

Firebirds Model Club

Newsletter November 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.

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.

Container



Dave Hoppe would like to thank Bob Farr, Terry Padgett and Roger Stanton for helping him paint the container earlier this month. Hopefully this, plus the roof repairs, will keep it in good condition for many more years.

Future Club Nights

Friday November 25th - 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 8th - 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

With the Christmas raffle not far away from being drawn here's a pic of one of the items one last year by Lee.



A Hawker Sea Fury Reno Racer.

In June, I snapped Keith's Freewing Pandora coming in to land. Recently, I spotted the same plane but looking quite different.

The wings were now fixed to the underside of the plane making it a low winger.



Keith says the plane flies nicely in both configurations.

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John H paid us a rare visit and flew his lovely big Yak 54.

I brought a couple of scale planes along. The plane in the background is my electric powered Seagull Dewoitine D.520.

In the foreground, is my IC powered Seagull Hawker Sea Fury.

The planes share one common component, absolutely appalling factory supplied wobbly undercarriage (Now fixed on the Sea Fury).

In the air they are quite different. The Sea Fury is just a dream to fly but the Dewoitine is constantly vigilant for that lack in concentration or attempt at a manoeuvre not in its repertoire. Once you cross the invisible line, she defaults to her favourite stunt – a spiral death dive. Keep the manoeuvres wide and smooth with reasonable speed and it looks quite good in the air.



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External Events

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.