



A Firebirds FIRST!
Thursday 17th October
Skittles Evening

Partners / Families welcome.

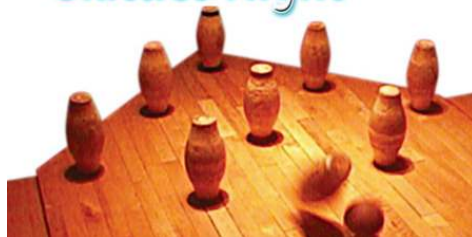
Dear All

Welcome to the October 2019 Newsletter!

Sorry Nothing exciting to say this month except ...

**Skittles evening 17th October, at Hamble club.
Arrive from 7pm, start games at 7.30 - 8 'ish'
partners and family welcome, bring your own
snacks but not drinks (bar will be open).**

Skittles Night



See you all at the skittle night, but for now here is the October 2019 newsletter..

Chris.



BMFA News *taken from* <https://bmfa.org/News/News-Page>

I published an update on the BMFA website on 23rd August (<https://bmfa.org/News/News-Page/ArticleID/2608/An-update-on-the-UK-regulations-for-model-flyers>) which provided a summary of our position at that time. This was also going to be the basis of my article for the forthcoming issue of the BMFA NEWS.

However, the very next day I received a telephone call to tell me that the new Secretary of State for Transport (the Rt Hon Grant Shapps MP) had picked up the case for us and would 'be in touch'.

A few days later I received an invitation to attend a meeting with Grant at the Houses of Parliament. This meeting took place on Monday the 9th September and involved me (on behalf of the UK Model Flying Associations), Graham Brown from ARPAS (on behalf of commercial drone operators) and high-level delegations from both the CAA and DfT. The outcome of the meeting was that the CAA and DfT have been tasked to work in collaboration with us urgently to try and find an acceptable way forward.

This is very much work in progress and as such I cannot provide much definitive information at this time. Please monitor the BMFA website and Facebook page for further updates in due course.

However, what I can confirm already is that those who only fly control line aircraft will be exempted from the DRES requirements and I can also confirm that registration numbers can be carried in an easily accessible location (such as within battery compartments) rather than on the exterior of model aircraft. The registration fee is also likely to be subject to a change (for the better). These items are the starting point.

We would therefore encourage members not to rush into registering or taking the test when the DRES is rolled out in the next few weeks, until we have concluded our current round of discussions with the CAA and DfT and issued further guidance to members. For the time being, we would suggest that it remains 'business as usual'.

Both the CAA and DfT have given a commitment to 're-set' their relationships with the model flying community and work with us in close collaboration from this point forward, a very positive development which we greatly appreciate. It's perhaps preferable to being inundated with correspondence from our magnificent members and their MP's! Thanks again to all those members who have supported our relentless campaign so far.

Watch this space!

Dave Phipps CEO

We will update members as soon as we receive further information from the Secretary of State for Transport, the Department for Transport and/or the Civil Aviation Authority.



Autumn Swapmeet

Sunday 17th November 2019

from 8:30am to noon

Mountbatten School, Romsey, SO51 5SY. Admission £4, under 16s free. First table costs £9 (including one admission), additional tables cost £5 each. Refreshments available.

"Watch Out"

Alan has had his video camera out again!





This month down at the field...

Woodlands 5th October 2019, no wind, no rain and not too cold either.

Dave flew 3 aircraft including this one with 2 wings which now flies beautifully with some extra nose weight.



And this one that has 2 tails





And then he flew this one that had no wheels and no tail!



Allan Hardingham flew his beautiful cub model, the one that 'growls' ... (below)



..... and then he flew his much smaller 'yellow' model that looks just like cub, so I decided that I would entitle this piece in the newsletter "Allan 2 cubs and no chair" (because he forgot his chair again!)

Allan then informed me that the smaller one isn't a cub!

Anybody out there who can identify model aeroplanes fancy a job as newsletter editor??!!





Alan Shergold prepares his little foamy.



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Committee News

Here's the latest from the committee room.

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.

Flying times this weekend..

Saturday 12th October 10:00am to 3:30pm

Sunday 13th October 10:00am to 3:30pm

**** 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 ****

SUBJECT TO PERMISSION BEING 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

Skittles evening (families welcome)	Thursday 17th October
Balsa Brain	Friday 8th November
Christmas Party	Thursday 12th December
AGM	Thursday 16th January
Table top sale / small indoor models	Thursday 20th February

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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

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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.