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* BUT IT IS RATHER IMPORTANT *



British Model Flying Association

UK MODEL FLYING UNDER THREAT - CALL TO ACTION – PLEASE ACT NOW!

Following the recent sudden announcement of Flight Restriction Zones around protected aerodromes capturing the operation of all unmanned aircraft of any weight and at any height (and the unreasonable three week notice period given for our clubs and members to comply), the CAA have dropped yet another bombshell on us with no prior consultation or warning.

On Friday 25th April the CAA published a consultation (CAP1775) on their proposed charges for the registration of all operators of all unmanned aircraft between 250gm and 20 Kg– which includes the vast majority of our members - and also mandates online competency testing and age restrictions. The fee the CAA is proposing for registration is £16.50 per annum which we consider to be excessive and a barrier to participation. Full details of the consultation and how to respond can be found here:

<https://consultations.caa.co.uk/finance/drone-registration/>

The consultation will close on 7 June 2019 and we would ask all members to respond.

THE FIREBIRDS COMMITTEE AND BMFA ASK THAT ALL MEMBERS, EX-MEMBERS AND INTERESTED PARTIES GIVE AN ON-LINE RESPONSE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

Full BMFA Document can be found [<here>](#)



BARBEQUE!
SUNDAY 19th MAY
at PADMAC 12.30
"weather permitting"

Dear All

Welcome to the May 2019 Newsletter!

Well I went to the Quiz night!! And having been on the losing team last year I was happy to be on the winning team this time!

Firstly 'BIG THANKS' to Steve and Toni Newell for a really fantastic evening, it was obvious that they had worked really hard to make the evening interesting and different. There were various sections some of which were multiple choice this year which gave a chance for some educated guessing. There was a photo section with famous aviators from the past, then the one that I embarrassed myself on last year 'the who am I' section when I didn't get Douglas Bader! This year it the 'Who am I' was Neil Armstrong which Rob Cope got after just 3 clues, and no, I didn't get it at all. My favourite section was at the end of the quiz.. "who could make a paper aeroplane that flies furthest", simply great fun! (see image later in Newsletter).

So how did I come to be on the winning team..... well, as not many people turned up (shame on you all!) Steve and Toni put us all as individuals i.e. 1 person in each team. So as I was on the losing team last year things were not looking good for me. Anyway the quiz had started when we get a late arrival... Allan Hardingham... so to keep things fair Allan joins the weakest team me! But now as a team of two we had a bit of an advantage and, well, the rest is now history we were the winners !!!!

Thanks again to the Newells, can't wait for next years Quiz?

Anyway as always on with the newsletter.

Chris.

P.S. Anybody going to Weston Park this year ?

P.P.S. Pete Clark wants me to formally apologise to the Newells for his non-attendance at the Quiz.... He had a senior moment and completely forgot until his wife reminded him too late!



Committee News

Here's the latest from the committee room.

Joe Humphries funeral

Several members of the club attended Joe Humphries funeral on Thursday the 18th April. A small donation has been made by the club to the families nominated charity.



SEARCH FOR NEW SITE

The committee has followed up and spoken to various people during the month but as yet we have not found that elusive new flying-site. Note: The committee would like to thank Graham Barker for a useful map of possible flying sites that he created. Unfortunately, it appears to be knowing who owns a piece of land that we need to know... if anybody knows a land-owner with a suitable piece of land please let a committee member know.

PADMAC 'COWS'

Those cows are being a bit of a nuisance at PADMAC, it is probably not recommended that you attend on your own, the cows are probably just interested in us they will probably get bored with us as time goes on.

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 ****

Saturday 11th May 10:00am to 3:30pm (or until last flyer leaves / subject to weather)

Sunday 12th May 10:00am to 3:30pm (or until last flyer leaves / subject to weather)

The Schools address is....

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

Toilet facilities are often available.

Note: Pete Clark has negotiated increased flying opportunities at Woodlands as the weather and day-light improves, to include some summer evenings and school holidays.



Poorly club member

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

!! First Barbeque (joint with PADMAC) !! – Weather permitting !!

First BBQ 19th May at PADMAC site, flying from 11.30 - BBQ from 12.30, Firebirds will provide some basic sausages, burgers and rolls, please bring along anything else that you want cooked and drinks / deckchairs.



FUTURE CLUB NIGHTS - Advance notice

Joint Barbeques with the PADMAC guys have been pencilled in for the following
Sundays Sunday 21 July Sunday 15 September

D-DAY celebrations at Deadlus – [Click here](#)

TICKETS AVAILABLE NOW FROM FERREHAM HALL - FERREHAM OR THE CONTROL TOWER AT DAEDALUS

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D-DAY AT DAEDALUS

8 & 9 June 2019

10AM-5PM (SAT)
10AM-4PM (SUN)

ENJOY A WEEKEND TO REMEMBER WITH A PACKED PROGRAMME OF ENTERTAINMENT IN THE AIR AND ON THE GROUND

WITH FUN ACTIVITIES FOR ALL THE FAMILY

FAREHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL fareham.gov.uk/DDay75 #DD75Daedalus DAEDALUS



'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 Easter are normal flying times, "Happy days".

A video !

Not sure if this link click [<here>](#) will work for everybody but this link is to an interesting documentary on BBC iplayer about the new Jumbo 747 from 12th August 1969 –

If you can't use the link try searching for 'Jumbo' in the iPlayer.



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!](#)



Your invite to events at Middle Wallop 2019

All Southern Area BMFA members

Middle Wallop has this year seen fit to increase support to model flying events on the airfield, as a BMFA member you are invited to attend the following events, your support will be welcomed.

- April 27th (PAST) Free flight – SAM1066 comp flying only. For info see SAM1066 web site
- May 18 – 19 SAM35 for RC and Control line. Saturday general models (no turbines), Sunday more focus on vintage RC models - includes runway
- June 15 – 16 SAM35 for RC and Control line – same rules as above event
- June 29th Free Flight – SAM1066 comp flying and maybe sport flying? . If first event successful then we may be able to include sport flying for future events – see SAM1066 web site
- July 14th SABMFA RC Gala day – all RC models welcome to a fly in
- August 3 – 4 SAM35 for RC and Control line, Saturday general models (no turbines), Sunday more focus on vintage RC models – includes runway
- August 10 Free Flight – SAM1066 comp flying and maybe sport flying? . If first event successful then may be able to include sport flying for future events. info see SAM1066 web site
- September 7 – 8 SAM35 for RC and Control line, Saturday general models (no Turbines), Sunday more focus on vintage RC models – includes runways
- October 5 – 6 SAM35 for RC and control line, Saturday general models no turbines Sunday more focus on vintage RC models – includes runway

Note -- The first SAM1066 event was a trial event to show that FF models could operate safely on the MW site again, as they have in the past. If successful then it is hoped to expand opportunities to sports models for the following 2 events.



Quiz Night – Thursday 18th April



A great time was had by all, even though the Quiz masters did look a bit scary!!

Pat Parson's is still keeping in touch....

It's been a long time since you have all heard from me, but I suppose no news is good news. I have not heard from any firebirds members lately so perhaps they are cheesed off with my ramblings and attempts at poetry!

The weather was beautiful over the Easter period so a lot of flying was accomplished, the Muy Feo Modelo is nearly finished and she now has clothes on, Blue Yellow and Red, I went back many years with the covering and used tissue, I managed to get some clear shrinking dope, cellulose thinners banana oil on the internet, [Roger will know all about this method] won't you Mate, and also managed to get some of the original dope brushes, I'll get a pic to you, then... it's a case of throw and see what happens, but I must admit it looks 'OK', got to go now lunch is being served.

Regards to all down there and see you all soon...

Build progress on the pushover



Well as you see by the photos the cabin is quite capable of holding all the gear for flight, and the C of G or balance point!

So.....



... here it is ready to go... you see what I mean about it being a bit UGLY, but up in the air not TOO much is seen, but heh it was fun building it,

Pat

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 Mldday 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



Down at the field



These models belong to Lee Fryer, they were all won by him at the Christmas Draw, the one in the middle recently found it's way into a tree at the PADMAC site where it spent several days before, .. a passing tradesman with a big pole managed to get it down, then got in touch with the club before returning it to Lee...

Thank you to the man with the long pole !



Keep an eye on those cows.. 406410 looks especially dodgy!



This is what it's all about... Roll on summer !!



Allan Hardingham's new drone.

And finally....

I know it is a long way down the newsletter, but it has to be said that...

.... the 'actual' winner of the Quiz night was.....

**** ROB COPE ****

Who did it all on his own!! Well done Rob.



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

<https://bmfa.org/Clubs/Club-Bulletins>

Firebirds Model Club

News, Views & Information - May 2019



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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| Safety Officer | Geoff Griffiths | 023 9265 5931 | gctriffiths@hotmail.com |
| Membership Sec. | Keith Warwick | 07887 486040 | keithw11@hotmail.co.uk |

Regular Open Meetings

There are regular monthly open meetings at the following venues:

Waltham Chase Aeromodellers Indoor R/C Small Models Hampshire

Wessex Soaring Assoc. monthly slope fly-in Wiltshire

FLITEHOOK Indoor Free Flight Meeting Hampshire

See <https://bmfa.org/Contests-Events/Contest-and-Event-Calendar> for more details.

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.