



**Our friend Roger (Stanton) who passed away on the 29th May 2019
Truly missed – our thoughts are with his family at this difficult time.**



**Roger's Goodbye is being held on
Monday 17th June - 10.45 at the Wessex Vale Crematorium**



**BREAKING NEWS
FIREBIRDS @ PADMAC
BARBEQUE.**

SAT 22nd JUNE 2pm.

Dear All

Welcome to the June 2019 Newsletter!

Firstly, let me just say that writing a cheery newsletter having lost Roger Stanton this last month is difficult, but I am sure he wouldn't appreciate it if I didn't so, I will do my best.

Sunday May the 9th was the first BBQ of the year, Ken from PADMAC did the cooking and even managed to lock the cows in the other field for the day so they didn't get upset by the sight of us eating beef burgers.

A really enjoyable day thanks to PADMAC with special thanks to KEN, sadly several firebirds members couldn't make it on this date, hopefully a few more can make it on the 21st July for the next one... (Although I have to send my apologies in advance ☹)

Bought a bargain on-line this last month... as anybody that stands near me when I am flying will probably have heard, on some of my models I have the telemetry set up to tell me the voltage of the flight battery.

And it's really easy to do on some receivers it is simply a matter of connecting 2 wires from the receiver to the battery but, as I never had the correct plug I used to solder them... it looked so messy.

Anyway I ordered 10 of the plugs with leads from china for just £1.55 including postage.



The eBay description was "JST ZH 3-Pin 1.5mm Female Connector with Wire" a perfect fit.

So, here's hoping for some good flying weather for this summer and on with the newsletter.

Chris.



Update from the BMFA CEO, David Phipps

Representatives of the UK Model Flying Associations met with the CAA yesterday afternoon (29th May 2019).

The meeting was constructive, but without any real breakthrough to report at this stage. The CAA were only able to discuss potential options within the restrictive policy framework dictated by the DfT. One such option is the possibility of the Associations registering as Operators, which would save members paying the £16.50 registration fee, but all members flying any model over 250g would still be required to take a free CAA theory test every 3 years. There is however further exploratory work to do on this option before it could be confirmed as a viable way forward and it would still be far from satisfactory.

Model Flying is now within the CAA's Small Unmanned Aircraft Unit rather than their General Aviation Unit and there was an undertaking to meet on a quarterly basis, rather than on the current annual basis. The Associations welcome this development, especially at the present time.

There remains a great deal of detail to resolve before the 2018 ANO changes come into effect at the end of November this year and this issue is compounded by the six months lost due to the DfT/CAA 'stone walling' us since November 2018. It is regrettable that it has taken the direct action of our members to force the resumption of meaningful dialogue.

We would like to thank all those members who have supported our campaign so far, the CAA has received approximately 6000 responses from model association members. If you have not yet responded to the consultation, please do so before it closes next week. Full details of the consultation and how to respond can be found [<here>](#):

A considerable number of members have expressed their dissatisfaction at the 'standard' response they have received from the CAA which in many cases does little or nothing to address their specific concerns or indicate that they have even been read. We would encourage any member dissatisfied with the response they have received to raise a formal complaint through the CAA's complaints process (rather than as a personal communication to the CEO), details of which you can find [<here>](#):

Similarly, a significant number of members have also expressed their dissatisfaction with the 'standard' response they have received from the DfT and in this instance we would encourage members to re-submit their concerns with a complaint that they have not been adequately addressed. Details of how to submit a complaint to the DfT can be found [<here>](#)

We will be meeting with the Minister next week, but for now our 'Call to Action' remains very much in place.

Kind Regards

Andy Symons
Club Support Officer



Committee News

Here's the latest from the committee room.

SEARCH FOR NEW SITE

Still nothing...

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

Woodlands school Flying site.

**** IMPORTANT ** YOU MUST NOW LIAISE WITH PETE CLARK or ROB COPE BEFORE FLYING AT WOODLANDS, AS PERMISSION NEEDS TO BE GRANTED BY AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL ****

Saturday 15th June 10:00am to 3:30pm (or until last flyer leaves / subject to weather)

Sunday 16th June unavailable

The Schools address is....

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

Toilet facilities are often available.

Note: Pete Clark has negotiated increased flying opportunities at Woodlands as the weather and day-light improves, to include some summer evenings and school holidays.

SAFETY NOTICE

Please do not fly untested aircraft at Woodlands school, there simply isn't enough space should an aircraft not fly 'to specification'. Please also remember nothing too large or noisy.

Poorly club member

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

FUTURE CLUB NIGHTS - Advance notice

Joint Barbeques with the PADMAC guys have been pencilled in for the following

Sundays Sunday 21 July Sunday 15 September



'A' Certificates

Another year has passed and we haven't had any members celebrate the achievement of their 'A' certificate, let's make this your year... While we are at PADMAC perhaps we could do a few training sessions in conjunction with PADMAC flyers? If you want to do your 'A' certificate let someone on the committee know and we can try and arrange. Taken exam? This link could be useful! <https://achievements.bmfa.org/mandatory-questions>

Bank Holidays Flying Times Reminder ...

At PADMAC's site Bank holidays including Easter are normal flying times, "Happy days".

Saw this sign at Southsea common – perhaps something to do with an American visitor!



Notice the Newsletter is a bit empty, less interesting?

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

Christmas Draw tickets on-sale NOW!



Don't hold your breath but we now have an MP looking for a new flying site !





Down at the field 19th May 2019

PADMAC on BBQ Sunday! unfortunately there wasn't many firebirds members there so I took a few photos of PADMAC's members to show the Firebirds members what they were missing. I only wish I could remember everyone's names. Anyway this guy is a thoroughly decent chap with a lovely model aeroplane. (Now that's Quality editorial content!)



Another lovely PADMAC member getting things ready...



And at last somebody who's name I know, it's our Russell Lewis... (it was his birthday by the way)



And our Rob Cope, with the CofG now correct his model which now flies beautifully.



Sun, May 12 2:10 pm

I think my non-standard flight was caused by the wrong COG we carefully engineered! Web site says 125mm. Manual says 90-95mm. As it flew like a lawn dart, I think I know which to believe!



Ian Budgen from the model shop in Medstead was also at the PADMAC BBQ, another thoroughly nice guy, he asked me to remind you all about his Rotorfest 2019 event. And if you can't make the show why not pop into the shop for a cup of coffee. I know Rob Cope did because that's where he bought the aeroplane in the picture above.



And finally the 2 clubs join together in perfect harmony for a well-earned Burger and/or Sausage.



And in another field far from PADMAC

Russell Lewis will do absolutely anything to promote his company, here is Russell's company van parked next to a rather famous full size aircraft... I hope the people that live in those houses are aeroplane enthusiasts! Picture was taken at H.M.S Daedalus Lee-on-Solent.





Back at PADMAC again

Rob Cope's chair collapses.



Not sure who these 2 guys are, must be new members ☺... good to see you back flying !!





A couple of pictures from Pat

Hi All, I have had a busy time for the last few weeks or so, so not much has been done, the ugly one is now ready to go, did I mention it's an amphibian? So a bit of waterproofing is to be tackled and as you see the skid underneath acts as stability.

I will get the initial flights completed then go for the water test, will let you know the result, see you soon, I will probably bring my beret to do the last salute as Roger was ex-service like me.



Memories of Roger - by Nigel Arqall

Like so many, Roger taught me to fly RC models, me personally in 2001. My abiding memory is not just of a truly great modeller but of a thoroughly unselfish person. I'd ring Roger and arrange to meet at the field for the statutory four flights of tuition. Sometimes the weather was awful and there would literally only be me and Roger dodging the rain and mist but he'd always cheerfully turn up - I think he thrived on the enthusiasm of his pupils. I did eventually go solo and adopted (for a while) Roger's old 'Rava Avis' - possibly one of the oldest models in the club. Unbelievably, he even let me have a few moments on the sticks with his lovely Spitfire that was, I think, admired by everybody in the club. I'd always get Roger to fly a new model that I had built (an old school tradition to cope with the nerves of the first flight) and he would invariably be complementary and encouraging. I think the finest compliment that I can give is that 18 years later, I still have his voice in my head as I come in to land shouting 'Keep the wings level. keep the wings level!'. God bless him, a true gentleman modeller.



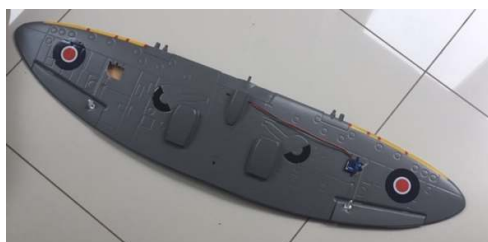
FOR SALE – Sam Whitter

Hello guys I am having had to cut down on my model collection due to our land lady giving us 3 months to move. I appreciate all the help you guys have given in the past and will be keeping some models and radio gear as I'm hoping to be back flying in the 2021 season.

1st is a extricate fan euro fighter, needs some tlc ready to fly, needs 2 cell batteries I thinks and a receiver needed. Made from foam. £25.00

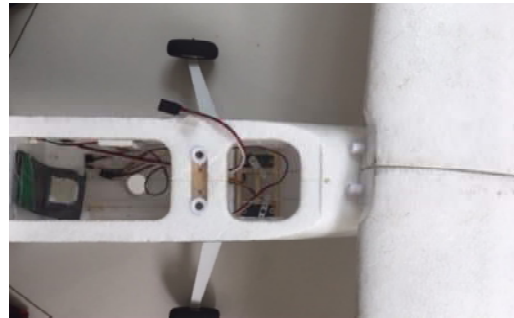


2nd is an unbuilt spitfire for Lipo use couldn't get the wings to work due to the poor design of the kit. It needs 1 speed controller 1 servo batteries, receiver and transmitter. Ideal for someone is good at fixing the design. £15





3rd is my discovery ST ideal for anyone wanting to learn to fly electric. I would want a bit more this as it has some good quality parts inside such as futaba servos and 40 amp speed controller ready to fly just need transmitter, receiver and batteries. Very tail heavy and at lead weights have been placed to counter the COG. £40 or best offer.



4th is my delta ray, this is designed to be the easiest delta wing aircraft to fly and flys at medium to high speed with 2 electronic motors all ready to fly, this comes with a mode 1 transmitter and speed controllers and servos £35, just needs receiver and batteries





5th is a aircraft with a 2 stroke engine just needs a run up all ready, just needs fuel, transmitter and receiver, again has high quality futaba servos and idea for someone who wants to slow down or is learning. £40



I would love it if these were not stripped down for parts but passed on through the club for new and younger members, I think these are all really good prices but maybe able to negotiate a little, I hope you are all well and have a good flying summer!

If interested please contact Sam ...

My contact number is 0792 525 7888

Location in Titchfield



An awesome video from the BBC

Click link for a rather impressive piece of film footage. <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/av/uk-england-bristol-48320578/raf-brize-norton-hercules-captured-in-mid-air-photoshoot>



Medstead Rotorfest 2019

Ian Budgen from the model shop in Medstead has asked us to tell you about Rotorfest 2019

Displays will include:

Fixed Wing – Trainers, Scale, Gliders & Aerobatic

Rotary Wing – Helicopter (Scale & 3D)

Night Flying Saturday Night – “Off The Peg” limited to 3 planes at anyone time

Radio Control Cars

ian@themodelshop.net - <https://themodelshop.net/>

Medstead Rotorfest 2019

Saturday 3rd Aug & Sunday 4th Aug
Camping from Midday on Friday 2nd Aug

Weekend of Radio Control Models
For the Family & Enthusiast

Lower Soldridge Farm, Soldridge Road, Medstead, Hampshire, GU34 5JF
<https://goo.gl/maps/JDJCPRMNLZ32>

Helicopter, Fixed Wing & Drone Demonstrations

Cars & Trucks

Have-A-Go Driving & Flying

On Site Camping with OnSite Toilets

BBQ & Licensed Bar

Ice Cream, Light Snacks & Jacket Potatoes

Trade Stands

Camping £25 for the Weekend (Access to Show Extra - Campers £5 for Weekend Ticket)

Show Entry £5 per Adult PreBooking Now Being Taken Via Paypal (Ticket numbers emailed then wristbands collected on arrival)

<https://www.paypal.me/TheModelShop>

<https://www.facebook.com/medsteadrotorfest>

Persons 18 or Under Free - With Accompanying Adult

Firebirds Model Club

News, Views & Information - June 2019



Club Information

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

Glow Fuel, Glue and other bits and pieces available

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!

External Events

If you need more details on any particular event, then go to <https://bmfa.org/Contests-Events/Contest-and-Event-Calendar>. **BMFA Bulletins are available on-line at this [link](#) ...**

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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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.