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December 15th Club AGM

The Club AGM will be held at the White Hill Centre
Wednesday December 15th from 8:00pm

Mince Pies & Sausage Rolls

There will be a special raffle for all
those members who attend with three valuable prizes.

Don't forget - Boxing Day Flying at Newground

Editors Ramblings

Another year comes to a close. Unbelievable how quickly they can fly by. I have enjoyed the year which has allowed for some excellent flying with some amiable company and only minimal repairs necessary!! My collection of models has only grown by three so a very good year.

I am now considering what the winter project should be. I have a desire to move away from sport and on to scale, possibly something with retracts. It must still be electric, of course, and I prefer balsa construction to foam. Now comes the good bit, the web research. Watch this space in February for the picture.....

There are many reminders in this newsletter about our club AGM. The committee have decided to repeat last years very successful raffle and Ray and Al have sourced some extremely good prizes courtesy of Moor Models who offered a nice discount. I have looked at the boxes and, whilst the models are not suitable for retracts, they would be very welcome additions. So, if you don't want me to win, you need to attend and buy a strip of tickets.

And finally. I happened upon a website which referenced the Trenchard Museum at RAF Halton. Only open to the public on a Tuesday, I can thoroughly recommend a visit. Google "Halton Trenchard museum" for details. If you do decide to visit, it is wise to call ahead as an escort is required because the museum is in the middle of an operational site. You will also need photo identity to get past the guardhouse. Do not be put off, it is a brilliant museum that covers the history of Halton in a very personal way.

As always, you can contact me (Colin Hooper) at:

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Secretary's Notepad

It's been another enjoyable year and I seem to remember some beautiful summer days!

This is the last Newsletter before the AGM. The Minutes of last year's meeting are recirculated with this issue along with the Agenda for 2010. You will see that this includes a request for a mandate to seek formal planning permission for a permanent building at Newground. The wording was agreed at our last Committee meeting; please note, at this stage, we are not calling for a debate on any further details, merely your vote on whether we start the necessary proceedings.

We have decided to introduce a formal cap on membership numbers and this will be advised, also our review and decision on the flying of gas turbine models at Pednor.

Our current membership is around 120 - it's your Club, let's try for a record attendance - hopefully you will be tempted by this year's superb prize raffle - the goodies on offer @ £1 for a strip of five should lure some of you away from the telly!

Work on the Hawker Cygnet is now cracking on, two factors are helping me immensely (no, I don't mean the last two winter projects); firstly, the excellent laser cut ribs/riblets/formers from Leon Cole at Belair. Send him your plan and you will be delighted - the plan I have was scaled from the original works drawings held at the RAF Museum Hendon (maybe now at Cosford) and is 100% accurate, and all the bits fit. Some plans are full of basic dimensional errors - formers which don't match up to the fuselage and wing ribs which show incompatible spar positions. Be warned, therefore, if the plan is badly drawn any scanned and laser cut bits won't fit either. The Cygnet uses a true scale thin section with lots of fiddly cut outs and these simply drop out of the balsa carrier sheets - even better than CNC cutting. Secondly, instead of spruce (longerons and spars) I'm using CYPARIS (Mediterranean Cypress) which SLEC supply and they will cut to any sizes you want. This is important if, for instance, the plan is drawn to imperial dimensions - some places only offer metric, but SLEC cut "in house". Another really first class British company, good old fashioned service. All their stuff is top quality and Cyparis is so much easier to work and glue.

If any of you are builders you will know the importance of decent tools and Chronos in Dunstable have a large warehouse stacked full of interesting

products – some of which are not easily obtainable elsewhere – including the very excellent Zona razor saws. Well worth a few hours' browsing.

See you at the AGM, but in any event have a super festive season and remember that we get some superb flying days even in winter! (today, for example – Friday 19 Nov – magic at Newground , good clear skies and good company/banter) – hopefully Boxing Day will deliver!!

Regards,

RG

The events for the rest of the year are:

December 15th	Club AGM @ White Hill Centre
December 26th	Flying @ Newground from 10:00

Chairmans Soapbox

CMFC LTD. - GRAND RAFFLE AT AGM – WED. DECEMBER 15

This years AGM should provide some important topics to discuss regarding what the future holds for the club, - YOUR club!

If you regularly attend fair enough, - your attendance is always important and your comments, indeed everyone's are welcomed and important in helping to maintain the smooth running of the club, and help to set out what may lie ahead.

If you never attend, or you are a new member obviously having not attended before, - please do make the effort to be there.

We always aim to keep all the committee reports brief, yet informative, and give any member their chance to fully debate any issues that might be on the agenda.

It is, of course, your chance to pay your annual subs and BMFA for the year January to December 2011. Our Membership Secretary Dave Anderson will have everyone's Renewal Forms, and welcomes this opportunity to take your money! This makes his job and the Treasurer Bob Bennett's job so much easier, meaning there are less forms to be despatched in the post.

It's guaranteed to be as always a lively affair, with a good helping of humour, and with plenty of time also for informal discussions with fellow members, and to enjoy the mince pies, sausage rolls, tea and coffee. If you fancy a pint (or perhaps half), then the bar downstairs will be open.

Another good reason to attend is the chance this year to win a really decent prize in the raffle. This year Treasurer Bob Bennett has agreed that we can subsidise this to the tune of £200! You have got to be 'In it to win it' as they say, but for the chance to do so, - you must be there, - as tickets can only be bought on the night.

So come on, - make a note of the date, and do what it takes to be there, - your club does whatever it can for you, the member. If you think there is more we can achieve, then it needs your support.

Thanks, - see you there!

Dave Humphrey ----- Chairman

Treasurer's Report

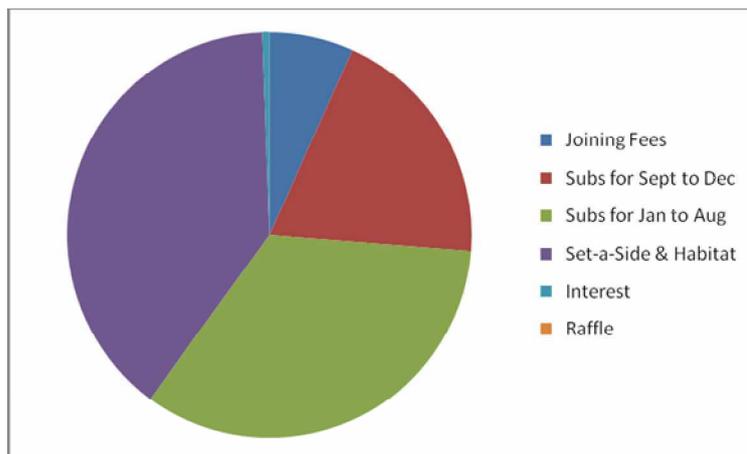
Another year has gone by during which I've added another model to my fleet. This time it's an E-flite DHC-2 Beaver. It flies really well even with me at the controls.



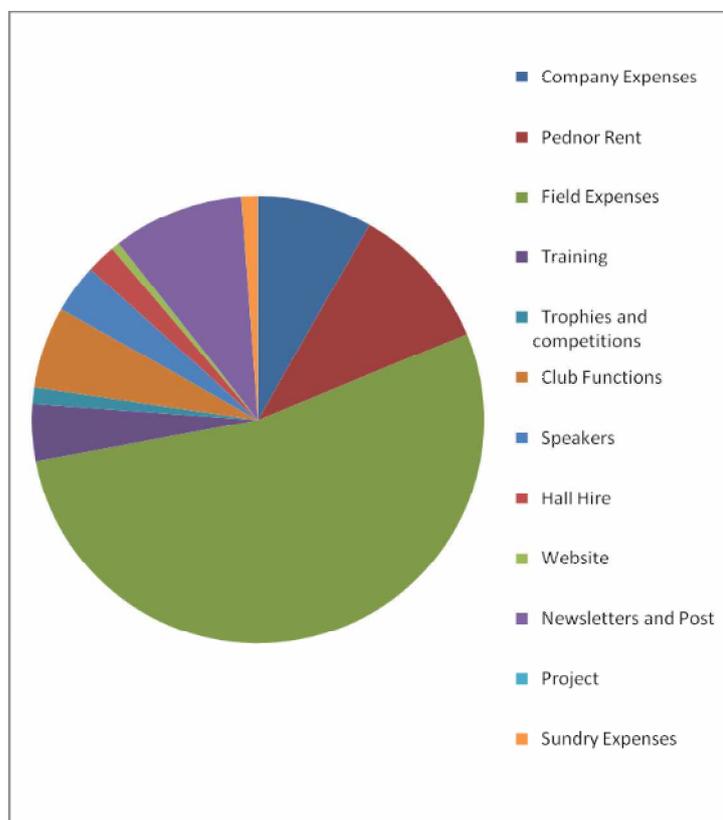
This is my first scale model but I was too impatient to fit out the cockpit. Fortunately, this is less visible on a high wing model. The same model can also be fitted with floats which I would love to try one day.

Our club finances continue to be healthy with £10,875 in the bank on 31st August 2010 which is the end of our financial year. Of this sum, £960 was reserved for key deposits and £1,584 for membership fees for the last four months of the calendar year leaving a cash float of £8,330.

Our income for the year was £10,348.00. A graphical breakdown of the income is shown below. Our subs accounted for 50% of this whilst Rural Payments Agency contributed 40%. Joining fees made up the rest so a big welcome and thank you to our new members.



Our expenditure during the year was £7,591 with the following constituents.



This shows that more than half of our costs are associated with field expenses as you would expect.

The above sums are shown below with our proposed budget for the new financial year.

	FY2009/10		FY2010/11
	Budget	Actual	Budget
Income			
Joining Fees	600.00	900.00	600.00
Subs for Sept to Dec	1732.66	1,732.66	1,584.00
Subs for Jan to Aug	3,000.00	3,244.00	3,000.00
Set-a-Side & Habitat	3,500.00	4,277.50	3,500.00
Interest	50.00	99.96	50.00
Raffle	0.00	93.00	200.00
Total	8,882.66	10,347.12	8,934.00
Expenditure			
Company Expenses	700.00	671.88	700.00
Pednor Rent	900.00	869.94	900.00
Field Expenses	4,532.00	3,508.35	4,800.00
Training	350.00	195.79	350.00
Trophies and competitions	100.00	183.28	200.00
Club Functions	500.00	549.44	500.00
Speakers	300.00	120.00	300.00
Hall Hire	180.00	180.00	200.00
Website	50.00	30.00	50.00
Newsletters and Post	800.00	459.43	650.00
Project	0.00	0.00	600.00
Sundry Expenses	100.00	58.80	100.00
Total	8,512.00	6,826.91	9,350.00

With this budget we propose to maintain our fees unchanged for 2011. The proposed fees are therefore:

Category	CMFC Membership only	CMFC and BMFA Membership
Junior	£15	£30
Student	£24	£53
Senior	£48	£77
Veteran	£30	£59
Associate	£12	-

Please be ready to pay your fees at the AGM on Wednesday 15th December as this makes the registration process much easier for you and us.

See you there,

Bob

Member's Ramblings

A great year, by Flt Lt Trevor Brunt.

Hi chaps, yes it's me, I know you've all missed my jolly banter and club pictures, but I can't be everywhere. I think we will all agree 2010 hasn't been a bad year for flying, and I hope that you've all enjoyed spending more time in the air, than diving for cover out of the rain.

The Spitfire had its second test flight courtesy of Squadron leader Al Spicer, all was going well until the exhaust came loose just before touchdown and the engine cut out, causing a heavy landing onto the retracts, which unknown to us had come loose, so the wing around this area suffered some minor damage. Once again my good friend Warrant officer Jeff Denty came to the rescue and carried out the necessary repairs, this man's skills are boundless.



I also finally had the courage to take my 'A' test, which I'm pleased to say I passed, once again, thanks Al for giving up your time," it's only taken me five years," better start practicing for my 'B'. Well chaps not long now before we get to see that old man in the red coat and long white beard, no not Group Capt Dave Humphries the real Father Christmas, I hope you've all placed your orders.

Unfortunately I don't have any new pictures to show you, although I have provided Colin

Hooper with a few for the 2011 web site, but just so you don't all feel let down, thought I would put this picture in and you can all have a laugh at my expense.

No, not the first Concorde.

See you at the AGM

Biggles

Events



As 2010 draws to a close, there is one event to report on since the last newsletter, namely our October club night. We were extremely fortunate to see the return of Colin Hammond and Tony Nijhuis who last gave an absolutely top class presentation to the Club back in April 2008.

This time the guys were back to talk about scale building. It goes without saying that the models on display were superb and we were given many very useful tips and tricks born out of decades of RC modeling experience. For example, I am now using a proper RC switch from S & M Services as recommended by Colin rather than that nasty (and potentially unreliable) item that came with my TX set and if I ever get round to building a proper (i.e. balsa) model then I shall buy all my wood glue in bulk from Homebase/B&Q!

However, what were of most interest to me were Tony's insightful and thought provoking observations regarding the world of RC magazines, including plan design and publishing and making a success (or otherwise) of running an RC model manufacturing business. As someone who has on occasions wistfully mused on the possibilities of earning some income from my new hobby, Tony's dire warning were a wake up call to me!

Pleasingly, the attendance for this talk was excellent, which contributed in part to the chaos in the car park!

Forthcoming Events

The penultimate social event of the year is the AGM at the White Hill Centre, Chesham on Wednesday 15 December 2010 at 8pm. Don't miss this important opportunity to catch up with old friends, to hear about what's been happening at the club in 2010 (and what is planned for 2011 and beyond) and to discuss and vote on matters of importance. And of course, a perfect excuse to indulge in the traditional Christmas fair of sausage rolls and mince pies!

The raffle this year is extra special. Due to the remarkable generosity of Alan Sadler the proprietor of Moor Models, Croxley Green nr Watford, who

gave the Club a substantial discount on his advertised prices, we have some really excellent prizes, as set out below:

1st prize – Seagull Models Nemesis (electric or I /C) ARTF worth in excess of £150.



2nd prize – E-Flight Sukoi SU2-26m (electric) ARTF worth in excess of £150.



3rd prize – Assorted ZAP glues worth in excess of £20.



Tickets will be available on the night at £1 for a strip of 5, a veritable bargain if you ask me!

Finally for 2010, we have the Boxing Day Flying at Newground. This is an excellent opportunity to get out in the fresh, crisp air and to shake off the excesses of the Christmas festivities with some relaxed flying. If we are very lucky, there may well be a dusting of snow, the occurrence of which for me made last year's event so memorable.

A very Merry Christmas to you all.

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Instructor's Corner

WITH AL SPICER



Hi everyone

Well where did that year go...nearly Christmas already AND the mince pie and sausage roll bash otherwise known as the A.G.M.

Please please make your best efforts to attend as it is YOUR club and we need YOUR input, we have a very important issue that we need your ideas and votes on so again please be there. Obviously it's always nice to see as many members old and new to have a chat, a cuppa and a few nibbles as well.

This year we also have some fantastic prizes for the raffle (see Andy Rimmer's report in this issue)

I have taken the opportunity to go flying during the week in the last few months as we have had some really nice days, wall-to-wall blue sky and low winds. Last time I went there, there was only myself, Richard Johnson Richard Ginger and Pete Conway. Richard J was flying his jet lovely looking model all splendid in it's USAF guise and I must say it looked absolutely superb.... great flying mate. (sorry forgot the name of it.)

I had an elderly gentleman contact me who has a stash of old vintage and some newer model aircraft and a whole load of vintage engines diesel and glow. He wants to part with all of them, I said I would put his details in this issue as I am sure there are a few club members that would be interested in some or all of them. His name is Dennis Slade, phone number 01494 862916 I believe he lives in the Great Missenden area.

A member sent me these Zen Teachings I thought were great and some are very true...enjoy...

ZEN Teachings

1. Do not walk behind me, for I may not lead. Do not walk ahead of me, for I may not follow. Do not walk beside me for the path is narrow In fact, just go away and leave me alone.
2. No one is listening until you pass wind.
3. Always remember you're unique. Just like everyone else.

4. Never test the depth of the water with both feet.
5. If you think nobody cares whether you're alive or dead, try missing a couple of mortgage payments.
6. Before you criticize someone, you should walk a mile in their shoes. That way, when you criticize them, you're a mile away and you have their shoes.
7. If at first you don't succeed, skydiving is not for you.
8. Give a man a fish and he will eat for a day. Teach him how to fish, and he will sit in a boat and drink beer all day.
9. If you lend someone £20 and never see that person again, it was probably be well worth it.
10. If you tell the truth, you don't have to remember anything.
11. Some days you are the dog some days you are the tree.
12. Good judgment comes from bad experience and most of that comes from bad judgment.
13. A closed mouth gathers no foot.
14. There are two excellent theories for arguing with women. Neither one works.
15. Generally speaking, you aren't learning much when your lips are moving.
16. Experience is something you don't get until just after you need it.
17. We are born naked, wet and hungry, and get slapped on our backside ... then things just keep getting worse.
18. Never, under any circumstances, take a sleeping pill and a laxative on the same night.

The re-scheduled Allan Crook Memorial Scale Competition last month was a great day, the weather was kind to us unlike a few miserable weeks before. Fortunately or unfortunately depends which way you look at it, there was only five entrants and one of those entered two models (out of a club of 115 flying members, sad really as the flying was absolutely marvellous.) Some lovely models and great scale flying. Myself Richard Johnson and Tony Jackson-Wynch were the Judges, we all enjoyed it very much, made a nice change for Richard and myself as we usually enter. As there were only six entrants and the flying excellent, I took it upon myself to award trophies down to sixth place (being presented at AGM)

The results are as follows.....

- 1st Richard Ginger (DH53 Hummingbird)
- 2nd Robin Hodge (Stomp)
- 3rd Richard Ginger (Spitfire)
- 4th Steve Bull (Stuka)
- 5th Toby Newton (P47 Thunderbolt)
- 6th Mike Martin (Sea Fury)

Well done everyone, excellent day, most enjoyable. Let's hope we have a better turnout next year.

On two separate occasions I took two very nice members of our club for their 'A' certificates namely Trevor Brunt and Jeff Denty, and passed with flying colours well done chaps a very big CONGRATS to you both.

As you already know from the past newsletters, we are an instructor short at the moment namely my ole mate Andy Hawkes who has now got baby commitments and has left the instructing rota.

If there are any 'B' certificate members out there who would like to join our happy band of instructors please do not hesitate to ring me on 01494 783214 or mobile 07860 843 613. You will be supplied with your very own club trainer, buddy box system and all fuel paid for by the club for training. It is a very interesting and satisfying process teaching members to fly....so come on and sign up for a very worthwhile commitment, you would be very much appreciated.

As usual at this time of year I always mention that I would like to see more members going for their 'A' and 'B' certificates next year. It's quite an achievement to pass the 'A' as it makes sure you know your BMFA manual and the safe operation of your model aircraft, and with the 'B', the same again with some aerobatics thrown in for good measure also if you pass a 'B' certificate of competence you will be able to fly at a public function / model

air show. If you need any help or information on this please do not hesitate in contacting me, and I will point you in the right direction....(and that's not toward the pub...or maybe it is...!!!)

Just a couple of gentle reminders now, one of our club rules is that you should not be flying any R/C model whilst having a mobile phone on ones self. Below is a piece from the BMFA, it shows what could happen.....

USE OF MOBILE PHONES IN PROXIMITY TO ELECTRONICALLY PROGRAMMED TRANSMITTERS

The JRCUC has reported there may be a problem associated with operating mobile telephones in the close proximity of programmable transmitters causing the memories to be partly or fully erased. This problem has yet to be scientifically substantiated; however, it is generally known that RF radiation can disable or permanently damage some modern electronic devices.

Although the risk may be small, we believe it should be minimized by bringing it to the attention of members and clubs. Pending resolution, we recommend that mobile phones are not switched on within 10 feet of any programmable transmitter. This may appear to be overkill, but better safe than sorry. Care should be taken during pre-flight checks to ensure that all controls are operating fully and in their correct sense and to ensure that the memory has not been affected by any undetected or unknown transmissions since the last flight.

CMFC do allow phones to be kept switched on in the plane park / pits area for obvious reasons i.e. if someone is needed to be contacted, and as we have never had a problem in all the years the club fields have been in use we will continue to do so, BUT just make sure you check the operation of your transmitters from time to time.....you know it makes sense. Second reminder....please please make sure before you fly you have a frequency pennant i.e. the frequency your transmitter is running on and AND an orange ribbon attached to your Transmitter (obviously 35 mhz) I see and tell so many members not adhering to this simple club rule. By the way if you do not already know, the black ribbon for 2.4 ghz is no longer required for use by the BMFA. Thanks for your co-operation on these two matters.

Well I hope you all get those nice aero modelling goodies I know you really appreciate from your loved ones at Christmas (nice plug there aye?) and I will look forward to seeing them down the flying field next year.

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All that's left for me to say now is

A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS
AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU ALL



HAVE A GREAT TIME

HAPPY FLYING.....AL SPICER.

Club Training

Remember that training can take place at either Pednor (Dave Anderson and Al Spicer) or at Newground (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.

The rota is always on the club web site

<http://cheshammodelflyingclub.co.uk/flyingsite/rota.htm>

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CHESHAM MODEL FLYING CLUB LTD

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

TO BE HELD AT THE WHITE HILL CENTRE CHESHAM
ON WEDNESDAY 15 DECEMBER 2010 COMMENCING AT 8.00 PM

AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence.
2. Minutes of the AGM held at the White Hill Centre on 16 December 2009.
3. Matters arising.
4. Chairman's report.
5. Secretary's report.
6. Membership Secretary's report.
7. Treasurer's report.
8. Adoption of the Accounts for 2009/10
Approval of the budget for the financial year 2010/11
Adoption of Members' Subscriptions and Joining Fees for 2011.
9. Appointment of Accountants.
10. Events Coordinator's report.
11. Election of Officers.
12. Committee decision to limit Club Membership.
13. To consider and vote on the following proposal:
That the Committee, on behalf of the Club, should seek planning permission for an additional, permanent building at Newground to include toilet and kitchen facilities with mains water and power.
14. Any Other Business
Including: Gas Turbine models at Pednor – Committee decision.

By order of the Committee and Directors
RICHARD J GINGER HON SECRETARY
20 November 2010

CHESHAM MODEL FLYING CLUB LTD

Minutes of the 21st AGM held at White Hill Centre, Chesham on Wednesday 16 December 2009 at 20.00

Apologies were received from Martin Barber, Keith Clark, David Jarman, Mark Kuehn, Con Lehane, Andrew Rimmer, Derek Russell and Cliff Vincent.

37 members in attendance.

Minutes of the 2008 AGM had been circulated with the December Flight Desk, were taken as read and approved.

Proposed: David Turner
Seconded: Brian Vaughan

Matters Arising:
None.

Chairman's Report:

1. Now 21 years old, the Club had enjoyed another successful year. A year on from completing the land purchase at Newground our finances were in good shape.
2. In contrast to 2008 we had two "raves", one at each site. The first, at Pednor, was reported at 8.30pm on a Saturday. DH arrived with Andy Hawkes to find a dozen or so individuals. Two fire brigade and four police officers were there. The firemen put out two fires; the police did nothing. All the mess was still there on the Sunday morning and DH reported the woman police sergeant for being less than helpful. Marks out of ten for the Thames Valley Police - 1 out of 10.
Secondly, at Newground. On the Sunday of the Timed Flight/Spot Landing competition, around 60 individuals had crossed the canal fence, set up their sound system and were high on drugs and drink. The police were low key - warning them to leave in 2 hours or face the consequences. They didn't leave so the police - 30 or more attired in anti-stab vests, etc, arrived with 6 cars, 2 riot vans and a helicopter. They forced the "ravers" off site and made them clear up all the rubbish. This operation was carried out by the Hertfordshire Police Force earning 10 out of 10! We sent a cheque for £50 to the Dacorum Police Chief, for their chosen charity, in appreciation of their excellent response. Our Secretary received a sincere letter of thanks.
3. More recently we had "Newground Woman" living rough in the canal hedge on our property. Again, the police dealt with the situation and the lady was moved on. Her rubbish and other boat peoples' rubbish is still to be cleared off site. (Note: Mike O'Neill reported that this woman was still at Newground but on the other (canal) side of our boundary fence.)
4. One noise complaint was received - concerning Jets at Newground. This was taken very seriously and was fully investigated by the Club. Observations were made from the proximity of the nearest houses in Aldbury. It was decided that there was no cause for concern and no sounds from that distance could be considered unreasonable

to a reasonable person. No further comments on jet noise or any other aircraft at either site have been received by the Club.

5. A strange message had been received from Aldbury Parish Council concerning the view from certain properties on the Ashridge Estate. Someone had asked about the possibility of the Club's planting trees on our land to screen the buildings owned by Solgar Vitamins & Minerals. We wrote explaining that land management prescriptions with DEFRA prevented us from doing so.
6. Our mowing strategy with members taking care of the two patches continued to work well. Problems with the old mower at Pednor and the necessity to purchase a replacement prompted a debate about the future of the site. This has all been resolved with the acquisition of a good, second hand replacement machine which has delighted John Kichenside. Conditions at Pednor have been greatly improved thanks to work by several regular users. The track surface will soon be upgraded with 11 tons of scalping. The track at Newground will receive similar treatment.
7. The shelter at Newground was repainted with preservative and looks in good shape. In January it will be 5 years since around a dozen members put in many hours to create this - funded by money from Balfour Beatty working for Network Rail when they accessed our land to upgrade the signalling system on the West Coast Mainline.
8. Set aside income still pays an important part in financing the Club, although the repayment of our field purchase loan means that there will be more money available and this has allowed our Treasurer to recommend a small reduction in Club subscriptions. We certainly offer value for money considering our facilities.
9. Training has continued successfully through the year although our Chief Instructor, Al Spicer, took a long break following surgery to remove a kidney. His latest check up has given him a clean bill of health. (The meeting joined the Chairman in wishing Al all the very best.)
10. Four competitions took place.
11. Archived Club material is now stored at Newground in a steel cupboard. Much of this information is detailed in the Archive section on our Website under History of CMFC.
12. Humpy concluded by thanking the members of the Committee, each of whom were performing their duties admirably to ensure the smooth running of the Club. Thanks were also due to the membership, many of whom had given time to help with various tasks throughout the year. Recent field usage surveys showed that a greater percentage than ever of the membership as a whole had made visits to the two fields to fly. We had established ourselves as a successful Club with a great bunch of friendly, well disciplined members willing to help one another and dedicated to upholding the rules of the Club. Each visit to the field was therefore enjoyable. Long may this continue! Finally, DH gratefully acknowledged the award of Honorary Membership conferred upon him by the Committee.

Secretary's Report:

RG referred to his Newsletter Notepads and the items raised by the Chairman. It had been an interesting and fulfilling year. RG expressed his thanks to the rest of the Committee for their trust and support.

Membership Secretary's Report:

Dave Anderson reported a very healthy membership of 126. There were 8 Associates, 23 Trainees, 25 with 'A' Certificates, 26 with 'B' Certificates, the rest were "Solo". 6 were on the waiting list, all Juniors – a good sign for the future. An excellent year, Dave thanked everyone for their cooperation.

Treasurer's Report:

Bob Bennett presented the meeting with the unaudited accounts to 31 August 2009 highlighting the basic P&L and balance sheet figures. He also referred to his recent Newsletter article and pointed out that for reasons of privacy certain details had been excluded from the CMFC Website. The Club was in an extremely strong position with good liquidity and substantial reserves. Members then approved the accounts.

Proposed: Richard Johnson
Seconded: John Barber.

The 2009/10 Budget was explained. This included the recent replacement second hand mower for Pednor. Members then approved the budget for 2009/10.

Proposed: Pete Hodge
Seconded: Tony Jackson-Wynch

Membership Subscriptions for 2010:

Given the Club's healthy finances a modest reduction was proposed for all except Associates; the joining fee would remain unchanged, as follows:

Joining fees for Veterans and Senior Members	£100
Annual Sub for Veterans	£ 30
Annual Sub for Seniors	£ 48
Annual Sub for Students in full time education, aged 18-22	£ 24
Annual Sub for Juniors	£ 15
Annual Sub for Associate Members	£ 12

Members then approved these subscriptions.

Proposed: David Turner
Seconded: Dave Anderson.

Appointment of Accountants:

It was proposed that Messrs Seymour Taylor of High Wycombe be reappointed Accountants for 2009/10.

Proposed: Richard Johnson

Seconded: Tony Jackson-Wynch.

The Chairman drew attention to the hard work put in by our Treasurer which greatly facilitated the task of our Accountants and this was heartily endorsed by the meeting.

Events Coordinator's Report:

Ray Birdseye confirmed that the traditional Boxing Day "do" would be held at Newground on Saturday 26 December. John Barber had for many years organised the festive fare and a new volunteer was required. (JB later stated that he would be willing to do this again if no one else came forward!)

The usual four competitions had been successfully run and the same format was proposed for 2010.

The May and August Bank Holiday events would again take place.

The Committee had discussed the possibility of a separate silent flight competition at Pednor and details would be published in 2010.

Ray B thanked all competitors, spectators and those who had supported the Bank Holiday events. Another successful year.

Election of Officers:

There were no other nominations from the membership and it was proposed that the outgoing Committee be re-elected en bloc. The Committee for 2010 will therefore be:

Chairman:	Dave Humphrey
Secretary:	Richard Ginger
Treasurer:	Bob Bennett
Membership Secretary:	Dave Anderson
Events Coordinator:	Ray Birdseye
Newsletter Editor:	Colin Hooper
Chief Flying Instructor:	Alan Spicer

Proposed:	John Barber
Seconded:	Brian Vaughan

(A short break then followed)

Any Other Business:

1. DH stated that none of the Club's activities could be properly reported without a quality Newsletter and the meeting thanked Colin Hooper for his outstanding efforts. Colin replied by thanking all contributors for some truly interesting articles and cordially invited further material.
2. Al Spicer thanked each of the other Instructors for their support during the year and confirmed that RG had recently passed the BMFA Examiner's test so we now had three Club Examiners. Al also formally thanked everyone for their good wishes during his recent health problems.
3. Richard Johnson asked what was the current policy on limiting membership numbers bearing in mind that at one time this was fixed at 100. Dave H replied that the

Committee monitored all membership applications, particularly assessing training requirements. As reported earlier, membership was now well over 100. All potential members were vetted as far as possible to ensure we did not admit undesirable applicants.

4. Brick du Bourg enquired as to the fate of Pednor following the recent Newsletter publicity. Dave H stated that this had been resolved largely due to the purchase of the replacement mower and the hard work of regular users to stimulate a "Pednor revival". Tony Jackson-Wynch commented on the recent very rough ploughed surface surrounding the Pednor patch. DH stated that it was the farmer's policy to plough this every 3 to 4 years but the surface had now been graded and the 'gang of 3' had smoothed over the edges. Dave Anderson confirmed that the landing surface was now much better.
5. Field Maintenance - Dave H asked the meeting for volunteers to help lay scalplings at Pednor and Newground; names were noted. Newground required patch maintenance including the filling of holes and rolling using a hired vibrating roller. A team of volunteers would similarly be enlisted.
6. John Barber asked if the formal rule prohibiting gas turbine models at Pednor could be lifted. Discussion ensued. Dave Woodnutt proposed the following motion:
"That no change to the Pednor flying rules be made. However, exceptionally and with the prior approval of the Committee, authorised members would be allowed to fly suitable gas turbine powered models at that site. This relaxation would be reviewed at the next AGM."

Seconded by John Barber.

The motion was carried by a majority vote.

Competition and Trophy Awards:

Dave H made the following presentations - keepsake plaques were awarded to the first three places in all competitions:

Balloon Bursting

- 1st Al Spicer
- 2nd Ray Birdseye
- 3rd Matthew Jack

Timed Flight/Spot Landing

- 1st Al Spicer
- 2nd Brick du Bourg
- 3rd Colin Hooper

Bombing Competition

- 1st Al Spicer
- 2nd Dave Anderson
- 3rd Ray Birdseye

Allan Crook Memorial Scale Trophy

- 1st Richard Ginger
- 2nd Adrian Jack
- 3rd Al Spicer

The Diana Barber Memorial Trophy

RG gave a short address culminating in the presentation of this trophy to Dave Humphrey in recognition of his long-term special contribution to the Club. Warm applause from the meeting. Humpy, visibly moved, expressed his sincere thanks for this accolade.

Raffle:

Very well supported, the raffle draw then took place. The quality prizes on offer were augmented by the kind donation of a bottle of (single malt!) Scotch by Steve Bull.

There being no further business, the meeting ended at 22.25.

RJG

21/12/2009