

Firebirds Model Club

Newsletter February 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.

Membership Cards

The committee has discussed the idea of club membership cards, which was proposed at the AGM. The main advantage claimed would be in getting a discount at model shops (it is understood that Mainly Planes and Trains now insist on proof of club membership before giving one).

However, the committee is not convinced of the need for them as the BMFA Insurance Certificate and Membership Card both state clearly that the holder is a member of the Firebird Model Club (or another club if they have chosen to join it as their "lead" club).

This leaves the small number who have chosen to join the BMFA as Country Members. The proposed solution for them is that the Secretary will countersign their BMFA Certificate/Membership Card, certifying that they are a Firebirds member.

Key Safe fitted to Caravan

A First Aid kit is now situated within the Caravan. A Key box has been fitted to the outside of the caravan to allow access to the First Aid Box:-

Enter the number into the key safe pad and pull down the lever and the key safe will open

Inside the key safe is the key for the caravan which is attached to the key safe by a cord.

Please ensure that the door is shut and locked and the key returned to the key safe and the key safe numbers jumbled up after use.

Future Club Nights

February 18th - Barrie Lever talk on R/C pylon racing and composite materials. Pylon Racing is a very exciting and highly technical branch of model flying and Barrie is well known expert in this field. He is also renowned for his composite materials expertise and has used this to good effect in marketing kits and parts for model aircraft. Please provide maximum support for our guest speaker.

March 17th & April 21st (order still to be confirmed) - Alan Shergold's video review of the club's activities in 2015 and a "bring a model"/sell a model/indoor flying night at the Hamble club.

May 19th - Quiet electric model fly-in at the site, barbeque should be available.

June/July/August – Barbeques on either the third Monday or Friday of the month, depending on the weather. If both days are poor, then there will be an informal

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gathering at the Hamble Club.

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Down at the Field

I must thank Rob Fenn for supplying the following pictures for me. There haven't been many good flying days this year so far but a few have popped up. Here's one of the good (or at least flyable) weekends that I missed.

Paul's Mini-Hype ready for a flight.



Justin doing what looks like safety checks on his Acro-Wot.

Angling for the club's Safety award maybe?

Seriously though, these basic checks can save your model and reduce the risk of third party damage or injury so a "bravo!" is in order.

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Rob prepares to fly his "Swizzle Stick". This little fun flyer was previously built and owned by Paul.

Can't help noticing that Rob has a four bladed prop fitted. Is that to solve ground clearance issues I wonder? Rob, have you fitted a massively

oversized engine and found that a two blade prop is just too big? I guess if it's an ex-Paul plane, then that's a rhetorical question.



Justin's Multiplex Gemini. Although Justin is not a fan of electric flight, even he would have to admit that this has been a stalwart companion.

This spin-happy foamy flits around like a rabid dog and still comes back for more.

Safety Matters

No Safety Matters article this month.

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Fly Past

No Fly Past article this month.

External Events

The following events have been gleaned from the BMFA website. I've picked out events that are either in Hampshire or its neighbouring counties (except for a couple of the larger events which are further afield).

There may be other events that I've either missed or are not on the BMFA calendar. I shall include these as-and-when they come onto my radar.

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

February

07/02/2016 - Crawley Indoor R/C Fun Fly

West Sussex

March

06/03/2016 - The Great Southern Model Auction

[Note: If you don't have enough stuff, then go to this event.]

Hampshire

April

4/04/2016 - BMFA Free Flight London Gala

Wiltshire

10/04/2016 - Ash Park MFC Auction

Devon

24/04/2016 - BMFA 1st Space Meeting

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Wiltshire

May

14/05/2016 to 15/05/2016 - Old Warden Model Flying Weekend

Bedfordshire

June

05/06/2016 - Farnham Model Helicopter Club Open Day

Surrey

25/06/2016 - F3K BMFA League - TVSF 1

Berkshire

25/06/2016 & 26/06/2016 - Wings and Wheels Model Spectacular

Essex

Location: North Weald Airfield, Essex, CM16 6AR, England

Time 9.30am - 5.30pm

Full details at: <http://www.wingsnwheels.net/>

Email: admin@wingsnwheels.net

Phone: 01242 604126

July

17/07/2016 - BMFA (South) eSoaring League

West Sussex

24/07/2016 - Helipad Scale Fly In 2016

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30/07/2016 - F3K BMFA League - TVSF 2

Berkshire

August

20/08/2016 - BMFA Free Flight Southern Gala

Wiltshire

September

04/09/2016 - BMFA (South) eSoaring League

West Sussex

17/09/2016 - Farnham Model Helicopter Club Open Day

Surrey

24/09/2016 - BMFA Stonehenge Cup Free Flight International

Wiltshire

25/09/2016 - BMFA Equinox Cup Free Flight International

Wiltshire

25/09/2016 - BMFA 4th Space Meeting & Team Trials Reserve

Wiltshire

October

01/10/2016 - Reserve date -F3K BMFA League – TVSF

Berkshire

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09/10/2016 - BMFA Free Flight Team Selection Reserve Date

Wiltshire

09/10/2016 - BMFA (South - Reserve) eSoaring League

West Sussex

Regular Open Meetings

In addition to all the above there are regular monthly open meetings at the following venues:

Waltham Chase Aeromodellers Indoor R/C Small Models

Hampshire

Wessex Soaring Assoc. monthly slope fly-in

Wiltshire

FLITEHOOK Indoor Free Flight Meeting

Hampshire

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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.