

Firebirds Model Club

Newsletter May 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.

The Rope around the perimeter

Recently the rope was left on the ground after a weekend flying session. If you are the last one on site, please ensure that this rope is put back up. In the past there have been several occasions when horses have walked on our patch and left big divots in the ground. Despite being barely knee height in places, the rope does stop this happening.

Flying Times

As stated in the flying times given in every newsletter, flying on weekday afternoons **MUST NOT START UNTIL 1.00PM**. The 12.00 noon start time only applies during the winter months between the clock changes in October and March.

The Car Park

CARS MUST BE DRIVEN VERY SLOWLY THROUGH THE CAR PARK. It is vital that we don't endanger or annoy the Volkswagen team or Gamblin family (or their dogs etc.).

Waltham Chase

Waltham Chase Aeromodellers have invited Firebirds members to a barbeque and Vintage model fly-in on Sunday 3rd July. Control line up to 3.5cc will also be allowed, as will free flight rubber powered and gliders. Mode 2 fliers can also have a go on a 96" span KK Falcon and Majestic Major. Anyone interested should contact the Secretary.

Future Club Nights

May 19th - Barbeque at the site. As Thursday evening isn't a normal flying time, only genuinely quiet electric models will be permitted to fly.

June 16th - Barbeque and fly-in at Roughay Farm for all model types. Flying can start at 2.00pm and will continue until sunset. The barbeque will start about 6.30pm. Again, bring your own food and drink. These events were a great success last year so make sure this date is in your diary.

July/August – more Roughay fly-ins, some at weekends. Dates still to be decided.

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Down at the Field

Well I don't have much for this month's newsletter but thank you to Russell who gave me a couple of cracking pics of Mike's fabulous looking Gee Bee.



Here she is with Mike in the pits...

...and away she goes.



Unfortunately conditions were far from ideal and Gee Bees can be a bit of a handful at the best of times. The landing was a little hard but no serious damage resulted.

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Paul was sporting a recently finished Acrowot in a great looking black and red colour scheme.



Safety Matters

No Safety Matters article this month.

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Fly Past

Here's Chris' second blog instalment.

My First Year (6 months) with the Firebirds.... Continued....

So having paid my membership and worked out how to negotiate the various warehouse locations at Hobby King to get some extra batteries, I was charged up and ready to go and as I had spent many hours practising on my Clearview simulator at home, I expected that I would be solo within a few weeks! ... Surely it couldn't be that difficult!

So there I am, my pretty, bright yellow Piper Cub is prepared and ready, Russell is going to check her first to see how she flies, remember I bought this at a Bring & Buy sale, just added the receiver and the battery... No history, no log book, no manual.... No C of G information!

With no C of G information, I quickly became a fully paid up member of a flying club with a transmitter loads of batteries but a rather crumpled airplane. My fixed wing model flying experience didn't get off to a good start.

At this point I realised why being part of a good flying club is so important, several people I didn't know came up to me and told me not to worry, it was one of those things, it is part of the sport... it may even be fixable!! Really genuine people who had had similar experiences and could offer genuine good advice based on their experience. 'You mustn't' give up' they said

The decision was quickly made to shelve the Cub, in preference for a slightly more suitable trainer, something I could purchase and fly relatively quickly, I had the club membership and now wanted to use it. I read many reviews and watched loads of YouTube videos of various trainers and ultimately decided to purchase a Century UK Rage Riot, principally as it would fly on the same batteries I had bought for the Cub.

I bought it Mail order and It arrived in just a few days unbelievably easy to assemble: Join the 2 halves of the wings, fit the tail parts and undercarriage and 'et voila' a ready to fly airplane easy to fly and completely unbreakable.... I feel another lesson in hard knocks coming.

To be continued...

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).

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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>.

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

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

West Sussex

24/07/2016 - Helipad Scale Fly In 2016

Hampshire

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

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

Wiltshire

October

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

Berkshire

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.

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.