



Flight Desk

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April 20th Club Night

White Hill Centre @ 20:00

NO CLUB NIGHT

We need an Events organiser

OR

Volunteers to adopt a Club Night!

Editors Ramblings



We have had some enjoyable flying in the last couple of months. It has been cold and it has been windy BUT we have had some truly splendid days when it has been warmish and sunny.

All has not been uneventful though. We lost two training aircraft in one day following a tree jumping out and a midair. The good news is that, having been reduced to just the single training aircraft, the club have purchased 3 new models. We are standardising on the Seagull "Arising Star" model and will have 3 glow versions and 1 donated electric version. The fifth trainer is the long lived Seagull Boomerang. Each instructor (we are hoping to make it 5) will be responsible for their own equipment so no more sharing.

Our other event was a visit from a Network Rail guy who had been sent to investigate a train drivers report that he had been buzzed by a drone. This had happened within the hour and had prompted the immediate response. We were able to reassure the representative that we had no drones at the field and only fixed wing and helicopters were being used. It is however a salutary lesson that we should obey the field rules and not overfly the railway. We should also be very careful to maintain height when flying parallel to the tracks.

The recent sale of modelling effects following the sad demise of Tony Jackson-Wynch realised £385 which will be donated to Macmillan Nurses.

Finally, we have a planned maintenance day at Newground on Monday 25th April. Various tasks are scheduled from patch rolling through container clean-up and wood preservative treatments. The water butt stands also need replacing before they fall over. This all needs volunteers available to receive instructions from "Groundsman" Peter Hodge. No flying on the day so come on down and muck in. Old clothes might be a good idea!

As always, you can contact me, Colin Hooper.

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Treasurer / Membership



Richard has stepped into the breach and combined the role of Treasurer with that of Membership Secretary. His argument is that the two jobs have to work closely together when renewal time comes around and this way his left hand knows what his right hand is doing. We wish him luck and trust that he has not bitten off too much. Please aim your membership problems his way along with any requests for reimbursement of club expenses. Contact him on the appropriate email ie Treasurer@ or Membership@cheshammodelflyingclub.co.uk

Many thanks are due to Dave Anderson who has handed over the spreadsheet.

Richard has unfortunately had some health problems recently but is back on the mend. We hope to see him soon, recuperating at the field, with a hack model in the air.

Colin

Summary of Club Events in the next quarter

April 20 th	Club Night CANCELLED
April 25 th	Maintenance Day @ Newground
May 18 th	Committee meeting @ WHC, 8pm.
May 30 th	Balloon Bursting & BBQ (Newground)
June 15 th	Silent Night @ Pednor

Chairman's Soapbox

NEWGROUND LAND MANAGEMENT

I have received a Remittance Advice from the Rural Payments Agency (RPA) for our 2015 Basic Payment Scheme (BPS) claim. The amount is £1,703.44 and I will shortly receive a Claim Statement which will show in detail how this amount has been calculated.

The amount is less than the figure received under the previous Single Payment Scheme, but this was expected. 2015 was the first year of BPS and was a 'paper claim' due to On-line services being late, resulting in delayed payments and fines imposed by the EU for paying late. The BPS 2016 claim is now an On-line process with a claim deadline of midnight 16 May 2016.

This same deadline is for our 2016 Entry Level Stewardship / Higher Level Stewardship (ELS / HLS) being year 2 of our 10 year agreement. This claim is to Natural England and is a 'paper claim'.

To sum up, -- we currently have an annual income £1,703.44 (BPS) + £1,746.00 (ELS / HLS) = £3,449.44

This amount should pretty much stay at this level although the BPS payments are set annually in Euros, so there may be a variance.

I personally would not expect these payments to change when (if) we leave the EU, as farmers (we are one of them) will continue to receive grant subsidies and environmental management rewards.

OTHER CLUB INCOME

In the last couple of years we have also received £1000 from Network Rail, £1000 from HS2 Ltd. and just recently £550 from HSBC, the result of a claim for compensation due to their bungling in dealing with our treasurer Richard Johnson.

At the moment, from information received from Richard Johnson and Bob Bennett, I am compiling another claim for compensation, - this time from

Barclays Bank for their admin' disaster in their dealings with Richard Johnson.

SILLY SEASON APPROACHING - NEWGROUND ROAD

Just the annual reminder regarding 'thoughtless random parking' in Newground Road, - it will happen! Some vehicles park really too close to the canal bridge, and some are parked immediately opposite our entrance. With some vehicles travelling way too fast along the road, the parking provides an additional danger when you are leaving Newground Field. Please be careful, - it is easy to get caught out!

GUEST FLYERS AT OUR FIELDS

Please read carefully the article by Steve Bull and Richard Ginger in this newsletter. They may have mentioned this also, but just in case; - A reminder about guest flyers.

It goes without saying, your keys are not transferrable, so any guest must accompany you to the field and compliance with club rules is mandatory, as follows: -

- 10) 'Guests' are permitted in the flying field. Their safety is the sole responsibility of the member accompanying them.
- 11) In addition to rule 10, 'Flying Guests' must be BMFA insured and hold a minimum of a BMFA 'A' Certificate. They must only fly under the supervision of a BMFA 'B' Certificate club member and must provide proof of current BMFA insurance cover. They must use a club issue 'GUEST' frequency peg, - (applies to 35MHz only)

Please note that "Flying Guests" are restricted to an absolute maximum of three visits in any one twelve month period.

GANG MOWING AT NEWGROUND

The first cut of the close mown area will take place during week ending Friday 15th April. Please make sure your vehicle is not parked on the grass car park area when this is taking place.

SITE SECURITY

The police have warned that there could be a return to 'Raves' this summer, (if we get a summer) – They were popular several years ago and we have had several at the Pednor Site, and thankfully only one at Newground.

Damage was caused at both sites by vehicles on the flying area. If you spot anything suspicious at either site, - Don't hesitate! – call the police immediately, and then contact a committee member.

In particular, - if vehicles are involved log the registration numbers.

Humpy

Member's Ramblings



Time to fly, by Flt, Lt. Trevor Brunt. (Retired)

"Yes chaps, it's me again". I know, bet you thought thank god no more rubbish one liners from him this year. "Well you're wrong", there's going to be several, so here goes.

First, how many models is too many? I have six.

How many have I flown? Four.

Why haven't I flown the other two? Well the Super Stearman was only test flown by Flt Lt Toby (I can fly anything) Newton at last year's scale day,

and, after a few hairy moments due to a faulty receiver was skilfully landed. After some minor repairs and a new receiver she is ready to go again.

My new toy, the Christian Eagle, is waiting her first flight which I hope to do myself, providing I can remember to bring a change of underwear. I don't know why but one or two of us seem scared to carry out the first flight of our new models, I mean what can go wrong..... Yes we may crash them but why should we My friend and model builder extraordinaire pilot office Jeff Denty, checks all the control throws and C of G so thoroughly that even the model can't wait to get airborne.

So this year Jeff and I have said we are going to weather permitting fly all our toys and if we bend them then we'll just have to build more, and more, and more!!

Can I also say that on a recent trip to Newground the sun was shining there was very little wind and the patch was awash with members. I counted 25, some faces I've never seen, so there are more than twelve of us in the club then.



See you on the flight line.

Biggles

Safety Officer's Corner



Spring has arrived and with it (hopefully) better weather. We can expect more pilots and visitors. All our Safety Rules and Field Rules are extensively covered either in our own publications or in the BMFA Handbook. However, for the benefit of our newer members and also as a polite reminder to "old hands" we draw your attention, in particular, to the following:

- a) Prepare your model for flight on the "pits" line with the prop facing outwards and the model restrained - even if you have a small "foamie";

- b) Do not run your model at full throttle in the pits, do this and additional pre flight checks adjacent to the flightline, pointing AWAY from other people;
- c) DO NOT taxi into/out of the pits or towards other people;
- d) Pilots should stand together on the flightline, please do not "wander";
- e) Ask permission for take off/landing, clearly signal your intentions to other pilots;
- f) Observe a sensible and disciplined flight pattern and DO NOT FLY in "dead" airspace or prohibited areas;
- g) At Newground only three i/c fixed wing models are allowed in the air at the same time;
- h) It is not wise to fly large/heavy/fast models with small /light/slow stuff. Helicopters and multi rotors really need their own airspace as do large warbirds; (models over 7kg are officially "large models" and additional restrictions apply);
- i) Club Trainers - the Instructor may, at his discretion, request that no other aircraft fly during training flights.

Members are responsible for the conduct of non flying visitors, please do not wander around unsafely, stay well behind the pits line, be sensible - especially with young children. Above all, USE YOUR COMMON SENSE, fly safely and enjoy your sport!

Steve Bull - Safety Officer

Richard Ginger - Chief Flying Instructor

Instructors Corner

Recently I had the pleasure of presenting Achievement Scheme Certificates to two members:

Firstly to Robin Hodge who gained (long overdue!) his fixed wing "A" which I had kept under the passenger seat of my car for several weeks (!) and secondly to Austen Pearce who passed his fixed wing "B" in March. My thanks to Simon Adams for joining me to do the latter examination. Austen is without doubt the finest multi disciplined pilot ever to join CMFC and it's

literally a matter of the right weather and Examiner availability before he also does his heli "B"!

Congratulations to you both....

If anyone wants to try for their "A" it's not difficult but the "B" is more demanding and requires basic aerobatic manoeuvres flown with reasonable precision. Be aware that the BMFA are currently revamping the Achievement Scheme Leaflets/Handbook and that there is now a Basic Test for certain models, check out their website.

On a personal note my new Zero has flown and is a real delight to fly; however, the relatively new Saito 60cc 3cyl. radial blew up in spectacular fashion on the ninth flight forcing a dead stick landing which I desperately tried to convert into a safe arrival. I quickly got the wheels down, hoping to make the short grass but the roll out was in some real tough stuff and some damage was sustained.

All is now repaired - relatively easy due to tissue and dope/spray Spectrum plus I got all the bits thanks to very helpful members - and special thanks to Steve Atherton who took some crystal sharp pictures of the engine/airframe. The engine is now back in Japan and I am looking for a brand new motor! I bought it direct from MacGregor and have their assurance of excellent customer service. I was, I admit, more than a bit miffed, particularly as I had run it in as per instructions and was using the recommended oil at the stipulated ratio - I always look after my engines; I must say the flight with Austen's big Corsair (Saito 450 converted with Morris Minimotors bits to petrol) was fantastic while it lasted!

See you at the field!

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Club Training

Remember that training currently takes place at Newground with either Dave Anderson, Simon Adams or Richard Ginger. You will need to contact the designated trainer by the Thursday to confirm your interest. If the weather is looking poor for the Saturday, a call will save you travelling to find training has been cancelled. On those days which have NO designated trainer, call either Austen Pearce or Toby Newton who may be able to train if they have no other commitments.

Month	Date	Trainer
April	2	Richard Ginger
	9	Austen Pearce
	16	Austen/Toby
	23	Richard Ginger
	30	Dave Anderson
May	7	Austen/Toby
	14	Austen/Toby
	21	Richard Ginger
	28	Dave Anderson
June	4	Austen/Toby
	11	Austen/Toby
	18	Richard Ginger
	25	Dave Anderson

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