

Firebirds Model Club

Newsletter September 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.

Caravan Clean

The caravan has now been cleaned. Dave and Russell were very grateful for the assistance received from club members. The next job will be to fit solar panels and a wind generator to the roof of the container. This will provide an electrical supply for lighting etc. and to recharge batteries at the field.

Congratulations

Congratulations to new member Martin Reeves who has qualified as solo pilot. Congratulations also to Terry Jacobson who is doing well after a break from flying and to John Graham who is starting again after missing 7 years flying due to medical problems. After taking control of one of Terry's models it was clear John hasn't lost his touch!

Roughay Barbeque/Fly-In

Perhaps because of the "iffie" weather and the fact that it was a bank holiday weekend, there was a low turnout for the barbeque/fly-in at Roughay Farm on Saturday 27th August. Therefore there will be no more of these in 2016. Next year we intend to be a bit more organised in the planning and advertising of these events to ensure their success.

Future Club Nights

Saturday September 17th - Instead of an evening barbeque this month there will be a barbeque on Saturday 17th September at Poplars Farm. The barbie will be lit late morning and normal flying for all model types can continue as usual until 2.00pm. Thereafter the flying of Park Fliers etc. will be permitted.

Thursday October 20th - The annual Bring and Buy Sale will take place at the Hamble Club on Thursday 20th October. Please bring any items for sale for logging in before 7.30 pm so that we can be ready to start the sale at 8.00pm sharp.

Friday November 20th - The November club night will be a week later on Friday 20th when the BMFA's Southern Area Balsa Brain competition takes place at the Hamble Club. Volunteers for the Firebirds A & B teams should contact Roger Stanton and supporters would be very welcome. Don't forget that there will be a free buffet!

Thursday December 8th -. The Christmas Party will take place at the Hamble Club on Thursday 8th December (i.e. a week earlier than the normal club night). There will be a free buffet and the Prize Draw will take place with around £700 worth of prizes. Annual trophies will also be awarded. This is a family affair so wives/partners/children are all welcome.

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Down at the Field

Right, now these pictures should have been in last month's newsletter but I screwed up on my camera settings and didn't have enough time to sort out the resulting image format before the newsletter publication.

So here we have Geoff's MkIX spitfire. Geoff completed this Mick Reeves kit after its previous owner had made a start but did not have a chance to finish.



It took Geoff about two years to complete and the result is quite stunning. Have a look at the panel and rivet detail below.



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As per the full-size, the rivets forward of the cockpit are flush and proud aft. Geoff assures us that the rivet spacing is scale too!

This was supposed to be a shot of the cockpit interior but I was using the wrong setting on my camera. Still, the exterior looks good too.



The canopy uses up a channel on the radio because it slides back under servo control.

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The flaps include the scale popup doors on the top side of the wing to allow clearance for the actuator horn. It also gave the pilot a visual indication of the flap position.



Yet another radio channel is used for opening the radiator ducts.

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In contrast to the finish on Geoff's plane, the finish on Russell's Ripmax bullet refuses to even stay on.



The bullet is a great flyer but the covering and trim have been a source of problems. I was on the flight-line with Russell when this happened, we could both hear the flapping and Russell instantly noticed the plane's handling had changed dramatically. Kudos to Russell for landing it without further incident.



This is how it's supposed to look. As you can see, even before the most recent incident, much of the trim is now missing from Russell's plane.

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Safety Matters

No Safety Matters article this month.

Fly Past

No Fly Past article this month.

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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>.

September

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

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

Wiltshire

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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.

Discounted 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 Meetings

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.