

# Firebirds Model Club

*Newsletter* October 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.

### Raffle Plea

We are getting close to the Christmas raffle but the money pot is a little light at the moment. It is nice to include some good prizes when the raffle is drawn but we do need ticket sales to fund them. If you fancy a dabble, then please do buy some tickets from Pete between now and December. There are often quite a few sold on the night of the draw but this is hard to plan for when buying the prizes.

### Bring and Buy - This Month

The October bring and buy sale (on the 20<sup>th</sup>) needs your support so please do come along. Have a browse, maybe buy something, maybe sell something, maybe both!

### 2016 Trophies

If you were a 2016 winner please return the trophy to Paul Adams (or another Committee member) so that he can get them engraved in time for the Christmas Party.

### Caravan and Container

Many thanks to all those who helped with the caravan clean. It certainly looks a lot better for it! The next job will be to paint the container, which looks very shabby. A new paint job will also help to preserve this useful asset.

We need assistance with scraping off old flaking paint and to wire brush it, and then help with painting it. Alan Shergold has kindly provided the paint, but we will need the volunteers to each provide a wide brush and some sort of paint pot.

The aim is to do the job as soon as possible during dry weather before the winter sets in, so if you can help please let Dave Hoppe know (phone number at the end of the newsletter).

### Rent Increase Averted

Quite a few members will have got wind of the fact that Pat Gamblin was intending to up our rent by £50 a month! Fortunately, after representations by letter from the committee, he has changed his mind and there will be no increase after all.

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## Future Club Nights

**Thursday October 20<sup>th</sup>** - As usual Russell will be the Auctioneer with his usual verbal arm twisting providing much entertainment! It is a great opportunity to offload unwanted engines, models, radios, tools etc. and of course to buy a bargain or two. Roger is looking for a 90 size engine for a start (see the Fly Past article). If you have items to sell please get to the Hamble Club so that they can be registered by 7.45pm at the latest. There won't be another Bring and Buy Sale until October next year so don't miss this opportunity!

**Friday November 25<sup>th</sup>** - The club is hosting the BMFA Southern Area "Balsa Brain" competition. Volunteers for the two Firebirds teams should contact Roger Stanton. Supporters will be very welcome and there will be a free buffet supper.

**Thursday December 8<sup>th</sup>** - The Firebirds Christmas Party, arrive at 7.30 for the 8.00pm start. Attendance for members and their families is free. Before the free buffet supper, the 2017 subscriptions will be decided. After supper the Trophies for 2016 will be presented, followed by the Christmas Draw. There will be at least £600 worth of prizes and hopefully more if you keep buying the tickets!

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## Down at the Field

Chris Fisher has sent me a pic of his Max Thrust Riot standard and the XL version. It was sent on one of the fine sunny mid-week days we had in September. I don't know if Chris was just on holiday, threw a 'sicky' or whether his line of work permits time off mid-week. Either way, I felt like I missed out.



On to weekend flying... Mike's Seagull Decathlon was up and about on a lovely windless October morning.



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Pete's Cobra, which can be seen here diving in for what turned out to be a very low pass (annoyingly, I missed the shot!).

It was still in one piece for the landing though.



Pete's HK Vampire has recently been sporting a set of retracts. These seem to work well, without hampering performance.

It seems odd watching one of Pete's Jets take off from the grass!



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Alan used a bit of quiet time between fixed wing flying to get some airtime on his quad.



Terry's Matador has just been repaired after being run over by a car! The empennage had been crushed but all is well now and she's flying nicely again. Terry just needs to refit his decals.

## Safety Matters

No Safety Matters article this month.

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## Fly Past

Roger's Hurricane IID



After 12 months work Roger has finally finished his Hurricane Mk IID. It is the "tank buster" variant fitted with two 40mm cannon for anti-tank work in North Africa during World War II.

It is built from a Brian Taylor plan supplied by Russell Lewis, and Pete Clark cut the foam wings. Pete also suggested using emulsion tester pots from B&Q for the paintwork, which went on very well using a small paint roller. The roller was also used for the final coat of fuel proof(ish) matt polyurethane varnish - who needs spray gun?

All roundels etc. are hand painted using Humbrol enamels. Despite cheating by lengthening the nose slightly, a lot of lead was needed to achieve a safe CofG, with the result that Roger's twenty seven year old OS70 four stroke lacks the power to get the beast into the air safely. If anyone has a spare 90 four stroke, please give Roger a call!

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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>.

## 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.**