



*BE CAREFUL .. for just
a LITTLE BIT LONGER!
HAVE A GOOD CHRISTMAS.*

It's Christmas !!

Best wishes to all members and readers of the newsletter from me (Chris Fisher) and the Firebirds Model Club Committee, it has been one hell of a year, please excuse my language, but it has.

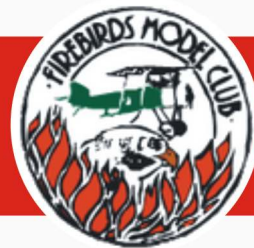
Let's all metaphorically raise our glasses and make a toast to '2021', and wish for an easier year.

See you all soon.

Chris

**** IMPORTANT NOTICE ****

On the 5th December, after several days of rain, Russell (Lewis) visited our flying site and reported that it was extremely wet, he didn't even make it to the pits area, it was so wet. If you are considering flying be aware that unless we have had a few dry sunny days that the site may be unusable. The strip is also too wet to allow mowing.



Christmas DRAW !

2 more prizes have been purchased for the Christmas draw.

In addition to the prizes announced last month, one of these 2 excellent Plug and Fly models could be yours.



Duraflly Brewster F2A Buffalo 920mm (36")



H-King TTX EPO Plane 1100mm (43")

So.. when is the draw and how can I buy tickets? (I hear you ask).

Where can I buy entries?

You can buy draw entries from Pete Clark, (contact details at the bottom of the newsletter).

When?

Anytime .. just Contact Pete or.. at the flying Site (car-park), immediately before the draw on the 19th December – Pete will be there from 10.30am.

Draw time / date?

The 19th December at 11am. (Saturday) – (tickets on sale from 10.30 to 10.59am)

Note: [If the weather is bad on the 19th this may be switched to the Sunday, the 20th at the same time, if weather is also looking bad on the 20th or there is another lock-down or similar reason then the draw will be still be carried out and witnessed by at least 2 committee members, the committee will then contact winners].

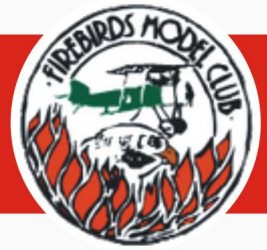
Location?

In the Car-Park at the flying site.

Prize distribution Method - 2020

Prizes will be won in order of the financial cost to the committee, the first drawn number will receive the item that cost the committee the most, the second ticket the second greatest cost etc. If the winner is present at the draw they may opt for one of the cheaper prizes if they wish, the next number drawn will then receive the most costly prize remaining in the prize pool.

Have you bought your entries? You've got to be in it to win it !!



NEXT YEARS FEES

Voting on the 2021 Fees was carried out via e-mail.

The committee received responses re. the proposed fees for 2021 from over half of club members and all but one of the members that replied voted in favour, the motion was therefore carried and It is confirmed that the adult club membership fee for 2021 is £62. The BMFA fee stays at £38 so the Total payable for most members is £100. If you are a country BMFA member you will just pay the £62 to the club.

Thank you to all those that voted.

NOTE: The above excludes the CAA licencing charges, which like last year the club recommends members do directly with the CAA, and remember your 2021 renewal could be soon for many.

NO FEE for Graham Barker this year

Let's not forget where we were this time last year and remember that our 'now' flying site was secured following the hard work of Graham Barker, as promised his reward will be his 2021 fee being paid for by the club.

Thank you again Graham

P.S. Sorry Graham you will still have to pay for the BMFA membership and CAA registration.

Paying your membership

OPTION 1. Come along on the 19th December for the draw, buy some tickets and pay at the same time, you may even win a prize that you can take home with you.

OPTION 2. By post send a cheque to

Firebirds Model club
c/o 6 Maytree Close
Locksheath
Southampton SO31 6NQ

OPTION 3. By Bank transfer

Account name: WARWICK KA (he's our membership secretary)
Sort code: 55-70-05
Account number: 75528037
Use a reference: Your Initial Your Surname and FB (for Firebirds)
Example: K Warwick FB



AGM

Advance notice, normally the club's AGM would take place in January, under the circumstances this is likely to be delayed / carried out differently. Please contact a committee member if you have any concerns that you would like to raise.

Members and a potentially difficult subject...

The committee will not ask for this payment as discussed in last months newsletter, it is up to the individuals involved to decide.

Membership numbers

As written in last month's Newsletter, the committee has discussed and suggests keeping member numbers lower for the foreseeable future.

The committee would like to make it clear that there is a guaranteed place for all renewing 2020 members until at least early 2021.

Any past members (prior to 2020) wishing to re-join or any potential new members please contact a committee member to discuss.

Club Awards.

Suspended this year.

Hamble Club.

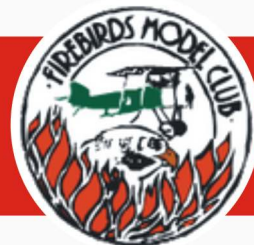
The committee have been in touch with the Hamble club, they wish our club well and look forward to welcoming us back soon.

PADMAC – THANK YOU.

We know that at least one PADMAC member reads this newsletter so would like to publicly say a BIG thank you for their continued help and support during 2021, and..

... Although our 'official' shared site arrangement comes to an end this month, it is hoped that the friendship doesn't. It is hoped that the close bond between our clubs will continue and that perhaps we can arrange some kind of joint meet-up in the future.





Important - Flying times at new site:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
<i>Quiet (Electric)</i>	<i>Electric and I/C</i>		<i>Electric and I/C</i>		<i>Electric and I/C</i>	<i>Electric and I/C</i>
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

PADMAC flying times.

The shared site arrangement with PADMAC has ended

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.

Attached to this newsletter...

If you receive this newsletter by e-mail I have attached 2 GIF files, I hope you can see them, they made me smile. (Ed).





Dedication or madness!

Being locked down for yet another month and with important things to discuss the dedicated Firebirds Model club committee convened at the flying site **in the rain!**

And if that isn't madness... Dedicated member Allan (also in the picture) showed real spirit by attending the site hoping to fly.



Although too wet for mowing at the moment our resident mechanic Russell checked that the mower was still OK and the battery charged, he reports that it is all OK and ready to go.





A little flurry on KIK last month

Kev Said....



Morning guys hope you are all well and building or repairing for when we can fly again lol

Rebuild on my dad's old piper cub nearly there

Pete Said....



Here is another waiting to fly

This what happens when you get locked in



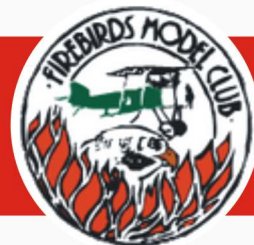
Dave Said....



Just awaiting electronics

Firebirds Model Club

News, Views & Information - December 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

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.