



APRIL 2022

*What a difference a
Month can make !*

Dear Fellow Firebirds Club Members

What a difference a Month can make, last month it was cold, wet and windy and our take-off strip was under water and boggy, just one month later .. we have much better weather and a new flying strip!

During the month a call went out from the committee for some help and like always the club pulled together and within a few hours a new flying strip was mown and ready for flight, I am not sure who had the first flight but it was literally within days of the initial announcement.

There is still work to do and hopefully this week we are going to borrow a heavy roller to make the ground even flatter (the club does have a roller but it isn't quite heavy enough).

Anyway, on behalf of the committee who I know would to thank those that helped with preparation of the area and also (if they read the newsletters) to our Landlord farmers for allowing us to try this new position on their field.

As I am now back in the country for a bit, I'll hopefully see you all a bit more down the field.

Now on with the April 2022 newsletter.

Chris

Easter exceptions to the normal flying times.

Good Friday 10am - 1pm (electric and IC)

EASTER SUNDAY ... NO flying!!

Easter Monday - 10am - 1pm (electric and IC)



HAVE YOU RENEWED YOUR MEMBERSHIP YET ?

NOTE: WE ARE NOW CONSIDERING NEW MEMBERS, PLEASE CONTACT A COMITEE MEMBER.

THIS YEARS FEES

Club fees for 2022 were agreed at the AGM / Christmas party and are now due.

Adult club membership fee for 2022 is £75. The BMFA fee is £40 so the Total payable for most members is £115. If you are a country BMFA member you will just pay the £75 to the club.

NOTE: The above excludes the CAA licencing charges, which like last year the club recommends members do directly with the CAA, and remember your 2022 renewal could be very soon for many.

Paying your membership.

OPTION 1.

Find a committee members letterbox and drop it in.

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

*IMPORTANT * Use a reference: Your Initial Your Surname and FB (for Firebirds)

Example: K Warwick FB

NOTICE

You must have paid your fees to be able to fly after the 1st January.



100 Years of the BMFA



Unless you have been hiding under a stone for the last few months, you can't help but to have noticed that the BMFA is having a celebration this year. The BMFA, or should we say, the SMAE (Society of Model Aeronautical Engineers) as it was in the early years, will celebrate its Centenary and mark the 100th year as the body responsible for UK model flying.

Over the course of 2022 there will be a series of events, fly-ins and shows. Including a Guinness book of records attempt. Firebirds model club has already signed up for this event and Rob Cope is collecting names for the attempt.

Location, date, time... The record will be set using model aircraft of all types and be a mass participation event at BMFA clubs and other flying sites throughout the UK. The attempt will take place on the 15th May 2022 at 12 noon.

The record will be for the total number of aircraft in the air at 12 noon on the 15th May 2022 simultaneously across the UK.

Note: The committee will be removing the limit on numbers of aircraft in the air at one time during this attempt.



*** LET ROB COPE KNOW IF YOU**

WILL BE THERE ON THE 15TH MAY *



Preparation of the new Landing strip - 9th April 2022





One of those Strange conversations

When we are sat on the flight line, not actually flying or fettling our models the conversations can be extremely varied, one such conversation this month was on what lubricants we have in our sheds and garages.. so without much effort I took a quick photo of my Garage 'Lube' collection, then I found some more in the shed and then some more in a cupboard. What a strange collection of people we are... Sadly I don't have any Graphite Lube which we actually needed for the gate padlock.



When I was in Arizona

We visited an aeroplane 'bone yard' near Tuscon <https://goo.gl/maps/XMrDvDTXgfuxZo8r5>

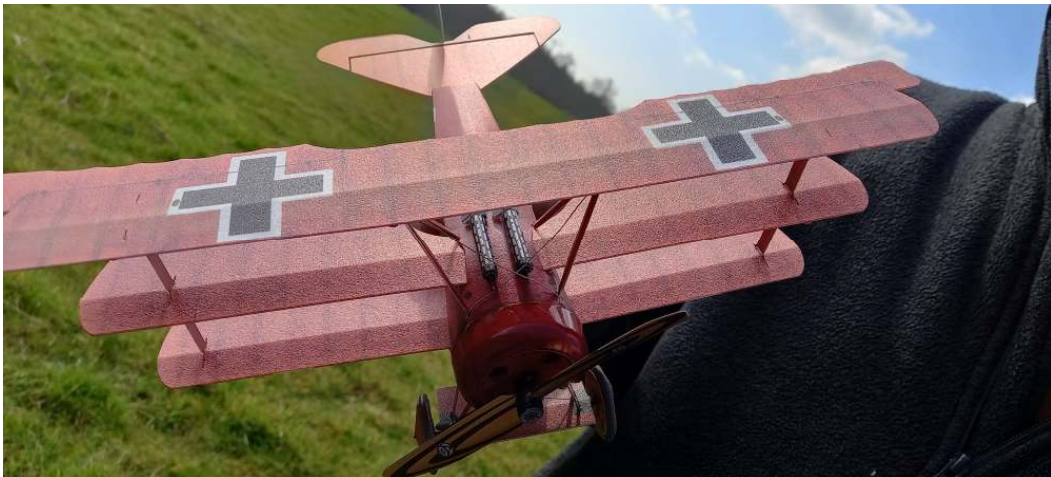




Geoff's little Fokker

The Fokker Dr.I (Dreidecker, "triplane" in German), often known simply as the Fokker Triplane, was a World War I fighter aircraft built by Fokker-Flugzeugwerke. The Dr.I saw widespread service in the spring of 1918. It became famous as the aircraft in which Manfred von Richthofen gained his last 19 victories, and in which he was killed on 21 April 1918.

This little Fokker can be seen flying by our Safety officer Geoff Griffiths.



Russell's New FW 190 model

The Focke-Wulf Fw 190 is a German single-seat, single-engine fighter aircraft designed by Kurt Tank at Focke-Wulf in the late 1930s and widely used during ... This scale model should be really exciting down at the flying field as it flies on 3300 4s batteries... KEEP A LOOK OUT!





FOR SALE

Russell says make me an offer, ask Russell for more details.



It's me (Ed.)

You don't often get pictures of me in the newsletter as I am normally the one taking the pictures, but somebody sneakily took a picture of me and put it on WhatsApp. A memory of my First flights from the new flying strip.





A REAL TREAT !

Pete and Geoff flew a matching pair of Ripmax Spitfires and once in the air with the moody clouds as a back drop you could easily be mistaken... if only they had the growl of the V12 Merlin engine then you would never know. And the 4th picture.. don't worry no damage done.





MORE - Dates for your diary



Want to know more - Ask Russell, Chris, Paul, Alan, Pete and a few others about this show (they have all been)..

Popham Airfield
EGHP
The Spitfire Flying Club

BOOK EARLY

POPHAM MODEL SHOW

20/21st August 2022

EVERYONE WELCOME
TO THIS FABULOUS TWO DAY MODEL SHOW.

Full radio control flying display
Saturday and Sunday 10am-4pm.
Jets, Large Models, Helicopters,
Top class pilots.

Indoor displays and exhibits,
model boats, trains and more.
FPV drone racing - times tbc.
Supported by Traders,
'bring and buy', refreshments
and under cover seating.

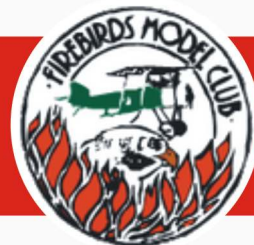
Control line aircraft demonstrations

 This event is supported by the BMFA
in celebration of their 100th
anniversary year.

All contributions subject to availability

Book Online:

This show had its first outing last year and was really worth the visit, it will undoubtedly be even better this year, perhaps see you there.



NEW Flying times : (from December 2021)

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Quiet / Electric	Electric & I/C	Electric & I/C	Electric & I/C	Quiet / Electric	Electric & I/C until 2pm then Quiet / Electric until 4pm	Electric & I/C
10-00	10-00	10-00	10-00	10-00	10-00	10-00
20-00 or dusk NO NIGHT FLYING	16-00	16-00	16-00	20-00 or dusk NO NIGHT FLYING	16-00	13-00

Or put another way:

Quiet / Electric – NOW everyday of the week		
Monday	10-00	20-00 (or dusk) NO NIGHT FLYING
Tuesday	10-00	16-00
Wednesday	10-00	16-00
Thursday	10-00	16-00
Friday	10-00	20-00 (or dusk) NO NIGHT FLYING
Saturday	10-00	16-00
Sunday	10-00	13-00

Electric & I/C – Five days a week		
Monday	NO FLYING	
Tuesday	10-00	16-00
Wednesday	10-00	16-00
Thursday	10-00	16-00
Friday	NO FLYING	
Saturday	10-00	14-00
Sunday	10-00	13-00

'Bank Holiday' exceptions to the above.

Good Friday 10am - 1pm (electric and IC)

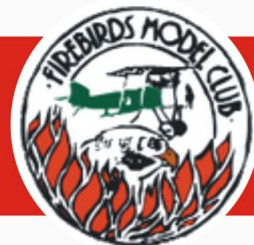
EASTER SUNDAY ... NO flying!!

ALL BANK Holiday Mondays - 10am - 1pm (electric and IC)

CHRISTMAS DAY... NO flying!!

Firebirds Model Club

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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.

Club Information

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

External Events

If you need more details on any particular event, then go to <https://bmfa.org/Contests-Events/Contest-and-Event-Calendar>.

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.

Chairman	Russell Lewis	023 8056 1397	russell@pilot1.co.uk
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Membership Sec.	Keith Warwick	07887 486040	keithw11@hotmail.co.uk

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.