



FIRST AID DEMONSTRATION

16th November

Hamble Club 7.30pm

***** Please support *****

Welcome to November's Newsletter!

Another month wizzes by, the club bring and buy sale done, the balsa brain competition done, new field mown and ready for action, heck it will be Christmas soon!

The new flying site is now up and running but like many I will miss the old one, especially with the new site being a bit further away from where I live, but I will give it a try with an open mind, the views alone may be worth it.

It was interesting talking to one of the senior members of the club about the 'new' site, and they told me about their experiences at the 'old' Peak down site, reminiscing of their horizontal figures of eights, at eye level but with many feet of safety height below them. I Guess in a few years' time I will be reminiscing about the days when I started flying at the 'old' Poplars flying site and first lost my Riot (not for the last time) and learnt all about Gorilla glue!

I know it is mentioned elsewhere, but all members are encouraged to attend the first aid talk on the 16th November, you never know when a bit of first aid will come in handy and although a serious subject, the evening will still be light hearted and the bar will be open. The evenings event is also open to friends and partners if they want to come.

Now let's get on with the November 2017 edition of the Firebirds Newsletter.

Chris.

Things to sell ? Missed the Bring and Buy sale? I checked with the committee and it doesn't mind members advertising their personal model / flight related items for sale in the Newsletter, please feel free to send me (Chris) details of anything you want me to include.... and on that note ...

Fully working Spektrum DX6i (Mode 2) - £60 (includes original box)

Speak to Chris Fisher or Russell Lewis if you are interested.





Committee News

Here's the latest from the committee room.

** IMPORTANT **

The poplars farm flying site will finish from the end of November. Firebirds club members will have no right of access after this date.

FIRST AID DEMONSTRATION **** Please support ****

First Aid lecture and demonstration - Thursday 16th 7.30pm.

The November club night will be a First Aid lecture and demonstration given by Dave Dewey who is a volunteer with the ambulance service. We have had several serious accidents at the site, one requiring the Air Ambulance, and the age profile of our membership also suggests that a knowledge of what to do with someone who has a heart attack or stroke etc. could be vital. In fact, it could come in useful any situation whether at the flying field or not so please put the date in your diary so that we have a good turnout.

Due the potential importance of this talk family and friends are welcome to attend this event.

NEW SITE– Peak Down !!.

The committee has confirmed (under separate cover) details of the new flying site at Peak Down first flying date - Saturday 4th November.

Peak Down flying times will be (revised from last month's newsletter)

Mon – Fri 1200 – Dusk

Sat – Sun 1000 – 1600.

A couple of important things to note

- Take care when driving to the pits as there may be bumps and ruts hidden in the longer grass.
- **Please shut and lock the gate if you are the last member leaving the site.**
- Please consider taking first aid equipment with you as there will be no facility on-site
- **You should also keep a mobile phone with you in case of an accident.**
- Please, Please, Please show extra consideration to our new neighbours, please fly considerately especially during the initial 'honeymoon' period.

Don't forget there is no charging facility on site so make sure you take plenty of batteries or a charging facility with you.



BALSA BRAIN

Once again the BMFA's Southern Area Balsa Brain Quiz was hosted by the Firebirds on November 3rd. Partly because of some confusion over dates, and also because of some communication problems, the attendance was lower than in recent years. However, there were still over 40 attendees in 8 teams.

This year the Firebirds only fielded one team comprising Roger Stanton, Pete Clark, Dave Hoppe, Mark Benham and Rob Fenn. Russell Lewis, John Graham and Alan Shergold were also on hand to lend moral support! The questions all related to model or full-size aircraft. At half-time there was an excellent free buffet (funded by the Southern Area) and there was a raffle with prizes provided by Flight Hook and the Southern Model Centre.

The Firebirds haven't done too well in recent years, but this time they were a close second to the winners who were the Southampton Model Aircraft Club.

At the end of the evening the Southern Area Chairman, Tony Butterworth, thanked the Firebirds for hosting the event, and in particular Alan Shergold who provided the projector, screen and PA system.

Advance notice - Motocross dates (subject to change)

Peak down will not be available for firebirds use due to motocross events on ...

November 17, 18, 19th.

February 24, 25th

October 6, 7th

Other dates will be announced as they arise, potentially with short notice

Safety reminder

Peak Down - with the expanded flying times it is also more likely that members will fly on their own sometimes.

This is not banned by club rules, but if you fly on your own it is at your own risk. You should keep a mobile phone with you in case of an accident, especially if you need to go searching for a lost model

Please consider putting a first aid kit in your car.



Pat Parsons – replied....

"Hi Chris, yes regarding your note in last month's newsletter I do still read it. At the moment I am changing all the doors in our house so a bit busy !!

I spoke to Russell yesterday and he filled me in about a few bits of news, and I still have some of that whiskey left.

I will send you some Wigston Waffle soon, if you look up Wigston Model Flyers on google you will see what I am going to have to put up with!

Just look at the area we have to fly our models, does it not make you a little envious? The park is Braunstone Park and any one can fly there, you will see all the details on the website.

Regards to all down there.... see you soon Pat.

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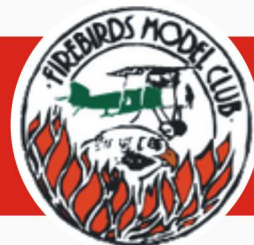
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LAST Month's Bring and Buy Auction



Last months bring and buy auction brought a few die-hard aeromodellers out on a rather wet and windy October evening, but their dedication was well rewarded as many bargains were purchased.

Thanks go to Russell our auctioneer on the night assisted by Paul and Roger.



An excerpt from the BMFA Members Handbook 2017

I know everybody has probably read the BMFA handbook (delivered through member's doors last month), but just in case you haven't, I thought I would insert a piece in the newsletter each month, if I keep it up we will all have read the full manual by the year 2029 ☺

15.15 - Although mobile telephones operate on frequencies far removed from our model control frequency bands they are a major addition to the increasing background radio 'noise' that our equipment has to filter out. In addition, there is some evidence that there may sometimes be an interaction between mobile phones and microprocessor controlled transmitters.

Many mobile 'phones transmit powerful signals regularly even when on standby and BMFA recommends that they are not taken into the pits area and especially not on to the flying area. Many 'phones also emit a powerful signal pulse when switching off, which is also something you may have to consider. Your radio equipment has a hard job to do filtering out background RF radiation and you could make it much worse with your mobile phone.

CHRISTMAS DRAW 2017

Christmas Draw tickets are now on sale so don't forget to bring some money to the site! See Pete Clark. **STOP PRESS** :- It has been announced that there will be a minimum of £800 worth of prizes so don't forget to buy your tickets and attend the Christmas party so you can choose your prize!

Note:

Last Sunday afternoon Rob Cope went up to Peak Down to have a look round. While he was there he was approached by a man who asked if his son could use the motocross track. Rob said no, which was the correct response. It is vital that we do not let anyone take advantage of our ability to access the field as it is only the motocross club, the man who farms the lower end of the field, and the Firebirds who have the lock combination and the right to access the site.

Anybody got a photo-drone?

As you will have seen earlier in the Newsletter, we cannot use Peak Down on 17, 18 & 19 November because of a Cyclecross meeting. One of the participants in that event is Martin Hughes, the Firebirds member who put us in touch with the leaseholder who is renting us the site.

Martin is keen to know if anyone flies a drone that could provide some video footage of the event. If anyone could help please let Roger know.



Thank you to all those that helped get the Peak Down site ready

Sunday the 29th saw a good turn out for a mowing session at the new Peak down flying site. There were at least 4 mowers on the go including the big sit on mower and the grass levels are now at a point where you can actually take off! Dave Hoppe couldn't miss the opportunity for the first flight, but being a bit too windy his flight also became the first 'heavy' landing.

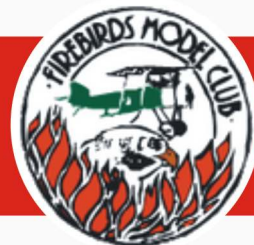


Finished mowing ? NOW TURN AROUND AND LOOK AT THAT VIEW, STUNNING !!



Dave Tests the New strip... but remember if experience tells you it's too windy then... !!





CAN WE HAVE OUR TROPHIES BACK - Please

If you have a club trophy and haven't returned it yet, please can we have it back. You can of course keep the small trophy but the bigger ones need to be re-engraved for this year's presentation at our Christmas meeting. Please give them to any committee member.



FUTURE CLUB NIGHTS - Advance notice

The final 2017 event will be the **Christmas party** on Thursday 14th December (i.e. a week earlier than the normal Club Night date). As usual there will be a **FREE** buffet supper and of course the 2017 Christmas Draw will take place after the 2017 trophies have been awarded.

2018 - The club AGM will be in January (see below) and it is rumoured that Allan Shergold's ever popular movie night will be in February...

Firebirds model club – AGM 2018

The Club's AGM will take place at 8.00pm on Thursday 18th January 2018 at the Hamble Club.

An Agenda and Minutes of the last AGM will be circulated by email before the meeting. The Agenda will include a vote to elect the 2018 Committee so if anyone is interested in standing, please contact the Secretary. Other items for the Agenda must be forwarded in writing (an email will do) to the Secretary by 11th January 2018 at the latest. Only items on the Agenda will be discussed at the meeting.

2018 subs

The BMFA will decide its 2018 Subs at its AGM on 17th November 2017. Once these have been announced, the Firebird Committee will discuss Firebirds subs at their meeting on 7 December 2017.

At the Club Christmas Party on Thursday 14th December, the Committee will make their recommendation on subs before asking the members present to decide by a vote what the 2018 subs will be. Those who wish can then pay their 2018 subscription during the party.

Please note that to be able to fly with insurance from 1st January 2018 you must have paid your subs!

Those who join the BMFA as Country Members, or via another club, must show proof of 2018 BMFA membership to the Secretary.



This month down at the field

Not much going on down the field for many this month what with wind caused by the tail-end of the American hurricanes and our very own Storm 'Brian'. But here's a reminder of this summers flying from Paul Mason's archive.





Eagle eyed members amongst you will recognise this model from the Bring and buy sale pictures in committee news above. Having seen this picture of her in flight I now wish I had put a bid on!



Now that our new flying field is a reality, who is honestly going to say 'I miss those trees!'.



All smiles after another great afternoons flying from Filipe. (3 Nov 2017)



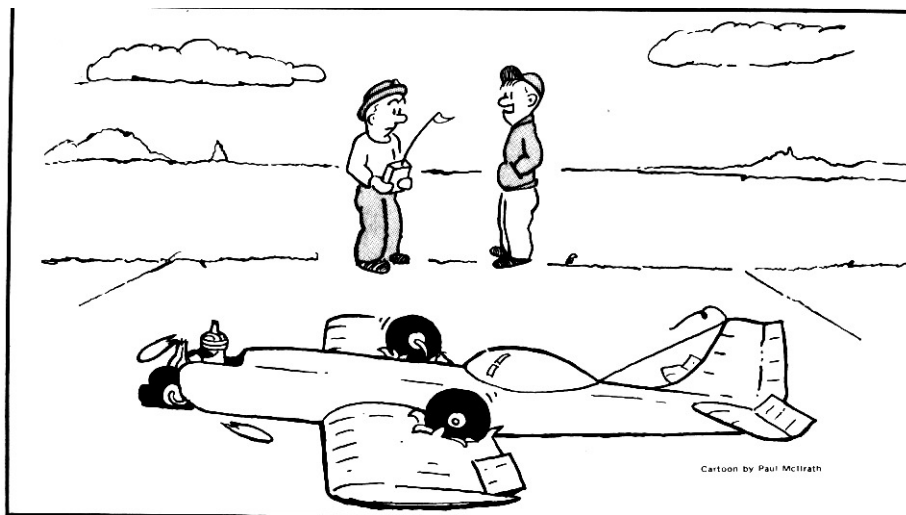


First 'almost' fly-able day at Peak Down (5th November)

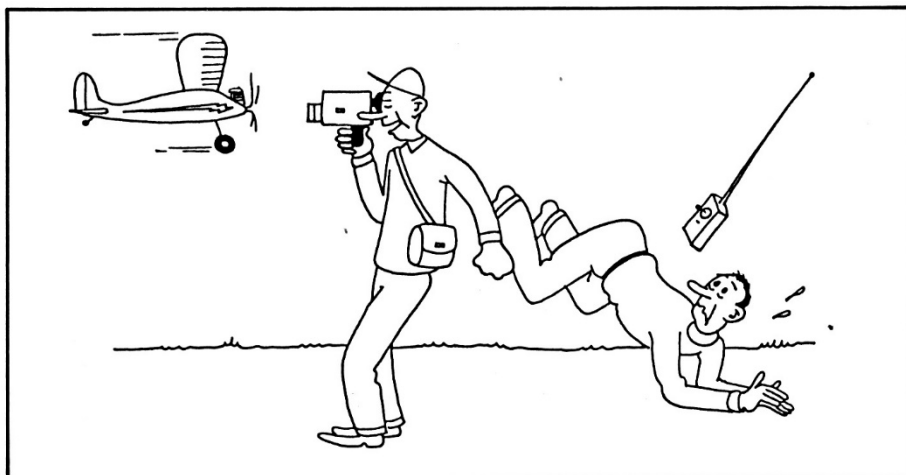
Thank you to Keith Warwick for arranging the new windsock pole, just wish he could have made the sock a bit 'limper' 😊 Ask anyone that was there about the 'almost' conditions.



A light-hearted moment.



"That approach was better, but your flare-out still needs a little work!"

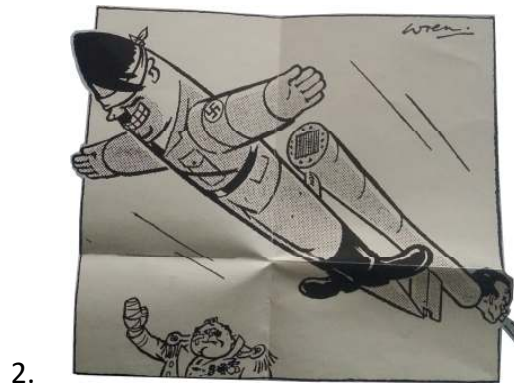
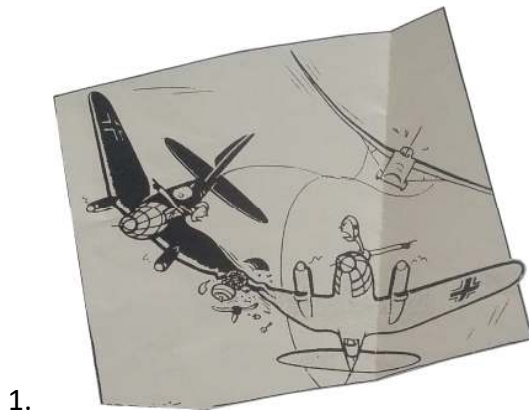


"You're right, Joe, it is a four-cycle engine!"



How well do you know your aircraft?

More 'Oddidentification' cartoons from world war II, do you recognise these aircraft from their cartoon image ... (answer on last page).



This month's video!

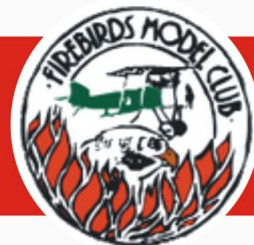
An 'almost flying' video this week ... <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Inog40YZcYs>



Do you have a suggested video for next month's Newsletter ?

Notice the Newsletter is a bit empty, less interesting?

Please e-mail items for the Newsletter to firebirdsmodelclub@outlook.com.



Club Information

This section gives a summary of club services and contact details.

Discounted Glow Fuel

Fuel is available through the club and supplies are held by the club. All grades of fuel are available to order. Russell holds many other useful items: glo-plugs, propellers, glue, fuel tubing, wing bolts etc.

Russell Lewis

023 8056 1397

russell@pilot1.co.uk

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!

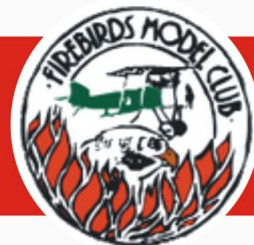
Firebirds Model Club Committee

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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Local Tree Surgeon

Mathew Cross 01489 799982 or 0778 842 4756. Or one of his team members James. 0749 5033 561.



Flying Times Poplars Farm

Flying at Poplars will cease on the last day of November

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
QF ONLY	12.00 - 18.00 hrs				13.00 - 21.00 hrs		
ALL	18.00 - 21.00 hrs	12.00 - 18.00 hrs		12.00 - 18.00 hrs		10.00 - 14.00 hrs	10.00 - 13.00 hrs

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.

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

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

See <https://bmfa.org/Contests-Events/Contest-and-Event-Calendar> for more details.

'Oddidentification' answer

1. Heinkel He 111P

2. Fieseler V1 flying bomb