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**THIS YEAR'S CHRISTMAS  
PARTY IS A MUST !  
(Includes AGM)**  
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Dear Fellow Firebirds Club Members

I made it through another year of doing the newsletter, but please don't forget if anybody wants a go the job is up for grabs at the AGM ! 😊

Thankfully this month I don't need to write too much and don't need to waffle on because I will see you all the Christmas Party next Wednesday.

Chris.

## **BIG IMPORTANT MESSAGE**

**Christmas Party and AGM – Wednesday [NOT THURSDAY] 15th December**  
arrival from 7pm, AGM at 7.30pm Christmas Party and draw from 8pm.

As in the past, the club have organised a buffet, but this year due to reduced club funds we are asking for a £2 per person donation to cover costs. (Club finances will be discussed during the AGM).

As always Partners etc. are most Welcome.

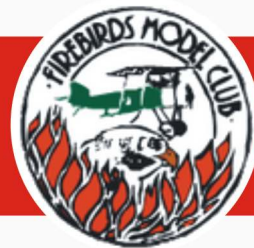
## **AGM**

As mentioned above we will squeeze an AGM in before the Christmas party begins.

Next year's fees will be voted on during this meeting and renewal fees can be paid on the night.

Anybody not renewing before the end of December will not be able to fly from the 1st January.

**PLEASE NOTE: Covid has not gone away, we are just learning to live with it, please bring a mask with you especially for use at the buffet. \*\* PLEASE CONSIDER TAKING A LATERAL FLOW TEST BEFORE ATTENDING IF YOU HAVE ONE AVAILABLE \*\* DO NOT ATTEND IF YOU HAVE COVID SYMPTOMS.**



## THIS YEARS RAFFLE / DRAW.

The draw will be held at the Christmas Party and, as in the past winners can pick whichever prize, they like from those remaining at the time their number is drawn. If you have bought tickets but cannot attend please let somebody know what prizes you would like (if you win), otherwise a member of the committee will try and 'best guess' what prize you would want (from those remaining) and their decision will be final. Raffle tickets are still on sale and will still be available on the night.

and.. THE RAFFLE PRIZES !! OVER £500s worth !! as follows....



A Max Thrust ARTF, ready for your choice of IC or electric. Wingspan 1380mm



A Volantex 742-7 Phoenix 1600 EPO Composite R/C Glider



A H-King Hawker Hurricane Mk IIB (PNF) 750mm (30") w/6 Axis ORX Flight Stabilizer



A Ripmax p51 Mustang ARTF

And many other items including - A Set of 4 Servos, A Hacker motor, A 6CH DSM2 DSMX Compatible Receiver With Satellite, A Sealing Iron, A Combi Plane... A cuddly Toy ?... perhaps 😊





## Changes to Flying hours.

Due to the very low Sun around lunchtime making it very difficult to see from our winter flying area the committee have asked for temporary permission from our landlord for us to fly from 10am during weekdays. See revised flying times at the end of the newsletter.

## Anybody's Garage full of aeroplanes?

I saw this picture on Facebook and it made me smile



## Paul goes SOLO !



## Congratulations Paul

## THANK YOU...

A big 'Thank You' to Lee Fryer who after many years as a club examiner has hung up his examiners hat, Lee continues as an extremely valuable member of the club and his advice is always appreciated.



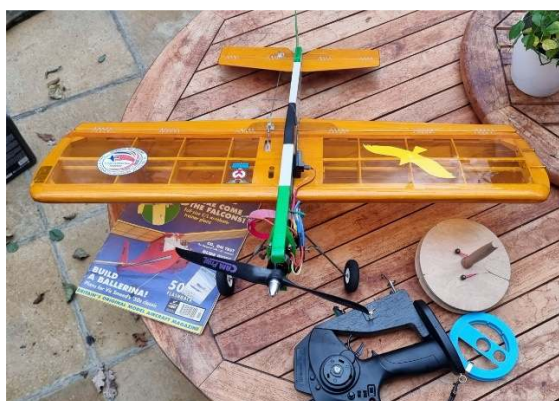
## Down at the field.

Flying from the 'new' winter pitch appears to be working well.



## Tony Knight... a true aero-modeller

I (Ed.) met up with Tony Knight during the month (I bought a little heli off of him) and while I was there, he showed me couple of control line models that he had made, very impressive indeed. At the moment Tony is working on some autogiro models, hopefully we will see them down the field next year. Tony also said he was looking for a second-hand Hummer if anybody had one?... I know what you're thinking a great big American truck.. no, apparently it is also a model aeroplane, if you have one for sale perhaps speak to him at the Christmas Party.





A trip Down memory Lane. (I had one of these around 20 years ago Ed.)

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## HELICOPTERS

*At last: powered flight with no time limit!*

Sheafight  
**Hoverfly**  
The indoor electric helicopter

◆ Fly straight from the box  
◆ Duration flying  
◆ No weather worries  
◆ Generous 3.5m command line  
◆ Tough enough for worry-free training  
◆ Use standard TX control (not supplied)

RRP - £194.95 inc VAT

On-board power supply    Electro-cyclic control processor    Gyroscopic rate-gyro system    On-board transmitter

The **Hoverfly** is a revolutionary, easy to fly miniature electric helicopter that flies right out of the box. The ingenious patented Electro-cyclic control system provides the full cyclic, yaw and collective functions of the larger 30 and 60 size outdoor models.

Hovering, nose-in flying, circuits, pirouettes etc. can all be accomplished in the smallest of domestic spaces by the competent heli flier. Even the experts find it fun, but the extreme mechanical simplicity and ruggedness make the **Hoverfly** ideal for the beginner.

It was never easier for the beginner or for those making the upgrade from fixed wing to prepare themselves in their own home for the joys of helicopter flying, independent of weather, daylight and flying site. Fly from the comfort of your own armchair!

- Small size - perfect for indoor flight.
- Realistic flying parameters - eases transition to larger outdoor models.
- Precision tail control - with a sub-miniature yaw rate demand gyroscope.
- Unlimited flight duration - no batteries required, uses a mains power unit and a thin, unobtrusive tether (3.5 meters).
- Simple and robust mechanics The brains are in the Electro-cyclic collective-cyclic control and the electronic rate gyro.
- Easy and economic repairs All parts available from the UK manufacturer.
- R/C transmitter-friendly Operates from standard TX with minimum of four channels.
- Ready to fly - with 240v power unit, system controller, training undercarriage, decal kit, connecting leads and instructions.



**Part # H101**



**I Found this on the Internet Ed.** (It might be helpful to somebody sometime).



## AL'S HOBBIES SPEKTRUM™ APPROVED UK REPAIR SERVICE AGENT

Al's Hobbies are an approved Spektrum service centre for the UK. We carry out Spektrum RC repairs, using genuine Spektrum parts and processes to the manufacturer's standards.

Mr Garry Brace who has 12 years of experience as Spektrum senior service technician performs every repair and ensures that they are both swift and economical.

### Warranty Repairs and Returns

For faults and repairs within warranty period, we advise you contact Logic RC as the UK distributor for Spektrum RC products.

Tel: +44(0)1992 558226 (Option 3) EMAIL: [email@logicrc.com](mailto:email@logicrc.com)

### REPAIRS AND RETURNS NOT COVERED BY WARRANTY

If you have a Spektrum™ item that has a non-warranty fault. Such as, you have a broken switch, antenna or maybe even a stick assembly. Al's Hobbies can assist you with these repairs, at a reasonable rate. Our standard hourly labour charge for repairs is £10.00 per 15-mins\* plus £4.00 to £8.00 UK mainland postage for small items and £9.00 for UK mainland larger items (i.e. transmitters). Currently we have facilities to repair most Spektrum™ items. Typical turn-around is 1-2 weeks.

**PLEASE NOTE:** We are no longer able to offer an inspection or repair service on the following Spektrum Transmitters:

- First generation Dx6 (all gray, DSM only)
- First generation DX7 (Grey case with chrome bezel).
- All DX7s and DX8 Generation 1 Sets (Chroma case) - Only certain parts are still available
- First and Second generation DX18
- Dx10T and all tray radios.

**PLEASE ALSO NOTE:** It is also commonly the case that we cannot repair receivers. If you have a receiver with a fault, please call before sending in to us, as we want to avoid any disappointment.

- We do not offer service on AR7200 or AR7210BX flybarless control systems.

\*Al's Hobbies withhold the right to alter the chargeable hourly rate stated at any time without prior notice.

### TRANSMITTER HEALTH CHECK+

A Spektrum™ transmitter health check is now available for a fee of £30.00 including return postage (UK Mainland only). To submit your Spektrum™ transmitter for an Al's Hobbies health check service, please send the item in to us with a covering note detailing that you wish to receive a 'transmitter health check', return address and contact details. We will perform the health check and contact you for payment on completion.



Last few 2021 pictures from our summer pitch.

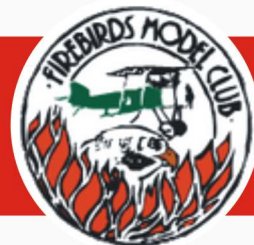


## Firebirds Model Club Fees for 2022 (to be discussed and confirmed at the AGM)

Senior £75 plus (for most) BMFA Fee for a Senior £40 = £115

This is just £10 more than we were paying in 2016 so represents excellent value.

You can pay your fees at the Christmas Party (following the AGM and voting)



**NEW Flying times : (from December 2021)**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Quiet / Electric	Electric & I/C	Electric & I/C	Electric & I/C	Quiet / Electric	Electric & I/C until 2pm then Quiet / Electric until 4pm	Electric & I/C
10-00	10-00	10-00	10-00	10-00	10-00	10-00
20-00 or dusk NO NIGHT FLYING	16-00	16-00	16-00	20-00 or dusk NO NIGHT FLYING	16-00	13-00

**Or put another way:**

<i>Quiet / Electric – NOW everyday of the week</i>		
Monday	10-00	20-00 (or dusk) NO NIGHT FLYING
Tuesday	10-00	16-00
Wednesday	10-00	16-00
Thursday	10-00	16-00
Friday	10-00	20-00 (or dusk) NO NIGHT FLYING
Saturday	10-00	16-00
Sunday	10-00	13-00

<i>Electric &amp; I/C – Five days a week</i>		
Monday	NO FLYING	
Tuesday	10-00	16-00
Wednesday	10-00	16-00
Thursday	10-00	16-00
Friday	NO FLYING	
Saturday	10-00	14-00
Sunday	10-00	13-00

**'Bank Holiday' exceptions to the above.**

**Good Friday 10am - 1pm (electric and IC)**

**EASTER SUNDAY ... NO flying!!**

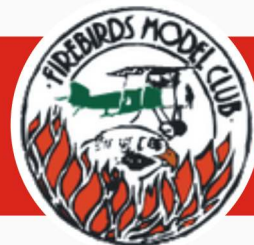
**ALL BANK Holiday Mondays - 10am - 1pm (electric and IC)**

**CHRISTMAS DAY... NO flying!!**



# Firebirds Model Club

News, Views & Information - December 2021



## 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.

## Club Information

This section gives a summary of club services and contact details.

### External Events

If you need more details on any particular event, then go to <https://bmfa.org/Contests-Events/Contest-and-Event-Calendar>.

### 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.**