

Firebirds Model Club

Newsletter January 2016

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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						

[Note 1: 'QF' means Quiet Flight. That is gliders and electric models.]

[Note 2: Finish times are either as stated above or at sundown - whichever comes first. No night flying is permitted.]

Bank Holidays

For all days except bank holiday Mondays, flying times are the same as normal (see above tables). On bank holiday Mondays, Saturday hours apply i.e. 10am to 2pm. The reasoning behind this is to avoid annoying our "neighbours" when they may be relaxing in their gardens. These times were also declared to Winchester Council when we were granted our Lawful Development Certificate, which is effectively planning permission for our model flying. The only other bank holiday anomaly is Christmas Day when no flying is allowed, whichever day of the week it falls on.

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Committee News

Here's the latest from the committee room.

Christmas Party

The Christmas Party went well, with over 40 members and family guests attending. A vote was taken on the 2016 subs proposed by the committee and those present voted unanimously for the increase of £4 on the adult subscription. This will now be £72 for the club and £33 for the BMFA, i.e. a total of £105 for those who join the BMFA via the Firebirds. An excellent buffet was available, after which the 2015 trophies were awarded. These are as follows;-

- Best Junior - Not awarded in 2015
- Most supportive Member - Alan Shergold
- Most Improved Beginner - Ashley Ridge
- Safety Trophy - Geoff Scott
- Meritorious Service - Terry Jacobson

The evening concluded with prize draw and everyone agreed that thanks to Pete Clark and Dave Hoppe, the prizes on offer were some of the best the club has ever offered.

Future Club Nights

Club AGM - This will take place at the Hamble club on Thursday 21st Jan 2016 at 8.00pm. Only those members who have paid their 2016 subscription may vote, but subscriptions will be taken from 7:30pm that night. Items for the agenda must be forwarded in writing (an email will do) with a proposer and seconder to the Secretary by 7 Jan 2016. Any volunteers to serve on the committee should also contact the Secretary before that date.

February 18th - Barrie Lever will be giving a talk on composite materials and R/C pylon racing. Barrie is a member of the Southampton Club and is an expert in both these fields, the first being his profession and the second his passion. Barrie has marketed a number of composite model aircraft items and his racers are a work of art. Please come along to what will be a very interesting and informative evening.

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Down at the Field



Safety Matters

Mind you don't slip in the mud.

Fly Past

No fly past article this month.

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External Events



Southampton Model Aeroplane Club (SMAC)

TO ALL BMFA MEMBERS

COME AND JOIN US FOR

INDOOR FLYING AT CALSHOT ACTIVITIES CENTRE

ON

FRIDAY 22 JANUARY 2016, AND

WEDNESDAY 30 MARCH 2016

FROM 19.00 TO 22.00

FEE TO BMFA MEMBERS — £8 PER SESSION

JUST TURN UP AND PAY ON THE NIGHT

WE WILL BE PLEASED TO WELCOME YOU!

Or you can join SMAC for an annual subscription of £16 and enjoy: -

- Free evening indoor flying at Calshot - two x 3-hour sessions in Jan and March
- Free additional evening indoor flying at Calshot / local sports hall venues - at least 4 further sessions
- Free workshops and talks - 4 at the Ship Inn, Redbridge
- Summer evening social flying meets - 6 at Beaulieu and Lordshill
- Free help and advice to get you building / flying / improving
- Free tuition from BMFA instructors

For more information about membership please see the SMAC website www.southampton.mac.org.uk or contact the SMAC Gen Secretary

Any queries please contact Richard House, SMAC Gen Sec at:-

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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.

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.

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 outwear that can be embroidered with the club logo.

Contact Justin on 07572 613190, email 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 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! The entrance to the club is on Hamble Lane and 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.

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Remember...
Safe flying is no accident.