

# Firebirds Model Club

*Newsletter* February 2015

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## Poplars Flying Times

### Summer (BST):

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
13:00-18:00 QF	13:00-18:00 All		13:00-18:00 All	13:00-21:00 QF	10:00-14:00 All	10:00-13:00 All
18:00-21:00 All						

### Winter (GMT):

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
12:00-18:00 QF	12:00-18:00 All		12:00-18:00 All	12:00-21:00 QF	10:00-14:00 All	10:00-13:00 All
18:00-21:00 All						

## Committee News

Here's the latest from the committee room.

### Solo Qualifiers

Congratulations to Tony Firth and Matt Thompsett who have both achieved their solo qualification in January. Let's hope we have some good weather in 2015 so that they can build up their experience without too many crashes on the way!

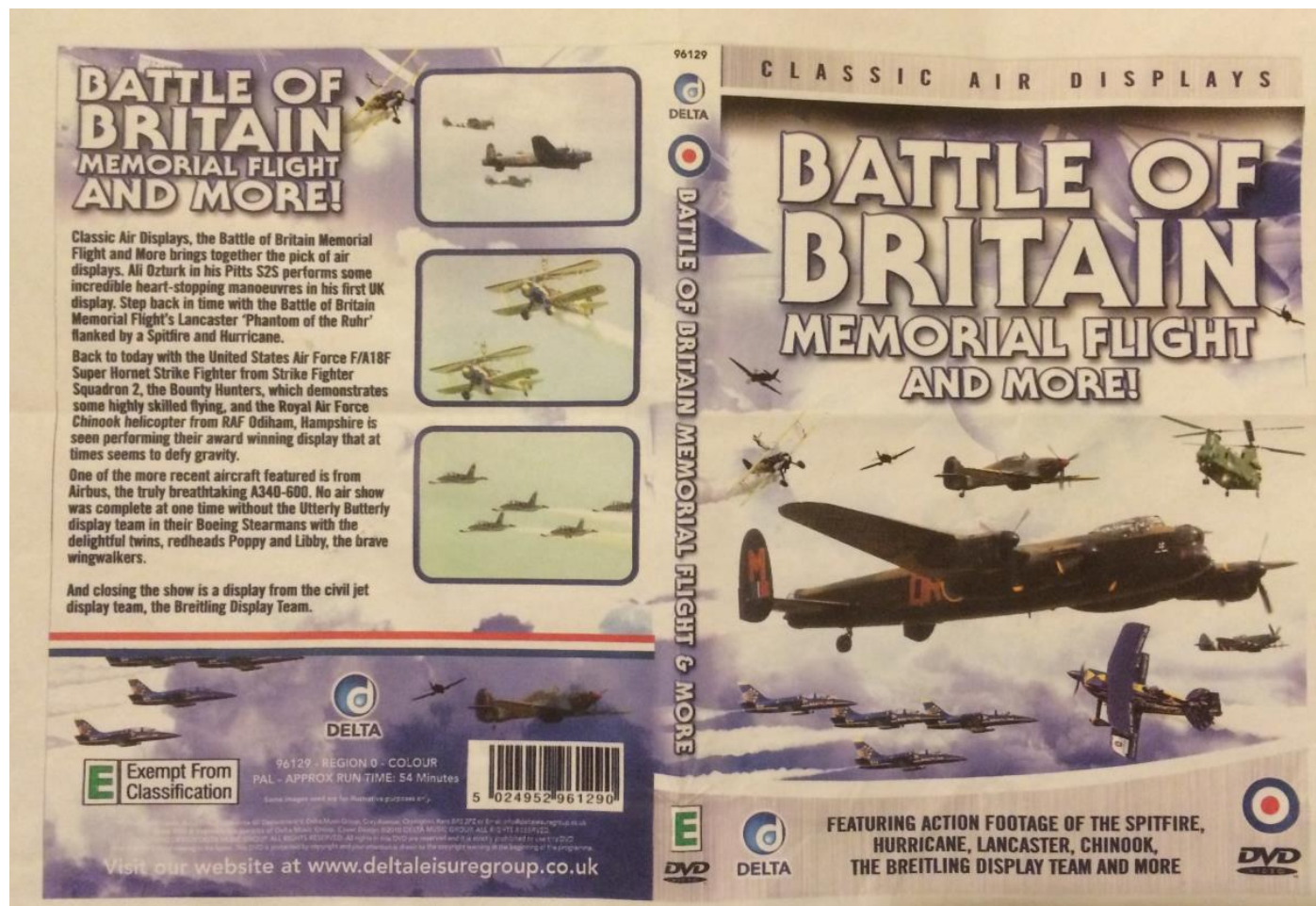
### Firebirds Model Club Meeting 19<sup>th</sup> February 2015

Alan Shergold has produced a video record of the clubs activities during 2014 and this will be shown at the February Club Night. All the regular fliers are featured, so please come along and support what will be a very entertaining evening! You could be starring in this movie!

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If time permits Alan will also be showing some footage of Battle of Britain aircraft to follow the club video.



## Future Club Night

Please note that the March Bring and Buy sale will be moved to April to avoid clashing with the Mountbatten School auction which also takes place that month. Instead, it is intended to hold a Simulator and "Experts" forum night in March, with advice on aerobatics, trimming models etc.

## Old News

If you need to look something up in an old newsletter, I have been putting them on the firebirds website <http://www.firebirds.org.uk>. Just click on the "News" item on the left menu and all the newsletters I've done are on there.

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## Down at the Field

Unfortunately I've not yet made it to the field for ages. My excuse for Sunday the 8<sup>th</sup> of Feb was that I was fencing (not the sword kind but the posts & panels kind). So I've had to rely on a field reporter who has done a splendid. Thanks Justin.

WOT's all this then?



On the left: Welcome to newcomer Bob with his Wot Trainer (complete with L plates!). Bob got a couple of flights in with chief instructor Paul (on the right).

In the middle: Newly solo qualified Matt is now sporting an Acrowot as part of his fleet. Matt was getting the plane checked out but does not intend to fly it for a while until he gets a little more comfortable with his other planes.

On the right: Paul displays his newly built Wots Wot. Sadly a radio failure caused the total loss of this airframe on the day.

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Paul reports that what little flying he had from the airframe, showed that it was a nice aerobatic machine. He said it knife edged beautifully. For myself that's very encouraging because I hope to have one of these airborne in the coming months too.



Jim looks like he's been ambushed by small planes. I can see another Chris Foss design on the left (an Acrowot foamy), a Multiplex Acromaster I think and a Blast 3D. There's more behind him but I can't quite tell what.



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## External Events

This section details events in Hampshire (or further afield if they are significant events) that might be of interest to club members.

### The Great Southern Model Auction – 22<sup>nd</sup> March

See website for more details. Pre-booking of auction lots is strongly recommended. This is a popular annual event with hundreds of lots. If you haven't visited before; come and see what you've been missing!

Disciplines: Electric, FPV, Gas Turbine, Indoor, RC Fixed Wing, RC Helicopters, Scale, Slope, Soaring

The doors open on 22/03/2015 at 9am, auction starts at 11am and the event closes at 4pm. Entry £5, under 16s free. Refreshments available. Minimum lot £10. Call to pre-book lots.

All enquiries to Paul Bench on 07500 175 897 or email at:  
[auction@hmfa.hampshire.org.uk](mailto:auction@hmfa.hampshire.org.uk)

Website: [www.hmfa.hampshire.org.uk/](http://www.hmfa.hampshire.org.uk/)

### Salisbury Model Flying Club Swapmeet – 18th April

Salisbury Model Flying Club Will be holding a model aircraft Swapmeet dealing with all types of flying models, engines, radio control equipment and accessories. etc. Now is the time to sort out those unwanted models and turn them into spending money!

Doors Open on 18/04/2015 at 9.30am until 12.00 noon. 9.00am for vendors only. Tables only £7 includes admission for one person only. Admission - Adults £4 Juniors Free Refreshments available - Tea, Coffee, Bacon Roll. For

Venue: Alderbury Village Hall, Southampton Road, Near Salisbury, Wilts, SP5 3AD

All enquiries to Kevin Easter on 01725 552 873 or email at:  
[easterislandbb@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:easterislandbb@tiscali.co.uk)

Website: [www.salisburymodelflyingclub.co.uk](http://www.salisburymodelflyingclub.co.uk)

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## **Wings & Wheels Model Spectacular - 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> June**

The longest running RC Model Show in the UK - 29th year. All flying disciplines, boats, hovercraft, tanks Trade, Bring&Buy etc.

Starts: 27/06/2015 at 09:30

Ends: 28/06/2015 at 17:00

Venue: North Weald Airfield, North Weald, Nr Epping CM16 6AR

All enquiries to Jane Stephenson on 01242 604126 or email at:

[admin@wingsnwheels.net](mailto:admin@wingsnwheels.net)

Website: [www.wingsnwheels.net](http://www.wingsnwheels.net)

## **Bournemouth Air Festival - 20th-23rd August**

OK it's not a model show but we don't have many local air shows so I thought it worth a mention. Find out more on their website: <http://bournemouthair.co.uk/>

## **Club Information**

This section gives a summary of club services and contact details. Apart from the "Future Club Night Programme" most of the info here is fairly static.

### **Future Club Night Programme**

19<sup>th</sup> February 2015

Video presentation of flying activities at Poplars Farm during 2014 by Alan Shergold.

19<sup>th</sup> March 2015

Simulator and "Experts" forum.

16<sup>th</sup> April 2015

Our spring Bring & Buy sale.

### **Cheap Glow Fuel**

Fuel is available through the club and supplies are held by the club. All grades of fuel are available to order. Terry holds many other useful items: glo-plugs, propellers, glue, fuel tubing, wing bolts etc.

**Contact: Terry Jacobson on 023 8040 2080 or see him at the field.**

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## Club Clothing

A number of items of club branded clothing are available from a local supplier. The current prices are:

Sweatshirts	£14.25
Polo shirts	£12.50
T shirt	£ 8.50
Caps	£ 7.95

All shirts are Fruit of the Loom and available in all sizes up to XXL & most colours. There is also a huge range of quality outdoor wear that can be embroidered with the club logo.

Contact Justin on 07572 613190, email [windgyber@hotmail.com](mailto:windgyber@hotmail.com) or see him at the field.

Our meeting venue is the Hamble Club at this address:

Beaulieu Road  
Hamble  
Southampton  
Hampshire  
SO31 4JL

The entrance to the club is on Hamble Lane, only a short distance from a pub called The Harrier. The club looks like this:



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## Firebirds 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	Pat Parsons	023 8056 2611	<a href="mailto:patrickparsons.parsons3@googlemail.com">patrickparsons.parsons3@googlemail.com</a>
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**Remember...**  
**Safe flying is no accident.**