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August 15th Club Night

Newground 2nd Silent Flight

Any Electric model

Flying and Chatting from 6 'til Dusk

Editors Ramblings



What a summer we have had so far (ignoring the current blip which has seen temperatures dip and some torrential rain). The forecasters say it will stay hot until October but they have been wrong before!

At Newground we have made extensive use of the shelter to stay out of the sun with occasional exits to do some flying. Ray Birdseye was the original designer of the shelter and I hope he is pleased that it continues to give excellent service.



Pednor flyers have had to make do with the shelter of a small tree as protection from the sun. I have joined them on several occasions to give my electric fleet a bit more of an outing. It can be quite pleasant keeping the model in the confines of the field. You should get down there and join them. Tuesday and Thursday are fairly regular midweek flying days.

I reported in an earlier newsletter that Laser Engines had approached RG with a view to getting some club feedback on their new Laser 180 petrol which they are designating the Laser GA30. Finally, we are in possession of the beast and so four of us have combined to source an airframe to install it in. The chosen model is a Hangar Nine Ultra Stick which is 82" wingspan. Austen reports that the model is ready for testing and it should have flown (weather permitting) on Monday 13th August. The plan has always been to store the airframe in the container and to eventually use it with a buddy box to give members an experience of a large model in a trainer configuration.



Obviously there are some members who will not need the buddy box backup and we hope that they will assist with testing the engine. Laser have expressed the desire that it be used and "abused" in a typical club

environment which I am sure we are all qualified to do!! Laser will get feedback from our experiences.

As always, you can contact me, Colin Hooper.

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Summary of Club Events in the next quarter

August 15 th	2nd Silent Flight Evening @ Newground, 6pm 'til dusk.
August 27 th	Bank Holiday BBQ and FunFly @ Newground
September 18 th	Committee meeting @ WHC, 20:00 (Tuesday)

Club Matters

The next club night is the 2nd Silent Night meeting at Newground on Wednesday August 16th. Only electric and gliders can be flown (no ic) and the evening starts from 18:00 but you may begin earlier if you can. Flying stops at dusk unless you have lights fitted!

The BBQ will be out so bring your sausages and burgers etc.

On August 27th there is a Bank Holiday Funfly and BBQ. Please feel free to bring guests and partake of the club BBQ. Catering will be provided (sausages, burgers and coleslaw) or you may supply your own choice of BBQ fayre.

Chairman's Soapbox

AUG 15, WED. 6.00 TILL LATE – 2nd Silent Flight Night - NEWGROUND

Just another reminder for members to be there, and make it a worthwhile gathering. Get your electric models ready now. Even if you have not got a suitable aircraft, or you are a new member and haven't had the chance to visit yet, - DO NOT let this be an excuse for not showing up. This is an ideal opportunity to meet new friends, savour the atmosphere and have a good time.

BANK HOL. MON. 27 AUGUST - 30TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION.

It was August 1988 that our club was formed, and this coming August Bank Holiday Monday sees our Newground Field host an all day treat for club members, family and friends. Please do try to come along. See elsewhere in this issue for further details!

Hard to believe, - is that the final loan payment on the purchase of our Newground Field site was made to our bank HSBC coinciding with our 20th Anniversary on July 22nd 2008, - yes 10 years ago!

BLUEBIRD

You would have seen the news of the iconic now restored BLUEBIRD being put back in the water for the first time. Just when commercially available gas turbines for models began to appear, our John Barber, a member for 30 years, decided to build his own. His much talked about Vulcan which starred at a couple of the Halton Shows where CMFC ran the flightline, first appeared with 2 Super Tigre engines providing 'pusher prop' power. It was then re-engined with 2 of John's homebuilt turbines.

Following this he built a one sixth scale Bluebird powered by another of his turbines.

Several of us were treated to its first test run at a lake near Rickmansworth, - unfortunately there was too much surface algae built up in places on the surface which cut short its test. Later though it did have an impressive 'unauthorised' run out on the canal near to our Newground field. John has always been innovative throughout his time in the club, - He also flew a jet powered floatplane off the flooded part of Newground in 2000, and has also built many rockets including a scale V2 with its own transporter. More recently he purchased a road going steam vehicle which he fully restored. At some point he might bring the car to Newground when we have one of our 'social gathering' events.

CMFC -- NEW RE-VAMPED WEBSITE

Hats off to our Steve Langbridge who has redesigned the club website.

With Colin co-operating in the upgrade, the whole format has changed to a more appealing look. Of particular interest in the Archive section is the history of the club (Planning & Environmental issues) and the Wildlife surveys undertaken in 2003 and 2010 at Newground by Dr. Leo Batten; funded by the BMFA to evaluate the impact of model flying on the resident wildlife, - in particular birds. If you not seen this, it makes interesting reading. Also the Memorandum & Articles of Association will appear in full; - at the moment it's just the Memorandum of Association that's there.

The articles will be there shortly. As Colin explained to me, both him and Steve can upload photos to the site, so get some decent shots taken at either field and e-mail them for consideration to be included.

NEW MEMBERS

In the last couple of months we have had 5 new members join the club.

If you are one of them, - then welcome! You will hopefully make new friends, at the same time enjoying the excellent facilities available.

If you have any comments to make about the club (good or not so good), - on your time spent at Pednor or Newground, then feel free to e-mail me. Communication amongst us all is the key to creating and maintaining a healthy, friendly atmosphere.

It is davedesign@btinternet.com or if urgent call me on **07855 181230**.

Chairman Humpy

Member's Ramblings

Leon has been number crunching at Newground again. I have no update for pednor but will be combining the two sites into one spreadsheet for an end of year report. It's never too late to bump your stats up!!

NEWGROUND VISITS 1st JANUARY TO 4th AUGUST '18				
NAME	TOTAL VISITS	TOTAL FLIGHT MINUTES	Total Flight Hours	AVERAGE FLIGHT TIME (Minutes) PER VISIT
Richard Ginger	74	2269	37.8	31
Colin Hooper	59	1514	25.2	26
Austen Pearce	43	1225	20.4	28
Steve Bull	41	644	10.7	16
Trevor Mines	30	770	12.8	26
Malcolm Saville	29	343	5.7	12
Robert George	25	652	10.9	26
Trevor Brunt	22	315	5.3	14
Steve Triggs	21	834	13.9	40
Mike Kitchen	19	572	9.5	30
Michael O'Neill	18	693	11.6	39
Leon Coward	17	1128	18.8	66
Robin Hodge	16	414	6.9	26
Dave Anderson	16	348	5.8	22
Paul Baker	15	596	9.9	40
P J Hodge	14	262	4.4	19
Steven Atherton	13	389	6.5	30
Andrew Rimmer	13	388	6.5	30
Robert Clark	13	306	5.1	24
Mike Martin	11	93	1.6	8
Simon Adams	10	473	7.9	47
Robin Thwaites	10	426	7.1	43
Emil Smit	9	464	7.7	52
Malc Emms	9	271	4.5	30
Doug Brittain	9	177	3.0	20
Jon Sandler	7	140	2.3	20
Dempster Hamilton	6	208	3.5	35
Jeff Denty	6	160	2.7	27
Oswald Marsh	5	345	5.8	69
Richard Johnson	5	126	2.1	25
Phil Camp	5	64	1.1	13
Alfie Williams	5	63	1.1	13
Steve Langbridge	4	192	3.2	48
Charles Parkins	4	106	1.8	27

Nick Hartgroves	4	85	1.4	21
Geoff Wyrill	3	94	1.6	31
Diego Hamilton	3	86	1.4	29
David Baverstock	3	66	1.1	22
Adrian Jack	2	178	3.0	89
Keith Vickers	2	78	1.3	39
Piers Acland	2	45	0.8	23
Rob Crawford	1	60	1.0	60
Jason Spicer	1	32	0.5	32
Ron Stephens	1	24	0.4	24
Pete LeBlond	1	21	0.4	21
Tom Reynold	1	18	0.3	18
Manjeet Ghataora (Guest)	1	15	0.3	15
Will Rawden (Guest)	1	14	0.2	14
John Cole	1	0	0.0	0
TOTALS	630	17,786	296	

Instructors' Corner



Congratulations to Alfie Williams who achieved solo FW status last Saturday 4 August flying his own Irvine powered Ripmax Trainer. We desperately need new young blood in a hobby which is struggling. Alfie has taken everything on board and returned it with interest. It is a refreshing change to find a positively adult attitude to safety, criticism and setbacks, i.e. "man up" and get on with it. Credit is also due to Charles who has been quietly supportive but not pushy - you now have your own targets to meet!

The revised layout at Newground, introduced last year, includes a newly defined "dead" airspace; if you stand near the windsock there is an imaginary line extending to a red and white cone on the corner of the set aside area and beyond. We all get it wrong occasionally but all pilots who are allowed to fly unsupervised should be able to fly with reasonable accuracy. Accuracy and therefore the positioning of your model is the key to decent safe flying, all the better pilots I have met over the years have this ability. (I don't think it is a coincidence that good F3A and Limbo/Fun Fly exponents are consistently able to do this).

Secondly, it is obvious, in spite of extensive coverage in previous Newsletters that some members have NOT set their failsafes correctly and/or ensured that their batteries are adequately charged. If you are an infrequent or "casual" flier the state of your batteries can be a critical issue. Unfortunately - as with all of this stuff- the people who SHOULD read and take note clearly DON'T. BMFA advice is to check your failsafe at

the start of EVERY flying session and most of the NG regulars discipline each other without any fear or favour. Don't moan at the messenger!

None of this should be perceived as ruining your enjoyment of the hobby, but it might just prevent an avoidable accident. If you have a problem with this I suggest you look carefully at the "recklessly or negligently" clauses in the Air Navigation Order, this applies to ANY model aircraft.

RG

Safety Officer's Corner



Despite the extreme weather conditions that we have been experiencing of late, the regular band of fliers at Newground have continued with their presence.

I'm pleased to report that we have had no safety issues that are worth mentioning. The new (ish) flight line and pit layout that was introduced this year has worked very well, and parking our planes along the hedge line when not in use stops the pit area becoming too busy. This helps to keep the likelihood of prop related injuries to a minimum, ie: should an engine throw a prop or spinner there a fewer people in the way!

Whilst on the subject of safety it occurred to me that the Pednor site really should have somebody in charge of safety as I never visit the site and feel that I wouldn't be able to comment if there ever was a problem. To this end we discussed the issue at our last committee meeting and it was decided that Steve Langbridge would assume the role and we would liaise when necessary.

As you probably know, our family/BBQ day is on the August bank holiday Monday. Hopefully you will all encourage family and friends to come along to see what you all do when you've 'gone flying'. Please remember to keep an eye on your guests and just point out to them where they can and can't walk etc. We are catering the BBQ so there is no need to bring any food with you.

I look forward to seeing you there, until then have fun and fly safe.

Club Training

Remember that training currently takes place at Newground with either Dave Anderson, Simon Adams Austen Pearce 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.

Month	Date	Trainer
August	4	Simon Adams
	11	Austen Pearce
	18	Richard Ginger
	25	Dave Anderson
September	1	Simon Adams
	8	Austen Pearce
	15	Richard Ginger
	22	Dave Anderson
	29	Simon Adams
October	6	Austen Pearce
	13	Richard Ginger
	20	Dave Anderson
	27	Simon Adams

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