



**Firebirds BBQ
announcement will appear
here soon !**

Dear Fellow Firebirds Club Members

Another month with some flying in it, now that's what I call a 'result', Russell and I also went to the Weston Park model show last month and, although it felt a bit weird, it was good to be out of the house and amongst people.

One thing to note this month is.. not once have I charged my batteries indoors since seeing Pete's photos last week. See picture on the right of my batteries charging outside in the garden, in a tin, while I type this newsletter indoors in my office. (note: the smaller charger was bought at 'Roger's auction', I still think of him).

No need for a great big long Newsletter anymore, we can all meet up down the field for a chat! Happy days...

If you do have something for the Newsletter please do let me have it.

See you down the field

Chris.

AN OBSERVATION... There is a definite theme in this newsletter, and in the comments bring made down the field... If you are feeling crap (sorry mum), struggling with health issues or Covid has simply knocked the stuffing out of you. YOU are not alone! As a member of the Firebirds Model club YOU are welcome to come down to the field anytime for a chat, even if you leave the aeroplane at home. (Ed.) on behalf of all club members.





Dave is on the mend.

Our Russell Lewis rang Dave at home last weekend, and although he has a little way to go, he is now firmly on the mend, the doctors say he may be able to drive again within a few weeks, although flying might take a little longer.

Well done Dave, you had us all very worried for a little while.

Indian Curry Night...

As many of you may know Raj, a recently re-joining member to the club owns and runs an Indian restaurant in Highlands Road Fareham, 'Highlands Tandori'.

Raj says if a group of us wanted to go for a meal on an off-peak day (i.e. not Friday or Saturday) he would 'look after us', anybody fancy a Firebirds Curry night? I certainly do (Ed.)

If anybody wants to go I am happy to collate a list ? With partners or without ? Perhaps a Tuesday or Wednesday Night?...

If going as a group isn't your thing still consider supporting Raj's restaurant and say Hi from me.

John Williams...

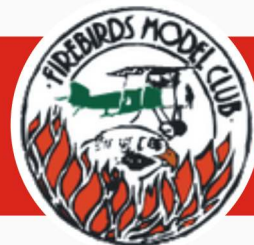
... is a very nice man but following an incident last year he has decided not to fly anymore and has decided to hang up his transmitter for good (in-fact he sold it to Raj!).

When I last saw John, we were talking about his carrying on as an active member and visitor to the flying club and to the field. I think I speak on behalf of all members, being a nonflying member is not a problem, you are still a member and welcome down the field and at events! See you down the field soon John! (And thank you for the batteries you gave me I flew with them last weekend (Ed.)).

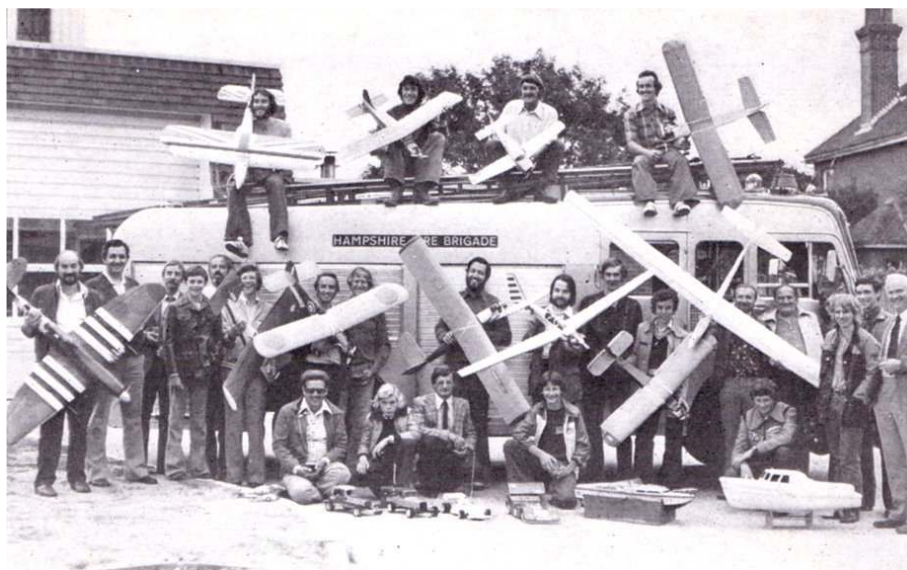
Model Boating

I promise, this newsletter isn't all about John Williams, but during that conversation with John (above) we also discussed making and piloting model boats, something he is starting to get in to. It would appear that John is not alone as several other members also said that they had made / are piloting model boats (secretly on the side) and.... I don't know if this is a confession or not, but this photo (right) was taken in my own shed (Ed.)... I too have a 'project' model boat on the list of things to do!





Now.. seems like an opportune moment to insert this picture.



I have always loved this picture as it says so much about the club and it's heritage.. and included in the picture are ... BOATS !! An added bonus with boats is there is no CAA registration or BMFA fees.

Kik

There have been a few murmurings on KIK this month about KIK being a bit clunking on some phones, perhaps iPhones and that some members would be happier with other products like WhatsApp.

The committee want to say that they don't really mind how individual members keep in touch with each other (or not) but that the reason KIK was chosen was because it doesn't require the sharing of any personal information i.e. mobile phone numbers, e-mail addresses etc. as some members don't want their personal details made available.

It is also to be noted that KIK was originally intended for members to say if they were going flying, not really as the social media platform that it has started to become. If members are happy with the way things are then for now let's leave it as it is, if members want to create their own personal groups outside the club, then that too is fine, we could then just use KIK for the 'I am going flying' messages.

Good Year Blimp

Members at the flying site on Thursday the 1st July had a real treat when this Good Year blimp flew over, and just to make it clear, this wasn't a model it was huge !





Firebirds BBQs soon to be a reality again.

Russell has spoken to the Farmers and as they now know we are a sensible 'lot' they have agreed that we can have Barbeques at the site (except when they are making hay), so watch this space for a few prospective BBQ dates.. and that includes you John Williams (there he is again!)

IMPORTANT Lock.... 'NOT' Showing code.....

When you unlock the padlock make sure you lock it back up and mix the numbers even while we are on site, otherwise the number will get known by people that shouldn't know them and worse somebody could steal the lock!

I know it's a mess but... (Chris Fisher's Shed)

... While I was taking the picture of the boat I took this picture of my whole shed, there is rather a lot of model aeroplanes in the picture for someone who claims not to be in to model flying! Notably there are at least another 4 or 5 models not in this picture!



PHYSICALLY IMPOSSIBLE..?

I watched this video last month and whilst interesting I thought nothing more of it, but then Geoff Griffiths also mentioned it.. of all the millions of YouTube videos we both watched this... perhaps you might find it interesting ?

* VIDEO LINK >>>* <https://youtu.be/jyQwgBAaBag>





A **BIG** REMINDER !

DON'T BUY ANYTHING MODEL RELATED UNTIL YOU HAVE SPOKEN TO 'OUR' KEVIN



Kevin has boxes of Motors, servos, batteries, receivers and more.. All for Sale!

Models for Sale top – down, left to right. **Thrust Max Riot XL – ready to go.** Yak ARTF electric. **Ripmax Spitfire Electric with servos Balsawood.** ARTF Super Sporster. **Large trojan E-flight with motor and speed controller.** Small Electric Mustang.

Contact Kevin direct on – 07756403119 (he only lives in Eastleigh)



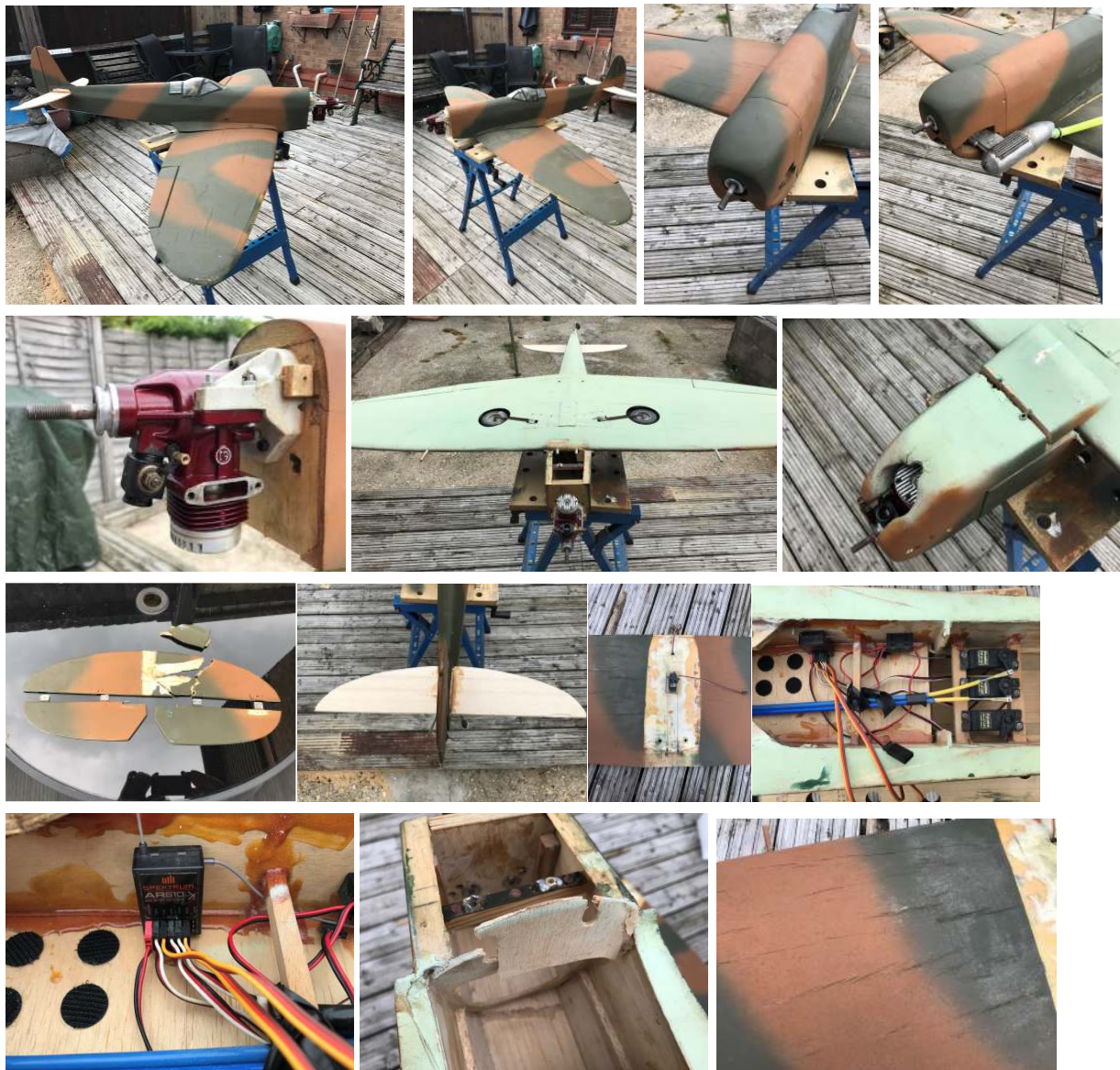
Hi Firebirds Model Club.... From Rob Fenn

I have a spitfire for sale if anyone is interested, it's a bit of a project.

It was last flown at Poplars Farm. It took a tumble on take-off and sustained some damage. I have tried to do some repairs to the tail plane without much success. It has since been stored in my garage for a few years. I have tried to show this clearly in the pictures.

Wingspan is 65 inches (165 cm). All balsa including the wings. Engine is an Irvine 61. The engine has done less than 2 hours since new. It has retracts. All servos are fitted. RX included (Spektrum AR610) Fuel tank. No propeller.

In-fact everything is there to fly once it is airworthy, except the prop. I have no idea what price to put it at but the engine should be worth at least £80. All offers will be considered.



Contact Rob Fenn. fennr@sky.com or 07779 606123



And from Somebody we don't know....

We received the following e-mail during the month, we are not sure where Sid is, but he wrote...

Dear Firebirds Model club,

Subject: aircraft for sale

Due to health reasons I am having to sell my aircraft. Would it be possible for you to circulate the attached list to your members please. I am hoping to contact as many clubs as I can in the southern region.

I have for sale...

Multiplex Fun Cub, good condition little use, including receiver and a 3 cell 2200 lipo batt. £150.

Hyperion Edge including receiver and 3 lipo batts 3700mh. £40

60 ins wing span Zero converted to electric, takes 6 cell lipo,

Including receiver. £45.

ST models Salto Glider 1806mm wing span, retractable ducted fan motor. Including receiver. £50.

ST models DG1000 glider, 2010mm wing span. £30.

Libelle discus launch glider by dream flight. £40.

DX7 transmitter, £45.

DX5 transmitter, £20

Contact, Syd Davis 07702254212

Or sydybirani@yahoo.co.uk

Thank you,

Syd Davis.

No problem Syd it's done (Ed.)



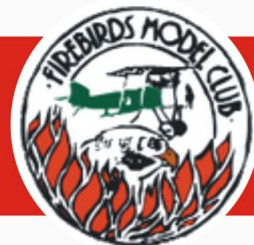
Model Air Shows are back



Images above from the June 2021 Airshow, the Full show is September the 3rd to the 5th.

<http://www.westonparkmodelairshow.co.uk/>

It is rumoured that they are going to have a full-size Eurofighter fly-past at the September show, it's almost worth going just for that!



Alan Shergold another triumphant model

This model suffered a nasty twist in it's wing when first built but Alan managed to straighten it and she now flies really well, she is seen here being piloted by Geoff for it's maiden flight.



A KIK Message from Martin

He wrote...

Good morning Gents.
I've been following all of your chats, with lots of flying and some new members I still need to meet. Unfortunately Covid hasn't been good for us back at the ranch but things are starting to look up now including a new puppy. So, hopefully be flying again at the end of the summer, if Alan will be doing one of his fantastic BBQ's then it might be earlier.
Martin.

in reply...

Hi Martin

Sorry to hear Covid hasn't been good to you, many of the conversations down the field are about how hard the last 18 months have been and the effects of Covid on many of us.

It's good to hear that you are keeping an eye on us via KIK and you, like many of us are looking forward to a good Barbeque, it shouldn't be long now.

Meanwhile even if you don't fly, please feel free to come down and visit us at the field, you can always bring a flask and a sandwich.

See you soon

(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.

STOP PRESS...

Russell got an e-mail from Graham Barker this week, and as some of you may know he has been rather poorly, but he wanted Russell to pass on his good wishes to all members.

He wrote...

"I am not able to fly at the moment, but I would sure like to come to a BBQ.

Are any planed for a future week end, or is covid stopping all those sort of events???

Please send my best to all in the club and I look forward to resuming flying again.

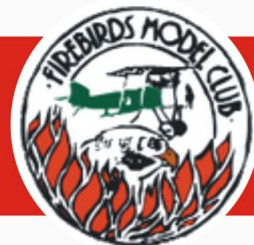
Best.

Graham. "

Hi Graham you don't have to wait for a Barbeque, you are always welcome to come on to the flying field and say hello, you are a fully paid up member! And just in case I forget ... Note to all members: "Don't forget to tell Graham when we have our 1st Barbeque". (Ed.)

Firebirds Model Club

News, Views & Information - July 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

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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.