



November.....

**STAY HOME SAVE LIVES
AGAIN!**

Important Notice!

After November 30th 2019 you could be operating unlawfully if you do not have either a CAA Flyer ID, or hold a BMFA Basic Proficiency Certificate A or B Certificate, or have passed the test at the BMFA on-line test.

Dear fellow aeronautical modellers,

Well it's happened again! No flying for a while... but let's all be positive, next year is going to be one heck of special year, it just has to be!! But as said for now, no flying.

Anyway, rather than us moaning about our sport and how little we can fly, on Saturday the 7th November I made a visit to an outdoor, socially separated, mask-wearing, flying festival and the event was a complete flop. Why? Because there was NO wind, no wind whatsoever!

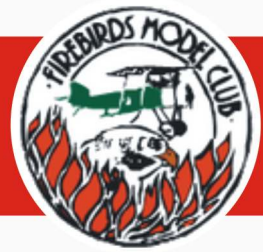
You are thinking happy days, no wind, perfect, but it was the 2020 Fuerteventura international kite festival and the lack of wind made it a complete flop. So we are not the only ones having bad flying days!! See below the 33rd annual international Fuerteventura kite festival!



Not one kite flying, but at least it wasn't raining ☺

Now on with the newsletter and see you all soon.

Chris



Something else IMPORTANT and members need to VOTE!

NEXT YEARS FEES

Normally at the Christmas party the committee announces its recommendation for club fees for the coming year, obviously under the current situation the Christmas party cannot go ahead, so.....

The committee has got together 'via telephone' to discuss and is making the following suggestion, that...

“the total club fee for the coming year is to be £100 less the BMFA fee (which hasn't been announced yet) i.e. the total our members will pay will be £100.”

If you are a country BMFA member you will just pay the difference to the club.

Note: This would be the same (total amount) we were paying before we lost our old site and we had a few more members, so in real terms our fees are less than they were a few years ago.

This announcement has been made early to give extra time for members to vote, and here's how to vote.

Please reply to the newsletter e-mail saying that you agree to the £100 total, (or not), if no e-mail is received from you, we'll take that as an abstention.

Life members and a potentially difficult subject...

Many years ago when the club was larger and flying sites easier (and cheaper) to come by the then committee had a policy of giving life memberships to club members that had given exceptional service to the club. A most commendable thing to do, those members issued them really did deserve them.

Now with a much smaller club and greater costs, these memberships are no longer given but there are still a few in place from past times.

One such member, understanding the now different situation, has spoken to committee members and offered to pay the club fee regardless. Whilst this is appreciated, the committee suggests that under the circumstances that this is done as a donation and suggests half the relevant club fee as a suitable amount.

Membership numbers

The committee has discussed and suggests keeping member numbers lower for the foreseeable future.



Pete wants to say Thank You..

Our modeller Pete also keeps some bees near our flying strip and because of this has special permission to drive down to the bottom gate, however with winter now upon us and the field starting to get damp he left the hard-standing and got his van stuck in some mud,, oops !

But, our helpful farmer 'friends' Derek and Andy came to the rescue, so Pete would like to say Thank You !! (if they read the newsletters).



All change (again) down at the flying field !! But the Christmas Draw will go ahead !!

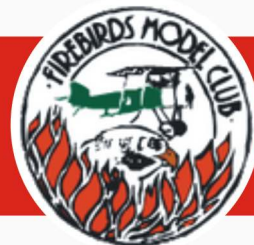
In last month's newsletter the committee announced that it would be running a scaled down version of the Raffle this year but, at that time, we weren't expecting another lock-down!

Not to be defeated Pete is going to carry on despite the current lock-down sooo.. put your money in jam jars ready for 2nd December. Pete will have loads of squares ready for you and if the weather is bad he will even allow specially distanced door step ticket sales at his house in West-End...now that's commitment!

Ssshhh... A Martin Lewis Money Saving expert (esk) piece of advice, the club have secured a few really nice prizes this year and with less ticket sales than normal you could be in for an even greater chance of winning the top prizes.

These 2 great models have already been bought ready for the draw (draw date to be confirmed).





Important - Flying times at new site:

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday | Sunday |
|------------------|------------------|-----------|------------------|-----------|------------------|------------------|
| Quiet (Electric) | Electric and I/C | | Electric and I/C | | Electric and I/C | Electric and I/C |
| 14-00 | 12-00 | NO FLYING | 12-00 | NO FLYING | 10-00 | 10-00 |
| 20-00 or dusk* | 16-00 | | 16-00 | | 14-00 | 13-00 |

Renewing members

Members who have not renewed will now need to re-apply as new members as non-renewing members details have now being removed from the club database.

The club is not taking any new members (except under exceptional circumstances) until at least the new year, to keep numbers down during the Pandemic / until after the new flying site's trial period.

The club will then be implementing a membership limit and vetting system so please do contact a committee member if you wish to be considered for membership next year.

PADMAC.

Our relationship with PADMAC remains the same and their flying site remains available to Firebirds members under the same agreement, until advised (probably at end of the year)..

PADMAC flying times.

| | 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

Poorly club member

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

FUTURE CLUB NIGHTS - Advance notice

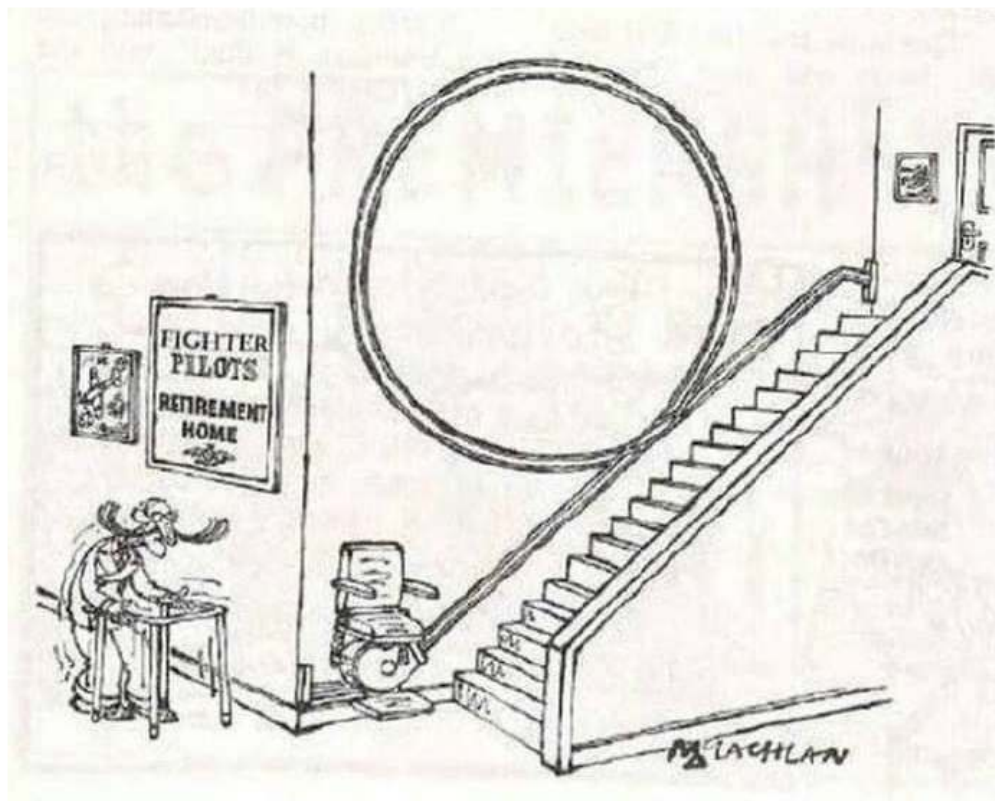
ALL ** Postponed ** due to Covid 19 restrictions.



Anybody recognise this new member of the mowing team?



Dave Hoppe – Says.. ‘The old ones are the best ones’





As Seen on KIK – Pete’s ‘New and improved’ BIGGER (140%) Mirage

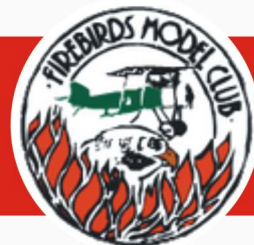


A real ‘barn-find’ now on it’s way to the Firebird’s flying field



Firebirds Model Club

News, Views & Information - November 2020



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.