



September

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club Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> Sept.  
from 7.30....*

## **\*\* SOME EXCITING NEWS See.. 'Somewhere else to fly' \*\***

Dear All

Welcome to the September 2018 Newsletter!

Boom ! and then it was September ! .. Not been the best flying month for me, in fact I had to almost force myself to go flying and that was only once. So... writing the newsletter has been a bit difficult without being amongst things down the field.

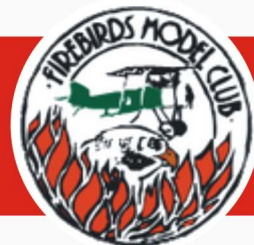
Firstly I wanted to 'big up' HobbyKing!... a motor that I bought from HobbyKing last month decided to stop working after just a couple of flights so I reported it to Hobbyking via their web-portal and without question they sent a new one... really easy! Well done HobbyKing excellent customer service!

And... Whilst I was waiting for the replacement motor to come from HobbyKing I fitted the £4.29 motor that I bought from eBay via China (mentioned last month), but this time remembering the ESC that caught fire I ran an AMP test and at full throttle the AMPS went over 30AMP.... (I had been using a 20AMP ESC last time).

Anyway now having flow with the £4.29 motor I can happily say that it flew perfectly... So Thank you China! But be warned... these type of purchase are not always good and the BMFA has covered these type of purchase in it's manual, see later in the newsletter under Grey imports !

Hopefully October's newsletter will bring some better news on a flyiing field but for now, let's get on with this Newsletter.

Chris.



## Committee News

Here's the latest from the committee room.

## Our ongoing thanks to PADMAC

Our ongoing thanks to PADMAC for keeping us flying..

## SOMEWHERE ELSE TO FLY !!

Whilst looking for flying sites one of the committee (Pete) has managed to arrange us a trial on a rather interesting but very different flying site, woodlands community school.

This will be on the schools playing field and is only suitable for small, light electric aircraft.

Full details are still being prepared / confirmed, but we have an agreement that we can fly this weekend and a committee member will be on site (subject to reasonable weather in the morning).

This coming Sat 15<sup>th</sup> September from 10.00 to 3.30 and this Sun 9.00 to 12.00

See attached rules which will apply to this site.

The Schools address is....

Woodlands Community College / School. Minstead Avenue, Harefield. SO18 5FW

## PADMAC flying times (once initial introduction done with a principle / committee member).

	Power	Electric/Silent
Mon to Sat	10:00 to 18:00	10:00 to Sunset
Sunday	11:00 to 18:00	11:00 to Sunset

PADMAC rules can be found here. [http://www.padmac.info/PADMAC\\_flyingsite\\_rules.html](http://www.padmac.info/PADMAC_flyingsite_rules.html)

## PADMAC Flying site.... Remember

Please make sure you reset the electric fence to 'on' before leaving.





## Search for new flying site

Whilst committee members have been following up all leads offered to them and tried several different methods including adverts in the Farming magazines, we have not yet managed to secure a suitable replacement flying site.

One committee member has suggested that as an incentive, if any member can generate a lead that leads to a suitable and affordable replacement flying site being found and used that their 2019 membership fee would be waived (excluding BMFA fees).

Please contact a committee member if you have any ideas.

## Stuart Whittle's funeral

*Stuart Whittle's funeral took place on the 30th of August in Porchester followed by a wake at the Delme Arms.*



A photo of Stuart as we would like to remember him with good pal Tony (on the right).

Our continuing thoughts go out to his family.



## Classified advertisements



Flying club member Pete (the one that does the BBQs) is also a keen Bee keeper, if anybody is interested in purchasing some local (West End) honey please have a word with him.

## The Shadow Factory returns to the Nuffield Theatre

Those Interested in Southampton's history, WWII, spitfires and a night out might be interested in this <https://www.nstheatres.co.uk/whats-on/the-shadow-factory> the show had such good reviews last year that they have brought it back for a longer run next year, seats start out just £10.



## Battle of Britain: Model Squadron

<https://www.channel4.com/programmes/battle-of-britain-model-squadron>

About the programme

As part of the RAF's centenary, model aircraft enthusiasts from Britain and Germany recreate the Battle of Britain in miniature, to understand and commemorate the pilots

Episode 1 - Channel 4 - Sun 09 Sep, 8pm (I know you have missed it, but it will be on Catchup)



## Poorly club member

Continuing thoughts and good wishes from the committee to all poorly members.

## CHRISTMAS DRAW 2018

Christmas Draw tickets are now on sale so don't forget to bring some money to the site!



## **FUTURE CLUB NIGHTS - Advance notice**

September - Let's Meet for a drink and a chat at Hamble club Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> from 7.30....  
Perhaps bring along any small heli's, quadcopters?

October – As is traditional we will have a bring and buy, but breaking with tradition, this year  
Note: we won't have an auction this year, just bring your items with prices, put them on a table and negotiate with buyers yourself.

November – Balsa Brain details TBA

December - Christmas Party evening has been confirmed as 13<sup>th</sup> December at the Hamble club, a buffet will be provided.

## **Watch out!**



There are often radar speed traps on the roads leading to the PADMAC flying site.

## **GDPR - General Data Protection Regulation**

The following members may not have completed (or at least the committee may not have received) a completed GDPR permissions form we know some members had difficulty completing it electronically – If your name is on the list please contact a committee member for assistance.

MARTIN HUGHES, PETE CLARK, DAVE HOPPE, MARK BENHAM, MIKE SPARSHATT WORLEY  
BRIAN MORRIS, MARTIN RUDGLEY, RAY DEAN, DEAN NEWELL, TONI NEWELL, STEVE  
NEWELL, GRAHAM MCGREGOR, JIM COLLINS, GARY STUBBINGTON, PAUL MASON.





## From Tony Knight

Before Stuart passed away, he asked me to sell his Multiplex Radios.

The items are as follows and prices would have to be negotiated etc.

- 1) TX- Cockpit SX (mode 1)
- 2) TX- Royal Pro 7 (mode 1)
- 3) 7- RX's (6 and 7 channel)

Each TX has an aluminium case and tray and also the handbooks.



If interested Speak to Tony Knight



## From Pat Parsons

Hi All,

well I think I mentioned the test and club rules, the test was similar to the BMFA test , but I had to study the site rules as well and answers had to be 80 percent correct, any way you will remember the test aircraft was rather light and in the wind it was a bit of a handful, any way after the test one of the members came to me and said that he had a model that I could have at a sensible price, so he said that it was a model that would handle the site wind so here it is, a beautiful flyer and all it required was the receiver, lovely and all for yes a few pounds, less than 20.

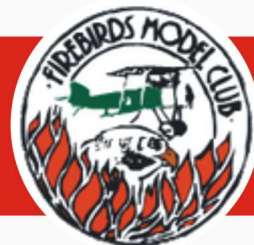


Well to give you a bit more news about Leicester, when I did my test, like I said it was just like the BMFA A test, where all flying surfaces were checked for security, failsafe activated, and most of all, all movements were of the correct orientation, the flying routine was of course a figure of 8 then a Square, left and right hand, fly past then a landing, another take off then a landing, then the model was made safe, and returned to the pits, then of course, there was a question and answer session on club rules and safety, well t'is all over and done with now.

The club also noise tested all models, and a note is made in the club register of Radio make, Prop size and make, model make and type, and power.

Well I will get some pics to you soon hopefully before next newsletter, see you soon, regards to all, yes you as well Sharon still reading news letters are you?

More soon for the Newsletter... Pat



Hi Guys I'm back sooner than you thought....,

I just returned from the flying field, went there about ten this morning (5<sup>th</sup> Sept.), beautiful weather, very slight breeze, and sunny, the early birds were already there.

I set up the Trojan, and away we went, the model flew really well, just a couple of clicks down trim on elevator then with half throttle hands off! I would really recommend it as an advanced trainer, it does what it says in the book, so if any of the lads at Firebirds fancy a really stable plane that is easy to fly, go for it and being a trike undercart take offs are a doddle also landings just need guiding in on throttle.

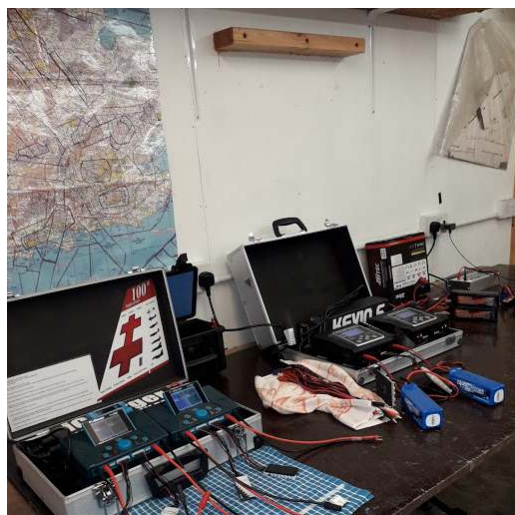
It takes just 14 mins to the field from my home brilliant eh time now is 4-15six and quarter hours of peace and quiet. Looking to move up North <https://www.rightmove.co.uk/property-for-sale.html> (ed)



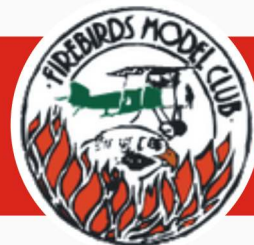
Not so Jealous now Pat, your club house looks like a toilet block ! ... Oh, it is the toilet block ! (Ed.)

Pat Said referencing the picture above right....

*"Clarky eat your heart out there's a Thunderbolt here, beautiful flyer so steady worth £700"*







## Alan Shergold – Tidies his workshop

Now I'm one of those persons who like to have a place for everything and everything in its place, my wife always giggles every time I say that, but the problem is I have so much stuff there just is not enough space hence my shed and garage are a complete mess and I lose things.

So when I see a nice compact tool rack for modellers in RCM&E I thought I'll have one of those. It seemed small and compact but with a fair amount of room for all those modelling tools you leave on the bench when working.

So I got on the "t'internet" and ordered one.

Just a few days later and it arrived as a flat pack.

The following day was a nice day so I set up a bench in the garden and set to work.

I was impressed with the quality of the ply and the cutting of the joints and first put the sections together dry. The joints were cut so accurately with a slight interference fit that I could put most of it together dry.

I'm glad that I did this as it was possible to put one section together incorrectly, which I duly did, the instruction being good but not perfect. Picture diagram instructions with 12 easy steps.

Now the instructions say only tools required were a rubber hammer, which I did not use, glue and tape to hold it together.

I did not like the idea of tape as joints need to be held tight while the glue is drying so I just used my clamps which was a success the joints being so good they held square when assembling.

Left for 24 hrs, remove clamps, a sanding down and a coat of varnish and hey presto a nice little tool rack that did not take up to much room on the bench and I now have a place for all my small modelling tools close to hand.

Manufacturer... Hobbyzone

Called .... Organiser with optional extra drawer

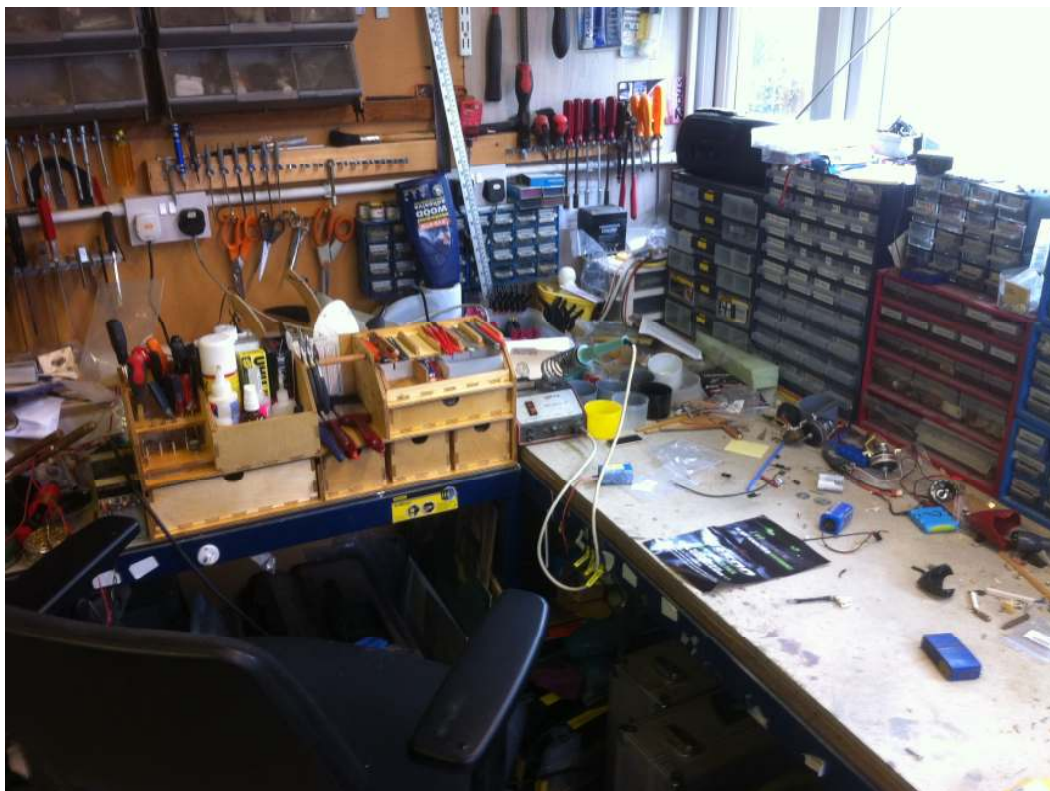
Cost .... £48.94 Inc. Tax & Delivery

From.... Hobbies Mail order (based in Norfolk)

<https://www.alwayshobbies.com/site-search?term=organiser>

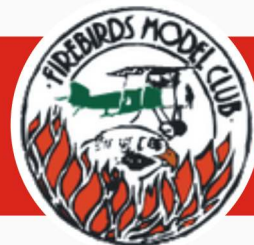
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Real use pictures from Alan's Workshop.





## Always Good to hear from ex-members... Nigel Argall

Ex Member Nigel Argall got in touch with Roger earlier this month, primarily to wish him well having heard of his illness, but he also updated Roger on what he was up to, Roger thought members might be interested. Nigel wrote....

*I still check out the Firebirds web site occasionally and still have fond memories of turning up week after week (often in poor weather) at Botley as you (Roger) taught me to fly way back in (about) 2001.*

*I am continuing to fly regularly down here in Cornwall. It seems to work well – if it is a windy day (and has got some West in it), I go glider flying at St Agnes, anything else and I fly power at North Cliffs near Camborne.*

*I'm continuing to build and the latest completed (but as yet unflown) model is a ¼ scale Grunau Baby 2 glider. My dad did national service after WW2 and flew one of these in Germany so I have modelled a 'spoils of war' GB 2 as I think they were pretty much stolen from the civilians who owned them and used by the army (after they had painted over the swastikas with roundels).*

*Thanks so much for all your input and wisdom into my modelling career – I still ask myself occasionally 'what would Roger do in this situation..?'*

*Please also give my best wishes to the members of Firebirds –*

*I still miss you all!*

*Best wishes*

*Nigel Argall*



*Nigel's Grunau Baby 2 glider*



## An excerpt from the BMFA Members Handbook 2017

### **24.13 Grey Imports**

There is a small but increasing trend, driven in many cases by the ease of internet shopping, for flyers to directly import equipment from sources outside the EU for their own use. All frequency bands are affected by this and sets on both 35 MHz and 2.4 GHz are especially involved.

Now most of us are not familiar with EU and UK law on this subject but you should consider the following very carefully.

It is a fact that the onus for making sure that the equipment meets EU standards rests not on the manufacturer but on the original importer into the EU. This applies whether the equipment carries a real or bogus CE mark or no CE mark at all.

This means, of course, that equipment bought through the normal model shop chain is warranted to be legal by the major importers who do the original importing into the EU. However, if you have imported equipment directly from outside the EU for your own use then you are personally responsible for it's legal operation within the UK.

This is extremely important to you as a user because you may inadvertently find yourself in serious trouble if you are involved in an incident.

Just to take two instances;

(1) The application of bogus CE marks to equipment manufactured and supplied from certain parts of the far east is not unknown. If you have one of these sets you have no idea whether it is legal to operate or not.

(2) The USA and Canada have higher power limits for 2.4 GHz equipment than we do and it is known that most Spectrum sets sold there have been built to take advantage of these higher powers. If you have personally imported a set from the USA then it will almost certainly be illegal to operate in the UK unless it has been re-calibrated by the official importers.

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Notice the Newsletter is a bit empty, less interesting?

Please e-mail items for the Newsletter to [firebirdsmodelclub@outlook.com](mailto:firebirdsmodelclub@outlook.com).

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## This month down at the field

I only went flying once this month and only took one picture.. so... let me introduce Ken of PADMAC, Ken is one of the PADMAC committee members and also one of their trainers. A thoroughly decent guy!! (but then I have to say that as he reads the newsletter!!).





## This month's video!

There are many similarities between the way this full size pilot flies and the way I fly, except I think he wants to fly like that!

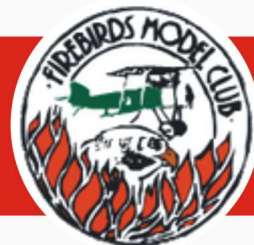


[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v= RkXaxQLXDY](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RkXaxQLXDY)

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

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## 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](mailto: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!

## Local Tree Surgeon

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





## External Events

If you need more details on any particular event, then go to <https://bmfa.org/Contests-Events/Contest-and-Event-Calendar>.

## 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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Membership Sec.	Roger Stanton	01489 784152	<a href="mailto:roger-stanton@sky.com">roger-stanton@sky.com</a>

## 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.

## Firebirds Constitution and Rules.

The Firebirds constitution and rules document can be found at the bottom of the 'about us' section on the web-site or by clicking the following link.

<http://firebirds.org.uk/onewebmedia/FIREBIRD%20CONSTITUTION%20%26%20RULES.pdf>.

**Remember... Safe flying is no accident.**