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CLUB AGM

7.30 for
8.00PM

Editors Ramblings

Well, Summer is over and Autumn has arrived. Flying now becomes a “strike whils’t its hot” event. Lucky those that can fit in midweek flying or can make Newground before it is too dark. I’ve seen your names in the log.....

Over the end of the summer, I have put together another of my built from scratch models. A plan purchased for \$14 from an expat Brit in America and a selection of balsa from the local model shops. (You can never get it all from one shop, can you). This one is a twin, called Gemini, and has been designed by Al Eastman and his son. I had previously built another of his designs, the Ampmaster, from a free plan. I took it to Newground on a poor Saturday earlier this month. I had no great expectation of flying it because the wind was 15mph and not exactly brilliant for a maiden flight. However, I thought a good range check and some taxi practice would be possible. Dave Anderson and Bob were the only others present and I fully intended to resist their encouragements to get it off the ground. What sort of devil gets into you at moments like those. I had my first fast taxi and it was obvious that she would fly so I brought her back for a moments consideration and then opened the taps and off she went. Considering



the strength of the wind, I was very pleased with her performance. Impossible to trim out in the conditions, but I knew the flight controls were not far out. I made three circuits before common sense kicked in and I called a landing.

The Gemini is a high tail model and I had read that you needed to power her onto the patch. However in that wind I fancied there would be enough control to glide her in, Wrong, I lost it just before touch down, probably with a stalled elevator, and the landing was more undignified than she deserved. Still, the damage was minimal and a couple of hours in the shed saw the damage repaired. Isn't that a great buzz when something you created from a pile of wood and covering flies for the first time. All I need now is a better day to explore the envelope in a more relaxed way. And just in case you are wondering, the picture is of Al Eastman's own model flying because nobody had a camera on Saturday.

Committee Matters

VERY IMPORTANT!

1. I will hand out next year's membership forms at the AGM, please be prepared to renew your membership at the meeting. Non attendees at the AGM will receive the forms in the post a few days after the 20th October.
2. Your membership will cease if I do not receive your cheque for payment together with your **completed membership renewal form(s) by Friday 19th November 2004.**
3. Failure to comply will mean your place being offered to those persons on the waiting list, currently 15 eager potential members.
4. You will be asked for a **£100 joining fee** if you do not respond, but then wish to resume your membership - subject to a place being available.

NO REMINDER NOTICES WILL BE ISSUED - I URGE YOU TO MAKE PAYMENT WITHOUT DELAY!

DAVE ANDERSON --- CMFC MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

The minutes for last years AGM have been placed at the end of the newsletter. Your committee are pleased to report that they are all prepared to stand for a further years service with the exception of our Treasurer, Geoff Walker, who will be standing down. A replacement Treasurer has come forward and will be prepared to stand for nomination. Any other members wishing to offer their services for the role should make their offer known at the AGM.

Chairmans Soapbox

FLYING SITE SAFETY

Six years ago we changed to the present system of colour coded pegs with achievement levels denoted as follows: - TRAINEE T - SOLO S - BMFA A - BMFA B - INSTRUCTOR I - EXAMINER E - CHIEF EXAMINER CE.

The rules quite clearly state that trainee pilots should not fly solo unless supervised by at least a B pilot. This rule must be strictly adhered to - It is to maximise the safety of anyone flying, and to any third party - persons or property, at the same time not jeopardising members insurance.

Now it could be that if the Membership Secretary Dave Anderson presently lists you as a trainee, particularly if you are a new member, this might not in your opinion properly represent your flying ability. So - It is up to you to contact the club's Chief Instructor Al Spicer, for him to arrange to assess your flying ability, and hopefully move you up to S - solo. Similarly, to progress further your achievement level, A, B etc., you must ask to

be assessed, although if you take regular instruction it's likely to be the instructor who will suggest it.

Back now to all members listed as trainees, remember, you must not fly solo unless you are supervised, and this does not mean your B pilot friend flying at the same time! The member so qualified to supervise your flight, will be responsible for the safety of your flight from proper pre-flight checks through to 'switch off' after landing. Finally to remind those members who have or are considering bringing a flying guest to the field, - The guest must hold a minimum 'A' certificate and must be the responsibility of a designated Club 'B' certificate holder whilst at the field.

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To those of you who always attend - great! To those of you who seldom or never attend - why not? Apart from the formalities, it's an opportunity for a beer and a chat, to get the low-down on your club, how it's been run and proposals for the coming season and beyond. There are always new issues to address, existing ones to fine tune, and perhaps dream up new ideas for the future. If you have something to say about any aspect of the workings of the club, which affects you personally or the membership as a whole - then this is the time and the place! Usual venue - Whitehill Centre - 7.30pm. For 8.00pm. Start. Your fellow club members look forward to seeing you there!

COMPETITION - SUNDAY 18TH SEPTEMBER

Don't forget the Allan Crook Memorial Scale Trophy event to be held at Newground, was the message in the last newsletter. At least half a dozen entries were predicted but on the day joint Contest Directors Tony Jackson - Wynch and Cliff Vincent had by 11.30 only one entrant, - Frank Dalby - Smith! The weather was not good and it emerged that two members did not show because of this. Sadly the competition was postponed to a future date to be announced soon.

SOLAR POWER AT NEWGROUND

This is now reality and the installation is working fine. The second battery set up will soon be added for a matching pair. Instructions are simple, - unplug the coiled charged lead and wheel the battery out to the pits area. Return after use and plug the lead back in. There is a potential risk of dropping something across the battery terminals as they are exposed, so be careful. This is soon to be 'corrected' when suitable covers are added. Thanks to Ray Birdseye who was the brains behind this project.

NEWGROUND SHELTER

There is now a permanent set up of 4 chairs and a solid wood table in the shelter. This is useful if you want to escape a shower (or the hot sun), or want to chill out and eat your lunch. Please keep it tidy and always close and latch the door if you are last to use it.

AHA - AEROBATIC HELICOPTER ASSOCIATION

I received the following 'thank you' after their use of Newground on 19th September.

Dear Dave

I just wanted to contact you to thank you on behalf of the A.H.A. for the hospitality you & the Chesham club continue to show us in allowing us to use your site a couple of times a year for competitions. It is always a pleasure to visit & use the Tring site. Yesterday's weather could have been better, but I guess we can't have everything!

Thanks once again.

Kind regards

Julie Fisher

A.H.A. (Aerobatic Helicopter Association)

Members Ramblings

Have you ever wondered what Pednor flying field looks like from a satellite? Well, here is an image that has been scaled to appear that it is taken from 2600 feet. It has been picked off of the Google Earth site. You can clearly see the mown patch but no windsock or flyers. It must have been a Sunday.



If you want to see other images like this, you need to go to <http://earth.google.com/>

and download the free version of the programme. Newground is in an area which has only been scanned at low resolution, but you can still see it between the railway and the canal.



Some of the other sites that are of interest include the Grand Canyon and the aircraft graveyard in Arizona. Here you can clearly see B52's which have had their wings cut off at the root to take them out of service as part of the arms reduction treaty with Russia.

Be warned, though. Once you start browsing the globe, time will truly fly.

And, as nobody else is doing members ramblings, here is one that made me smile. It came as an email.



A frog goes into a bank and approaches the teller. He can see from her nameplate that her name is Patricia Whack.

"Miss Whack, I'd like to get a £10,000 loan to take a holiday."

Patty looks at the frog in disbelief and asks his name. The frog says his name is Kermit Jagger, his dad is Mick Jagger, and that it's okay, he knows the bank manager.

Patty explains that he will need to secure the loan with some collateral.

The frog says, "Sure. I have this," and produces a tiny porcelain elephant, about an inch tall, bright pink and perfectly formed.

Very confused, Patty explains that she'll have to consult with the bank manager and disappears into a back office.

She finds the manager and says, "There's a frog called Kermit Jagger out there who claims to know you and wants to borrow £10,000, and he wants to use this as collateral."

She holds up the tiny pink elephant. "I mean, what in the world is this?"

(you're gonna love this)

The bank manager looks back at her and says...

"It's a knickknack, Patty Whack. Give the frog a loan. His old man's a Rolling Stone."

(You're singing it, aren't you? Yeah, I know you are.....)

Never take life too seriously! Come on now, you grinned, I know you



did!!!

Instructors Corner

Flying Times

Pednor

Power Monday, Thursday and Friday: - 9am to 1pm

Power (79dB(A) max) Saturday: - 9am to 2pm

Gliders/Electric Any daylight hours

Newground

Power Monday to Saturday: - 9am to 7pm

Sunday & Bank Holidays: - 10am to 6pm

Electric Any daylight hours

Pilot Tuition

Flying tuition is available to any junior or new members who have yet to achieve their 'solo' wings. A flying instructor will be available to attend the Pednor field each Saturday morning from 10.30am to 2.00pm weather and pupil attendance permitting. To avoid the possibility of wasting instructor's time attending an empty field please Telephone the appropriate instructor on the Wednesday or Thursday evening to confirm that you would like tuition on the Saturday.

The Instructor Rota

The rota for the next few months is as follows: -

October	2	Al
	9	Frank
	16	Dave
	23	Geoff
	30	Al
November	6	Frank
	13	Dave
	20	Geoff
	27	Al
December	4	Frank
	11	Dave
	18	Geoff
	25	Santa Clause

Additional instruction is available at Newground on Saturday or Sunday afternoons with Robin Thwaites. Please telephone to arrange a mutually convenient time.

Adverts

Got something to sell OR want to find that certain something from another club member.
Place an add in the newsletter (or on the web site !!)

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AGM Minutes 2004

CHESHAM MODEL FLYING CLUB LTD.

Minutes of the AGM held at White Hill Centre, Chesham on Wednesday 20 October 2004 at 20:00

Apologies were received from Mark Christy, Peter Miller, Colin Forsey, Pete Conway, Mike Martin, John Barber, John Kitchenside, Ken Sangster, and David Turner.

Minutes of the 2003 AGM were circulated before the meeting started and were taken as read, and approved.

Proposed: Pete Richards

Seconded: Pete Christie

Matters Arising:

There were no matters arising.

Chairman's Report:

1. The year saw unexpected income to the club from the contractors use of access at Newground to complete new signalling installation on the main railway line adjacent to the field. The work was originally due to finish in January 2004 but was eventually completed on 12th October. Fortunately a daily rate for over-run had been agreed at the start, which brought the net gain for the club to over £10,000.
2. The club pavilion at Newground sanctioned at the AGM is now a reality with work about 50% complete.
3. The AHA again used Newground for their selection competitions on two Sundays in April and September.

4. At the start of 2004 a new container was obtained for Newground to replace the old rusting one. A new 8' x 4' notice board is inside kindly made for the club by Ray Birdseye.
5. New equipment purchased during the year for club use at Newground includes a generator, extending ladder, a gas heater and a gas barbecue. Also purchased were a petrol chainsaw, an electric hedge cutter, two gazebos, strip lights and power sockets.
6. Three new benches are in place at Pednor and one at Newground.
7. The beginners flying training programme has been re-equipped with four new trainers with buddy boxes, one for each for the flying instructors.
8. A wildlife study was made of the Newground site by Leo Batten, funded and published by the BMFA at some considerable cost. The conclusion, as we had hoped, was that model flying has no adverse effect on wildlife, in particular on birds that were holding territory and breeding at the site. The report will be used by the BMFA to help clubs fight planning objections across the country.
9. Two planning applications were made for Pednor to increase the number of power flying days but both were rejected on the grounds that, assuming we kept aircraft in the air for the whole of the time available, the noise would be an intolerable nuisance to the Pednor residents. No account was taken of statistics provided by the club on typical total flying times. A proposal for further planning applications will be aired in AOB.
10. The club suffered two 'rares', one at Pednor and the first in 12 years at Newground. The police attended at both incidents whilst those responsible were on site and names, addresses and vehicle registrations taken.
11. Club nights reverted back to bi-monthly. The Christmas social night, two flying nights at Pednor and the AGM account for four leaving only two available for speakers. One of these was an interesting talk on the Havilland Moths with particular reference to the Tiger Moth.
12. The planned upgrade of the Pednor hut did not take place due to all the effort at Newground. Hopefully, the work at Newground will be complete before Christmas, including some patch repairs, work at Pednor will start in the spring.
13. Set-aside income continues. Although there is reform taking place in the Common Agricultural Policy, payments we get for land in the former Habitat Scheme are guaranteed until our current agreements end in 2014 and 2016.
14. Competitions reduced this year to only one, for the Alan Crook Memorial Scale Trophy which took place at Newground on September 5th.

Membership Secretary's Report:

Dave Anderson reported that membership records are in order there being 110 members of whom 8 are associates. and 80 of members pay their BMFA subscriptions through the Club. There are 11 junior members. All subscriptions have decreased by £2 to reflect the higher than expected income. All subscriptions must be received by end November at the latest. No reminders will be given. There are currently 14 prospective members on the waiting list, mostly trainees.

Treasurers Report:

Geoff Walker presented the meeting with the audited accounts to 31 August 2004 highlighting the basic P&L figures. Club income continued to benefit from subscriptions and set-aside/habitat payments from the Rural Payments Agency.

Operating profit was up by £544, which was made possible by the maintenance of the Balfour Beatty compensation. Club overheads were higher than those of last year due to the cost of the container and other new equipment. Members then approved the accounts.

Proposed: Richard Ginger

Seconded: Dick Myers

The 2004/2005 budget was explained, identifying significant proposed changes:

1. Subscriptions to be reduced by £2 compared with 2003/2004 levels entire:

Joining Fees for Veterans and Senior Members:	£100
Annual Subs for Veterans:	£30
Annual Subs for Seniors:	£45
Annual Subs for Students in full-time education, aged 18-22:	£24
Annual Subs for Junior Members:	£16
Annual Subs for Associate members:	£12

Members then approved the new subscription rates.

Proposed: Pete Christie

Seconded: Richard Johnson

Members then approved the budget for 2002-2003.

Proposed: Dick Myers

Seconded: Pete Christie

Appointment of Auditors:

It was proposed that Messrs Seymour Taylor & Co of High Wycombe be reappointed auditors for the year 2004/2005. This was accepted by the meeting.

Proposed: Dick Myers

Seconded: Graham Bryant

Election of Officers:

Dave Humphrey thanked all members of the committee for their efforts during the past year and, advised the meeting that all of the officers were willing to serve the Club in the same capacity again. There being no other nominations from the membership, it was then proposed that those members of the out-going committee be elected en bloc. The committee for 2004/2005 will therefore be:

Chairman:	Dave Humphrey
Vice-chairman	Gordon Hancock
Secretary:	David Turner
Treasurer	Geoff Walker
Membership Secretary	Dave Anderson
Newsletter Editor	Colin Hooper

Chief Flying Instructor
Proposed: Pete Christie

Alan Spicer
Seconded: Richard Ginger

Trophy Awards:

Al Spicer recorded his thanks to those Club members who had provided training rota support at Pednor (Dave Anderson, Frank Dalby-Smith, Dave Baverstock and Geoff Walker. Other B certificate holders are encouraged to volunteer. Club support for competitions has been non-existent this year with the exception of the Allan Crook Scale event.

The training scheme had run remarkably well during the year and he thanked those on the training rota for their help and assistance. Solo passes and A Certificate awards have been announced in Flight Desk as they occurred.

Presentations to the winners of the Allan Crook Scale competition (3rd place Richard Johnson; 2nd place Trevor Mines; 1st place Richard Ginger).

The Diane Barber Memorial Trophy for Overall Achievement was presented this year to Keith "Nobby" Clark.

(A short break followed.)

Any other business:

1. In the absence of any items being notified to the committee, the Chairman proposed to the meeting that a fresh application for additional days be presented but with limitations on total flying time in each session. The meeting discussed the various options and ultimately a show of hands was taken on the limit of 4 hours total power flying on all six days. The proposal was carried.
2. It was further agreed that 10 new chairs would be purchased to be placed in the hut at Pednor for the use of members.
3. In light of the obvious popularity of the picnic tables in the pits area at Pednor, Ray Birdseye offered to build two model setup tables for Newground.
4. A discussion on the lack of competitions was held. Richard Ginger offered to organise a balloon bursting competition - possibly to be combined with a barbecue to be held on a Saturday next summer. Dave Anderson said the club should give thought to a Bombing competition.
5. Dick Hawkes gave thanks to the sterling work carried out throughout the year by our noble band of instructors. Al Spicer replied for them.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 22:20