



JULY
2023

Popham Model Show

September 2nd and 3rd

Happy July everybody!

And... Sorry Everyone, it's been a busy month for me including plenty of time spent down the field so, unfortunately this July edition of the Newsletter is rather later than normal.

The Newsletter is also rather short on actual 'Club' news and 'Club' information, the truth is, during the summer months we are just able to do what we enjoy. We can spend time down at the field, enjoying the weather chatting with our mates and improving our flying skills.

So, what you have this month is a 'hotch-potch' collection of news and other 'bits-and-pieces' that I have collected during the month, hopefully some of it you will find entertaining.

See you all down the field soon.

Chris

P.S. A member asked to see my CAA sticker this month and to see me check my failsafe so somebody must be reading the newsletters! Well done that member.. Safety affects all of us... Thankfully my sticker was attached and my failsafe worked.



Popham Model Air Show.

As the newsletter is a bit late in the month and it's nearly Aug... by the time you read this, the Popham Model show could only be a few weeks away. The Popham model Air show is our 'local' show and still in it's infancy, please support if you can. <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/popham-model-show-2023-tickets-428770132007>



Early bird discount

Saturday, 2 September

Popham Model Show 2023

Popham Airfield brings together hobbyists, professionals, the general public for our biggest ever model show.

Early bird
Visitor ADULT
Weekend
access

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£8.00

1425 Remaining

Sales end on 17 Sep 2023

A couple of videos I found on You-Tube



Model Planes (1954) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ln9wOfIrxQE&t=61s>



Kids Don't Fly RC Planes. Here's Why. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Dvg-T6S2vdQ&t=5s>



What is it with people and Volkswagens?

Perhaps Volkswagen enthusiasts should just bite the bullet and join a local flying club!



What is the difference between these 2 models?

I saw these advertised on Banggood at the same time on the same day.. why such different prices?



1/10

£250.24

Inclusive of VAT

Price ... 560

RadioMaster TX16S Mark II MAX V4.0
Hall Gimbal 4-IN-1 ELRS Multi-protocol
Radio Controller Support EdgeTX/
OpenTX Built-in Dual Speakers Mode...

★★★★★ (40)

(CN) Free Shipping on order over £39.71

Buy Now

Add to Cart



5/6

£216.08

£246.27 -12%

Inclusive of VAT

Price ... 836

RadioMaster TX16S Mark II V4.0 Hall
Gimbal 4-IN-1 ELRS Multi-protocol
Radio Controller Support EdgeTX/
OpenTX Built-in Dual Speakers Mode...

★★★★★ (63)

(CN) Free Shipping on order over £39.71

Buy Now

Add to Cart



What ever happened to flight stands?

I haven't seen anybody using a flight stand lately, everybody I have seen has been scrabbling around on the floor, surely they haven't gone out of fashion? Bring back the flight Stand!



How much more space is there in the sky ?

A Flight tracker report during the last month, suggests a new record of 134386 flights in the sky at the same time.. That's a lot of aeroplanes.



Why shouldn't you buy expensive glue on a market stall at an amazing price?

When you visit shows there is always one of those stands with boxes and boxes of tools, tools you know you will need one day, tools you don't know what they're for, tools that come from sets where bits's are missing, you know the stall I am talking about. Prices are normally inviting, a £1 or £2 per item and before you know it you have spent a tenner!.. Personally I always presume that the tools are not going to last, but still end up spending that tenner. BUT.. if you see glue for sale at an amazing price, be careful, I bought a bottle of Gorilla glue (ideal for fixing foamies) £4 instead of the normal £6 or £7.. however when I tried to use it, it was almost off, obviously old stock. BEWARE!!





New Member? Thinking of Joining our Club?

Well there is no better time to join, best weather and reduced BMFA fees!! The club will also be able to discuss reduced fees for new members. Go on.. do it now.. Contact details at the foot of this newsletter.

Remember the month before last month.



I said that I bought a new model from Banggood..

Remember Last month

I reported Keith liked the plane so much he had already ordered one.

Well, this month

Keith was seen down the field flying his new model.. I am sure his flies better than mine!



THANK YOU TO ALL OUR MEMBERS FOR...

Thank you to all members for... their understanding, following multiple confusions last month over the BBQ day / date and to members for not flying and allowing our neighbours to use the car parks for their event. You never know when the friendship of our neighbours will be needed.





Oops of the Month



THANK YOU TO ALAN and DEBBIE.

So despite the weekend of confusion we did manage to do the Barbeque the very next weekend and with the event being well attended and the food perfectly cooked we had a lovely and very sociable time. The weather was pleasant but a bit windy. Thanks again go to Alan and Debbie for organising everything.



THANK YOU TO PADMAC

Although members didn't know, PADMAC heard that we couldn't fly during that 'weekend of confusion' and our committee were contacted by one of PADMAC's committee who offered for our members to fly that weekend at their site.

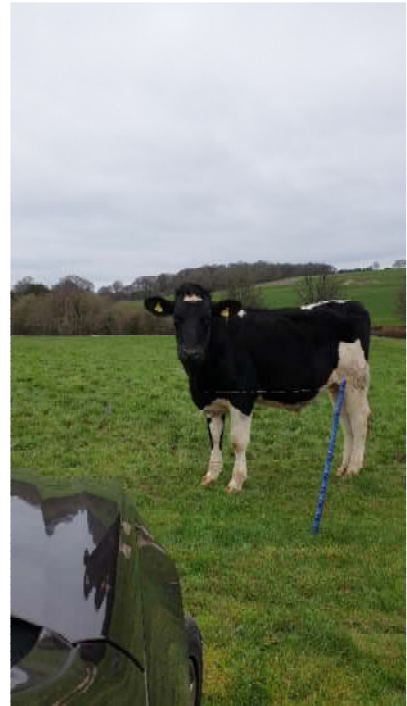
Thank you PADMAC for being good friends of the Firebirds, however as the weather (wind) became un-flyable, there seemed little point in letting everybody know.

Thank you again PADMAC.



Memories of our time flying at PADMAC's flying site

Whilst thinking about PADMAC, I went through and found some old photos of our time sharing the PADMAC site. What's your favourite memory? Or... worst, the cows perhaps?



I would be interested to see that foam wing of Pete's fly again... The 2 photos of Richard Scrivener include the same 2 models that we bought at the Weston park swap meet last month, a Tundra and a Slow Poke. Richard has been absent from our flying field for a little while, but now feeling better, he has now been sneaking back and putting a few flights in, good to see you Richard.

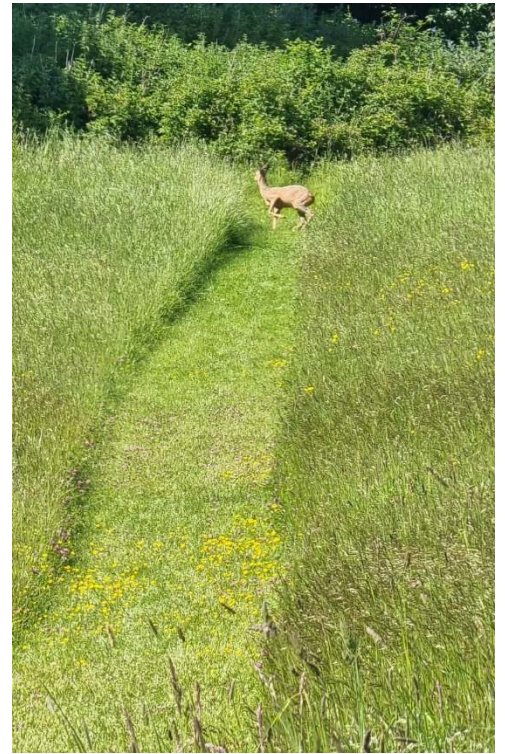


I know a few PADMAC members still read our Newsletter so Hello to you ..



REASONS TO JOIN A MODEL FLYING CLUB No. 132

What other type of club allows you to sit, in the sunshine, with your buddies watching the wildlife, the kites being chased by the crows and the deer hiding in the long grass.



I guess the only other option is to become a Farmer ☺





FOR MOST PEOPLE A £200 ELECTRIC FOAMY IS ENOUGH..

But not for our Geoff he has been working on this model for many years and used the opportunity of a windy day to test his 7-cylinder radial engine. Alas this model may be too large to fly at our current site.



Geoff wrote: The model is a Bucker Jungmeister and the engine is most definitely a radial and not a rotary! Nearly every plane on all sides at the beginning of WW1 had rotary engines. In a rotary engine the crankshaft is attached to the plane, and all the cylinders go around with the prop. No throttle, just ignition on or off! Incredible! Must have been quite a challenge to fly a plane with effectively an enormous gyroscope on the front!



HAVE YOU BEEN MISSING FROM THE FLYING FIELD?

Below see I photo of Lee Fryer who hadn't been seen at the field for many months, apparently he has been touring Spain and the UK in his camper van, good to see you back Lee. There are a few other members that we haven't seen down the field for a while if you one of them, don't be shy, even if you don't have anything ready to fly, come on down!



Club Rules do allow socialising away from the field !

Afternoon Tea at a local garden centre when it was too wet and windy to fly.



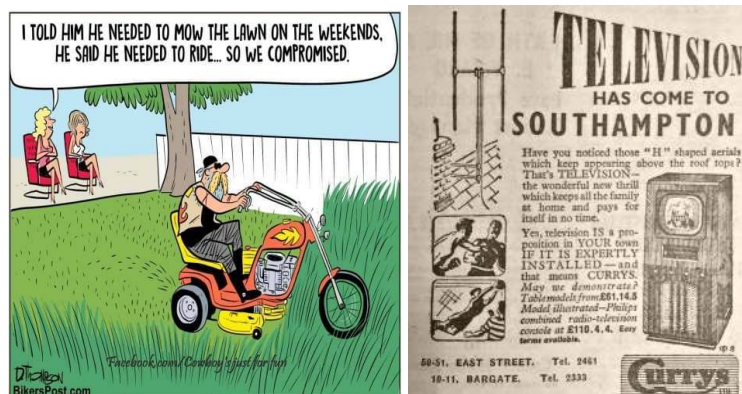
Allan Hardingham's wonderful Decota



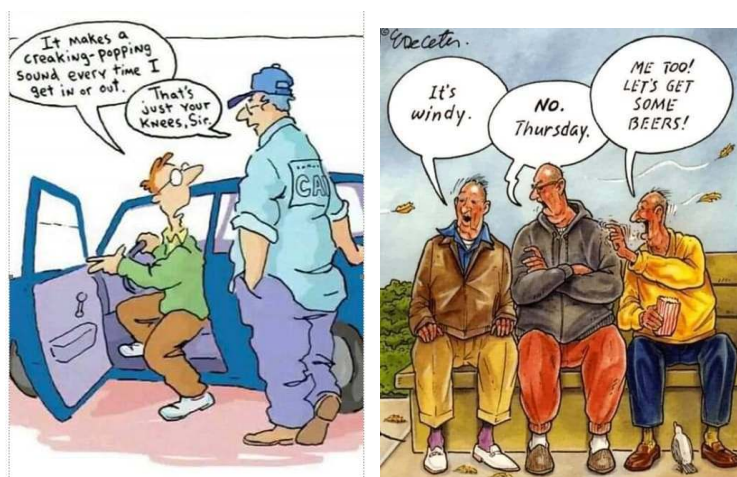


Let's get personal

Although this newsletter is for everybody, sometimes I see things that might be of interest to individual members of the club, can anybody guess who I thought might find these interesting?



And now back to something that applies to most of us...



DAVE.. DO WE NEED A BLAST PAD?

This image made me think of Dave Dunford and his orange cones, haven't seen you lately Dave?





WHEN YOU ARE OUT AND ABOUT!

When you are out and about, you never know what you might see, this 'secret' spitfire is in Salisbury.



A PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

Although now retired, I can't help but remember the job I used to do which often involved rescuing people subjected to internet scams and computer viruses. Reminder to everyone do not click on the links in e-mails unless you are absolutely sure it is legitimate. So what prompted this Public service announcement? See below a phishing e-mail sent to the club recently, we certainly don't have a TV licence!!



You're about to lose your licence.

Dear firebirdsmodelclub@outlook.com,

Oops Something went wrong with your payment.

We're sorry to let you know that the TV License could not be automatically renewed.



Our KEVIN still has some 'bits and pieces for sale'.

A few complete model planes

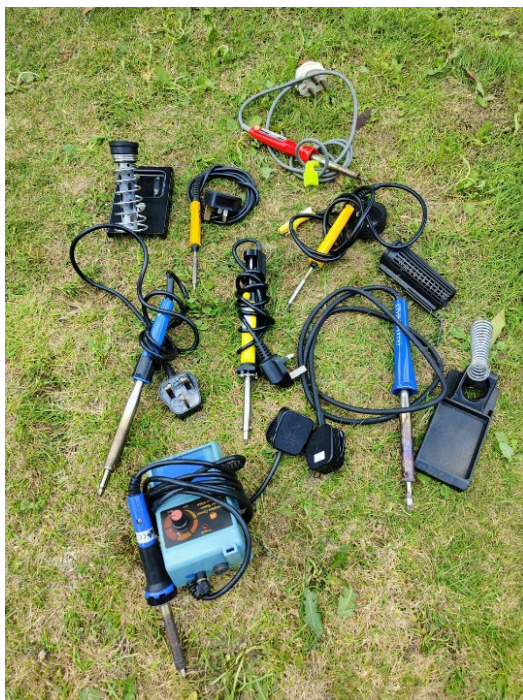


Some tool Boxes full of stuff

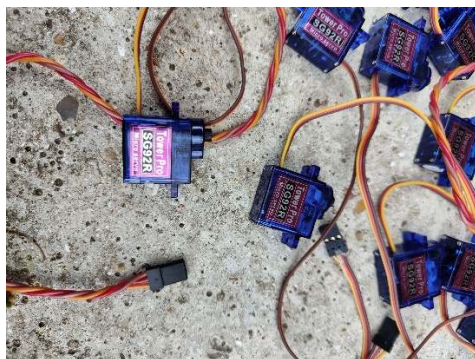




Several Soldering irons and modelling irons



Absolutely loads of servos





A few Transmitters.



Various 'odds and sods'



And an empty box! 😊



If you are interested in anything perhaps contact Kevin via WhatsApp



Firebirds Bequeathed a Collection



Items were taken to the Barbeque where new owners were found, except for the Hawk which is going to go on to eBay. All monies raised to go to club funds. The white one is, I think still looking for a new home. Speak to Alan Shergold if interested.

STOP PRESS.. the Hawk did Sell on eBay but the winning bidder didn't pay.. so will be re-auctioned again soon.



This would have been very impressive

We are not the only ones affected by the weather.

King's coronation fly-past formation

16 helicopters

- 3 x Juno HT1s
- 3 x Wildcats
- 2 x Merlin Mark 2
- 2 x Apaches
- 2 x Merlin Mark 4
- 3 x Chinooks
- 1 x Puma HC2

Battle of Britain Memorial Flight

- 1 x Lancaster
- 2 x Spitfires and 2 x Hurricanes

1 x Phenom T1 and 4 x Texan T1s

1 x A400M Atlas

2 x C-130J Hercules

1 x C-17 Globemaster

1 x Voyager

1 x A400M Atlas

1 x Poseidon MRA1

1 x RC-135W Rivet Joint

6 x F-35B Lightning

9 x RAF Typhoon FGR4

1 x Envoy IV CC1

9 x Hawk from the Royal Air Force Aerobatics Team (The Red Arrows)

Source: Royal Air Force



More videos...

First this one recommended by Rob Cope – build for beginners

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LzZ4Oqk_J1Y



15 Things KILLING The RC Hobby

<https://youtube.com/watch?v=3xKmt0kR5l4&feature=share7>



10 STRANGEST Types Of RC Planes

<https://youtube.com/watch?v=HJGWuTOOvu8&feature=share7>



10 LIES the RC Industry is Built On

https://youtube.com/watch?v=O1m_2xUVT8M&feature=share7

Bored with video? You can just look at these amazing photos..

BBC News - pictures on the theme of 'aviation'

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/in-pictures-66030501>



Isn't about time we got back down to Canoe lake with our boats?

Or shall we buy one of these?

AVIOS (PNF) Albatross HU-16 V2 US Coast Guard Flying Boat 1620mm (63.7") - £284.93



This Section just cracks me up !

Despite a few cracks our flying site is really looking good, thank you to the members that mow, and roll it... also filling the occasional crack.





Kite flying section

We did it! We added another string to the club's bow.. (well a bow with 2 strings).

On a particularly windy day a couple of members tried 'control line' flying for a change, and, would you believe it, they needed a bit more wind!! Note: Fixed wing flying always takes precedence.



Safety Notice from the BMFA

You may be aware of a recent tragic accident that occurred in Spain. A model flyer was killed instantly when he was hit by a model aircraft while retrieving his own model after landing. From the relatively sparse information currently available it appears this was simply a case of poor communication at the flight line and perhaps something that could easily have been avoided.

Could I please ask you to reinforce to your members the importance of effective communications at the flight line, announcing intentions and having them acknowledged by others on the flight line is vital to maintaining our excellent safety record.

Andy Symons

BMFA Club Support Officer

Firebirds Model Club

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Flying times : (from December 2021)

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday | Sunday |
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| <i>Quiet / Electric</i> | <i>Electric & I/C</i> | <i>Electric & I/C</i> | <i>Electric & I/C</i> | <i>Quiet / Electric</i> | <i>Electric & I/C until 2pm then Quiet / Electric until 4pm</i> | <i>Electric & I/C</i> |
| 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> | | |
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| 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 & I/C – Five days a week</i> | | |
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| 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!!

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Poorly club member

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

FUTURE CLUB NIGHTS - Advance notice

Following a few years curtailed by the coronavirus, it is now hoped that we can restart some of social events as we near winter, we're far too busy flying in the summer ☺.

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.