



PADMAC BARBEQUE.
Firebirds invited !!

SUNDAY 21st JULY
12.30pm Flying from 11am

Dear All

Welcome to the July 2019 Newsletter!

June has been an interesting month were we experienced a weekend of torrential rain which in my case was experienced from a tent in Shropshire (Weston Park), soon followed by some of the hottest June days on record.

June was also the month were we said goodbye to our dear friend Roger, a large number of us managed to be at the funeral surrounded by Rogers family, it was obvious that he meant so much to so many. During the funeral Val Roger's wife asked Russell to arrange an auction for Roger's model collection. A date has been set for the auction of the 15th August at the Hamble club, more details will follow all proceeds of the sale will go to Val's chosen charity.

Do you know last month when I said, "*don't hold your breath but we now have an MP looking for a new flying site!*", well Mims Davies's contact has actually produced a lead, unfortunately not as close as we would like. Geoff Griffiths is going to take a closer look to see if there is any mileage in the site.

I have been a bit pushed for time this month, but hopefully there is a little something in the newsletter to make it worth reading, of course it would be a lot more interesting with a few articles from those that read it.

So, here's hoping for some more good flying and Barbecuing weather.

Chris.



Committee News

Here's the latest from the committee room.

Rogers funeral

Many members bid a final goodbye to our friend Roger, on Monday 17th June at the Wessex Vale Crematorium in West End, although a sad occasion, perhaps with the club's attendance and any words spoken to Roger's wife Val on the day we might have, in some small way helped the family during this difficult time. Our thoughts remain with them.



Roger Stanton. 1947 - 2019





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 ****

The Schools address is....

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

Toilet facilities are often available.

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

Sunday 21 July Saturday 17th August (NEW) Sunday 15 September

Roger's charity auction. (NEW) 15th August – other clubs / non club members welcome.

'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 are normal flying times, "Happy days".



NEW Cows

Apparently the cows at PADMAC are new, younger ones... hate to think what happened to the last lot! Just when you thought you had built up a relationship with them they move on!

A Sensationalised BBC documentary about the risk of drone strikes on aeroplanes - VIDEO

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/m0006h51/britains-next-air-disaster-drones>



BMFA response. Click below.

<https://bmfa.org/News/News-Page/ArticleID/2595/BBC-2-Documentary-“Britain’s-Next-Air-Disaster-”?fbclid=IwAR0DV3Px5NKWUsSmdw9YXmVHtBO5X4Snuv9ou2pdRBa-N8-WyHzDbs4L5to>

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!



Down at the field 2nd June 2019 – BBQ day !!

So it's official the Firebirds managed to pick a date for a BBQ where the sun actually shone and the weather allowed us to fly.

Alan and Pete did a sterling job, Alan's homemade burgers being particularly yummy.

Pete also brought along a few of his jets so there was plenty of great flying to watch too.



One of Pete's Jets



Russells' War Bird

The Chuckle brothers

Rob's Pheonix 2000

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Oh and thank you to Alan's wife too !! (hiding behind Pete)



A great turn out.. (Both Firebird and PADMAC members).



Weston Park Aero Show 2019

OK, so on the face of it, based on the weather forecast if Russell and I (Chris) hadn't have already bought the tickets in advance we might not have driven the 340 mile round trip to 'Weston under Lizard'. But although the show had its moments of rain and mud became a bit of a problem the actual show was absolutely worth it.

This year saw an increased number of 'super-size' models, the gliders in the picture had a 6m wing span and the .6 scale piper cubs were a real show stopper especially when they flew, in formation ... in the dark !!

The models and the people / technology flying them get better and better each year, it really is an amazing show... there are a few photos that we took at the show below...



Who needs Glastonbury !!



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Impressive matching .6 scale Piper Cubs.. the kit is available if you are interested.



A full size Piper Pawnee launches a full size glider primed with LEDs and fireworks ready for the night show.



*Weston Park's mass launch ready for an attempted record
'The most prop hanging model aircraft in one place'.*



*Thrust Vectoring models show off their own version of prop hanging.
"Nozzle Sitting" perhaps ... ?*



The night show is always worth staying up for, fantastic model flying followed by an awesome fireworks display. A £2-3000 model aeroplane Prop hanging in the dark, with fireworks, pretty cool don't you think.



The Weston Park model show is run by the Wrekin model flying club the principle organiser being Steve Bishop who is famous for the internationally acclaimed Reds Duo together with his Son Matt. The show wouldn't have been complete without them showing us what they could do.



A couple of pictures from Pat – A Ben Buckle kit (Slicker)

Pat's words... At this stage all I am going to say is thanks-a-lot Russ, in the old days I would not have had the time, three days cutting here !!



It's on its way, I could thank Russ now, but I still won't...



Mods all done now, pictures are self-explanatory, thanks for the kit Russ !!!!



Kit details available here.....

http://www.benbucklevintage.com/index.php?main_page=product_info&products_id=29



Last Plug below !!! – Local model shop, local show, support it or lose it !!

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

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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.