter with the model bound and ready to go? Failsafe should, as a minimum cut power and ideally bring the model down to ground in as gentle way as possible. If you do not know what failsafe is then speak to somebody that does. It can be very important !!

Model Air Shows are back



26th & 27th June 2021 - Nr Epping, Essex, CM16 6HR. <https://www.wingsnwheels.net/>



Reduced show (Camping only) June 2021

Full show September the 3rd to the 5th.

Nr Shifnal, Shropshire, TF11 8LE <http://www.westonparkmodelairshow.co.uk/>

STOP PRESS

Geoff Griffiths proof read this newsletter for me, he picked up on a couple of typos and also mentioned the following...

Futaba were actually using 2.4Ghz spread spectrum technology for about 16 years in their military wing before Spectrum came along.

That's why Futaba 2.4Ghz is bullet proof compare to the others 😊 they got it right first time and have never needed daft satellite aerials etc. 🙄

There is an awful lot of knowledge in our flying club. (Ed.)



Flying times:

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

* NO NIGHT FLYING

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.

Another problems with the lock on the gate!

There has been a couple of cases recently where the lock used by our neighbours has been locked in a way that prevented our lock being undone. A few members know the code for our neighbours lock, so if this happens, please ask (it wouldn't be right to publish it in our newsletter)



And finally..

We have new recruits..

As the old mower had become potentially dangerous the committee held back on allowing any new members to join the 'mowing team'. However now that we have that sorted, we have some new recruits. (They will soon realise how boring mowing can become when it's twice a week in the summer months...)

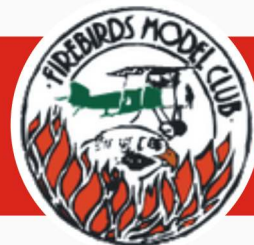
Because of safety it is recommend that there are at least 2 on site while mowing .

Hopefully these new recruits can now team up with existing members of the mowing team, more hands make for lighter work!! Well done Paul and Rob.



Firebirds Model Club

News, Views & Information - May 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.

Russell Lewis

023 8056 1397

russell@pilot1.co.uk

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.

Chairman	Russell Lewis	023 8056 1397	russell@pilot1.co.uk
Vice Chair	Dave Hoppe	07704 826343	davehoppehome@gmail.com
Treasurer	Alan Shergold	07973 221915	alanshergold@hotmail.co.uk
Secretary	Rob Cope	07795 996549	copes02@ntlworld.com
PRO	Peter Clark	07867 557964	psclark911@hotmail.com
Flying Site Rep.	Vacancy		
Safety Officer	Geoff Griffiths	023 9265 5931	ggriffiths@hotmail.com
Membership Sec.	Keith Warwick	07887 486040	keithw11@hotmail.co.uk

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.