



MARCH 2022

*"Spring is just
around the corner !"*

Dear Fellow Firebirds Club Members

As many of you will be aware I have been on a 'short' holiday and hence why there wasn't a newsletter last month and, to be honest having been back only a few days, time has been short, so this newsletter is going to be shorter than I would like too.

While I was away there was much good news regarding the Covid pandemic with most countries around the world reporting better figures regarding infections, hospital admissions etc. Then, sadly the awful news from the Ukraine with yet again a feeling of powerlessness. Even more reason to fly model aircraft and take our minds off the terrible things that are happening in a country not far from us.

While I was away I did manage to experience some small exposure to our hobby when I visited a flying club in San Diego and I also visited an excellent Aircraft Museum at Pima near Tucson (I do wish some of you were there to tell me the history of some of the aircraft).

Anyway like I say on with the (short) March 2022 Newsletter.

Chris

P.S. Please excuse any errors in this newsletter it has been done in a bit of a rush...

*** DON'T FORGET YOUR CAA REGISTRATION AND ATTACH YOUR ID STICKER TO EACH MODEL ***



From Pete Clark

This is a 3d printed Mirage with a 70mm fan and airbrushed with stencils by me. The mirage will have Ukrainian markings when I get round to it.



This the other one (below) that I just finished printing, it will have a pusher engine and prop, I have yet to paint it and put everything in it but it already looks pretty good. It's printed with light weight PLA plastic filament at £35 a roll so not cheap but I can just about get 1 plane out of a roll.





Yeah ! Pat Parsons, he's still alive!

I (Ed.) got a short e-mail message from Pat last month saying..

“yep still ok, but been very busy, the local hospice loved the windmill, so I built them a small wheel barrow for the children in the hospital, now I am doing a scooter cum trike for them to enjoy, and play on, wow how do I find time to be chairman of a flying club!”

Good to hear your OK Pat, hopefully see you down in Hampshire soon.

An interesting You-Tube Video

Rob Cope suggested this video and said..

“It looks a bit dodgy on the legal front now, but is fun none-the-less.”

Click this link https://youtu.be/IOVcixR2F_8



Can you tell what it is yet?

And.. another interesting video

This video was found on the BMFA Facebook page

<https://fb.watch/b6W4rQxeOy/>

8mm home movies, taken at
the British Model Aircraft
National Championships
at RAF Hullavington,
between 1965 and 1968.

I was only born in 1965 !! (Ed.)



FIREBIRDS MODEL CLUB Committee meeting – February 2022

Treasurer's Report – members should have received this by separate e-mail. New mower has been run and all OK. Club Night Programme – To be announced as things open up after CoViD-19 (aiming for 4 this year). Membership is down and we are now actively looking for new members. Old mower has been sold Russell and Keith to arrange collection. New mower belts need ordering (RL).

Sad News, letter received from Tony Knight

Tony wrote to the committee this month and has decided not to renew his membership this year. He is looking to move house and doesn't think he will be able to find much time for flying.

Tony says he will pop up to the field one weekend for a natter.

We will miss you Tony..

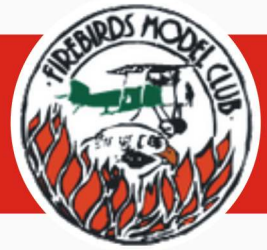
San Diego (California) Electric flying club

Whilst in the USA, I couldn't help but find a model flying club to visit. If anybody knows the SOCAL area I found one at Mission Bay on the approach road to Sea World (you can see Sea World in the background of the picture below). The guys in the picture are Al and Rob, we had a long chat and found that modellers in the USA have all the same problems with legislation etc., at their club that we do in the UK. Unfortunately, due to the proximity of San Diego international airport they are limited to 200ft, but Al still managed to get in an excellent flight despite the windy conditions.

Al and Rob if you have read this get in touch to say Hi and Thank you for your time 😊

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THIS YEARS FEES

Club fees for 2022 were agreed at the AGM / Christmas party and are now due.

Adult club membership fee for 2022 is £75. The BMFA fee is £40 so the Total payable for most members is £115. If you are a country BMFA member you will just pay the £75 to the club.

NOTE: The above excludes the CAA licencing charges, which like last year the club recommends members do directly with the CAA, and remember your 2022 renewal could be very soon for many.

Paying your membership.

OPTION 1.

Find a committee members letterbox and drop it in.

OPTION 2. By post –

Send a cheque to

Firebirds Model club
c/o 6 Maytree Close
Locksheath
Southampton
SO31 6NQ

OPTION 3. By Bank transfer

Account name: WARWICK KA (he's our membership secretary)

Sort code: 55-70-05

Account number: 75528037

***IMPORTANT *** Use a reference: Your Initial Your Surname and FB (for Firebirds)

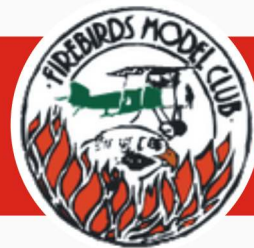
Example: K Warwick FB

NOTICE

You must have paid your fees to be able to fly after the 1st January.

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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:

Quiet / Electric – NOW everyday of the week		
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

Electric & I/C – Five days a week		
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' exeptions 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!!

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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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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.